

"INSPIRED BY NATURE"

A FINE ART EXHIBIT FUNDRAISER

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone Number (s): _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

MEDIUM (S): _____

SUBMIT YOUR ARTWORK:

- Please include 3 to 5 thematically consistent digital images of the **artwork you propose to exhibit** (by email) with this application.
- All images submitted should be at least 300dpi (no larger) and no larger than 2MB each.
- Images must be of **recent artwork** created within the last 10 years to be considered for this exhibition.

1. Title:	2. Title:	3. Title:	4. Title:	5. Title:
Year:	Year:	Year:	Year:	Year:
Med:	Med:	Med:	Med:	Med:
Size:	Size:	Size:	Size:	Size:

IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

- As this is a fundraiser, all artwork MUST be listed for sale. A commission of 40% of each art piece sold will go to the Natural History Museum of Santa Maria. A business license is required for art sales within the city limits (please see the Library's "Art Gallery Policy" online at <https://bit.ly/4x58xoo>). *If you need assistance, please contact the Library.*
- Incomplete applications will not be accepted.
- Artists will be notified of acceptance after the Natural History Museum's Art Committee has reviewed all submissions.
- A letter of acceptance will be emailed upon approval. Please provide the correct contact information.
- Artists' work within the Shepard Hall Gallery must be consistent with the images that are submitted with the application (see above).
- All artwork MUST be wired for hanging. Saw-tooth hangers, nails and staples are not allowed and the gallery cannot accommodate non-hangable art (i.e. ceramic pieces, etc.) at this time.
- All artwork must be original. The art is based on the artists own design and materials.

I have read and will abide by the Library's Art Gallery Policy. I understand that the Santa Maria Public Library and the Natural History Museum do not provide insurance or additional security for this exhibit. My artwork will be displayed at my own risk.

SIGN: _____ DATE: _____

SHEPARD HALL ART GALLERY ~ CITY OF SANTA MARIA PUBLIC LIBRARY
 421 SOUTH MCCLELLAND STREET,
 SANTA MARIA, CALIFORNIA 93454
 805.925.0951 EXT. 2832



FAQ's

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF SANTA MARIA FINE ART EXHIBIT FUNDRAISER

How do I apply?

It's easy! Just follow these 3 steps:

1. Fill out an application. Be sure to read through the Library's "Art Gallery Policy" first. View the policy online at <https://www.cityofsantamaria.org/services/departments/library/library>
2. Gather your required images to submit. Images should be of the artwork you propose to exhibit.
3. Send your application and images digitally via email to svoss@cityofsantamaria.org.

What happens next?

1. Once the deadline for applications has been closed on **Friday, September 11**, the Natural History Museum's Art Committee will meet to review all submissions.
2. Artists will be notified of acceptance by email. Please be sure your contact information is correct.
3. This fine art exhibit will run for one month from Saturday, October 3 - Tuesday, November 3, 2026.
**Please note: the art installation will be: Friday, October 2, from 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. and the art takedown will be Tuesday, November 3, from 9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.*

What are the benefits of exhibiting in this show?

- Potential to win juried monetary prizes. "Best in Show" awards will include: first place: \$400, second place: \$ 200, third place: \$100 and a "people's choice" award: \$50.
- Public exhibition of your artwork with NO exhibit space fee!
- All artists will be included in the Library's and Natural History Museum's P.R. materials. This will include a press release including participating artists, library signage, e-newsletter and posts to our social media sites.
- Being an ambassador of nature education to the public through art.

How will art sales work?

- Artists will indicate their work is "for sale."
- As this is a fundraiser, a commission of 40% of each art piece sold will go to the Natural History Museum of Santa Maria.
- The artist is responsible for handling all sales, taxes and fees associated with the sale of their artwork. This includes obtaining a California seller's permit (required by the State) and a City of Santa Maria business license is required (for art sales within city limits). *For more information regarding obtaining a business license, please contact the city's Finance Division at (805) 925-0951 extension 2422 or visit the City of Santa Maria [website](#).*

What is the criteria for selecting artists?

- Our goal is to provide the community with professional quality work that promotes the arts and nature in Santa Maria, while aligning with the Natural History Museum of Santa Maria's mission statement and the Library's Art Gallery Policy.
- This fine art exhibit will serve as a fundraiser for the museum. We will consider all factors when selecting including: technical ability, quality of work, creativity, expression, appropriateness, uniqueness and if the art aligns with the exhibit's theme of "Inspired by Nature."

FAQ's

NATURAL HISTORY MUSEUM OF SANTA MARIA
FINE ART EXHIBIT FUNDRAISER**How do we see art in Shepard Hall if it is closed for a meeting?**

Shepard Hall serves as both a community meeting space as well as a venue for art.
There are no designated gallery viewing hours.

To view artwork in the gallery:

1. CHECK [ONLINE!](#)

Our online calendar lists all upcoming Shepard Hall events. If there is a meeting or event booked for Shepard Hall, the gallery will be unavailable to view art during that time.

To check our calendar online:

1. Go to <https://www.cityofsantamaria.org/services/departments/library/library>.
2. Click on the "Library Events Calendar" icon.
3. The calendar will show events throughout the entire library.

Please note: to display Shepard Hall events only, select "Shepard Hall -Santa Maria Public Library" under the "Limit by Location" drop down option. Click "GO" and the calendar will now display Shepard Hall events only.

2. Plan your visit in advance.

The schedule for Shepard Hall is updated daily/weekly. You may call our administration office at 805.925.0994 ext.2321 to ask if Shepard Hall is booked that day. Alternately, email us at svoss@cityofsantamaria.org. Meetings and events can be booked or canceled daily, so please plan accordingly.

3. Come on by and hope for the best! You can always enjoy the many other amenities the library has to offer.

Will there be an artist reception?

• Yes! On Saturday, October 3, 2026 the Santa Maria Natural History Museum will hold an artist reception in Shepard Hall at the Santa Maria Public Library. Time is TBD. Selected artists will be notified with more details.

For more information, please email: svoss@cityofsantamaria.org
or contact Sara Voss at 805.925.0994 ext. 2832.

www.smnaturalhistory.org

