**Artist’s Prospectus**

Artists are invited to submit artwork to our 2020 Fine Art Challenge Competition & Show

**Theme:** A Sense of Place

**Awards:** $5000 total

**Exhibition Dates**

Open to Public: September 30 - October 13, 2020

**Show Openings**

Private Opening: Sept. 29, 7-8:30pm

Public Opening: Sept. 30, 6:30-8pm

**Exhibition Location**

Circa On Main, 225 Main Street, Wethersfield

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**Show Times:** Wed. - Sunday 12pm - 5pm

Artists who submit artwork are asked to sit for 2 hours during the length of the show. Meet the Artist/ demos/ refreshments will be listed for each day of the show.

Please indicate date and time: ________________________________.

**Deadlines/Important Dates:**

Registration: $35 & membership  
Digital Submission to info@wethersfieldarts.org  
Judging for Entry into Show  
Notification of Entry into Show  
Accepted Art to be delivered by Monday  
Private Art Event at the Keeney ($150pp donation)*  
   Lite dinner, Talk by Peter Trippi, announce winners,  
   winners to say something about their work  
Private Gallery Opening, viewing for a first chance to purchase, dessert, bubbly and a swag bag  
Public Art Show Opening  
Last Day of Show  
Pick-Up of Artwork  

**Payment:**

Registration by August 30  
$35 each  
Membership (Required)  
   Adult  
   $30  
   Senior  
   $25  
Tax Deductible Donation to Wethersfield Academy to support this show, other events, and special programs.  
   __ $10  
   __ $25  
   __ $50  
   __ Other  
Total Amount  

Payable to: Wethersfield Academy for the Arts Liability on other side is signed: ____________yes

* Private Art Opening Event: $25 for artists in show to cover cost

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Wethersfield Academy for the Arts
2020 Art Challenge Competition & Show

The Wethersfield Academy for the Arts is a 501C(3) non-profit organization, whose mission is to provide a classical education in the visual arts using traditional teaching methods and mentoring, by which artists refine their talents and develop practical skills.

Artists are invited to submit up to 3 works of newly painted artwork with the Challenge theme of “A Sense of Place”. Before mediums and methods, artists are encouraged to plan the meaning of their painting. Challenge the viewer to read your painting at a deeper level. An evening discussion on this will be planned. So the Challenge is to paint an artwork that reflects a specific place in location, time, issues and signators of that time. The interpretation can be in the form of a landscape, portraiture, or still life.

This is also an opportunity for local and regional artists to exhibit and sell their original artwork during the two week show open to the public.

Prizes: First Place, $3000; Second Place, $1000; Honorable Mention, $500; Other Prizes may become available.

Eligible Works: Original paintings and drawings. No giclee, canvas transfers, photography, videos, fiber art collages, or computer generated images. Artwork must be framed and wired for hanging with a minimum of 8” x 10” size and maximum of 40” x 40” size limit includes framing. All artwork must be completely dry at time of submission. Each original must have a copy of entry form adhered to the back of the frame.

Please include the following for the judges: A half page written statement on the subject of the artwork, the central intent to the theme of “A Sense of Place”. Also include a brief (half page) statement on the artist’s background.

If your piece is judged to be included in the competition and the two week show, artworks entered must be available for sale. The Wethersfield Academy for the Arts will retain a 30% commission of the artwork price.

Judge for the entry into the show: Nora Howard, CT Historian and author
Judge for the prizes: Peter Trippi, Editor of Fine Art Connoisseur

Entry Fee: Membership to the Academy as of Sept. 1, 2020 is required. Registration fee is $35 per entry, no later than August 30. Maximum of 3 entries. Please use the form attached when sending in and save one copy to attach to artwork.

Artwork Delivery: Entries this year is digital* to our email address by Sept. 23 midnight. Artwork will be judged by Nora Howard for entry into the show. We will notify artists the evening of Sept. 24 on selection. The show artwork must arrive on Monday Sept. 28 between 8:30 - 11am to 225 Main St., Wethersfield, CT 06109.

Sept. 29 Keep Art Alive Event: This is a ticketed event (fundraiser) that includes a light dinner, a talk by Peter Trippi on the state of the arts in this country right now, announcing of the winners, brief talk by artist of their work. This is followed by a walk across the street to the private Gallery Opening for preview, first chance at purchase of artwork, dessert and bubbly and swag bag. Tickets: $150pp. Artists accepted $25/p

Sept. 30 Public Opening: 6:30 - 8pm. Announced in press.

Artwork Removal: The two week show ends Oct. 13 All artwork MUST be picked up on Oct. 14, 3-5pm.

*Digital Artwork. Please send jpg images between 5-10mb with attached information.