

Saratoga Library

2006-07 Art Wall Exhibition Call to Artists

Library Art Committee + Santa Clara County Library

The Saratoga Library and the Santa Clara County Library invite you to submit artwork for consideration as an exhibitor on the Saratoga Library Art Wall. You are offered this opportunity to present your art to enhance the library surroundings and to benefit our community. The selection process will encompass a two-year exhibition schedule beginning in 2006.

ELIGIBILITY: All artists 18 or over are eligible. However, submitted work must be **two-dimensional**; the library cannot accommodate standing art at this time. Each selected artist will be assigned 30 linear feet of exhibition space.

ENTRIES: Work in any medium, including photography, calligraphy, fiber arts, etc., is welcome. The selection committee will make choices based on quality of work and general scheduling. Artists must submit 5 samples of their work and include the attached application form to be considered. Work may be submitted in one of three ways: maximum size **5 X7"** **photograph, slide** or **Polaroid**. Submissions will **not** be returned. **Please label each entry with your name, phone number, title, medium and framed dimensions.**

EXHIBITION SELECTION CRITERIA: Artistic integrity and highest quality of aesthetic experience will be the primary considerations in the selection of public art for exhibition. The number of pieces selected will be proportionate with number of participants and available space. In addition to any exhibit-specific criteria established by the Library Art Committee, the following criteria shall apply:

- 1. Audience:** The artwork will be suitable for display to a diverse audience including children. It should enhance its setting and help create a sense of place.
- 2. Style:** The artwork should be suitable in scale, materials, and form for its surroundings.
- 3. Public Safety:** The committee will not consider works that they determine may pose a threat to public safety.

PHOTO RELEASE: The library may photograph loaned items and use the images for publicity in all media, including the Internet and other electronic forms of communication.

FEES: No entry fee or commission will be charged to participants.

DELIVERY AND SET-UP: The Library Art Committee will notify artists of show dates, delivery date and pick-up date. Artists are responsible for properly framed and ready-to-hang artwork and for delivery of their work to the library at the scheduled date. Art must be picked up as well, again at the scheduled date and time. Artists will handle their own Installations with consultation with the Library Art Committee. Exhibits are normally scheduled for a 2-month period beginning in March, 2006. All artwork must remain on the wall for the duration of the scheduled exhibit. There will be no exceptions to these rules. Selection of work submitted for 2006-2007 will take place in January, 2006.

DEADLINE FOR ART SUBMISSION: Wednesday, January 4, 2006 (must be received by 5:00 p.m.) addressed to: The Library Art Committee, c/o Dolly Barnes, Saratoga Library, 13650 Saratoga Ave., Saratoga, CA 95070 (408-867-6126x3800) or Betsy White (x3817) or delivered to the library by that time.

Library Art Wall Application Form

Please Print:

Name: _____

Website: _____

Address: _____

City/Zip _____

Email address: _____

Daytime phone(s): _____

Media: _____

Title(s)/Dimensions of each:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

4. _____

5. _____

Months in 2006-2007 that your artwork will **NOT** be **available** to exhibit: _____

Timeline

October 26, Wednesday, 2005: Call to Artists. Pick up forms at the library or download forms at <http://www.santaclaracountylib.org/saratoga>

January 4, Wednesday, 2006: Submission of art

February 8, Wednesday, 2006: Artist's notification letters mailed.

If you have any further questions, please contact a Library Art Committee member:
Geeta Arunkumar (408-867-4490), Mary Ann Henderson (408-354-4622), Bonnie Stone (408-446-5287) or Mary Lou Taylor (408-867-2919).