

# OPEN SHOW - A CALL FOR ARTISTS

## **Symbiotic Relationships Inspiration Drawn from the Sprinkler Factory**

All artists draw from each other for inspiration and guidance. The artists at the Sprinkler Factory are no exception! The Sprinkler Factory is an emerging artist's colony located in the heart of Worcester. The Sprinkler Factory houses a diverse group of artisans ranging from painters to potters and everything in between.

In celebration of the building's rich history and promising future, the newly formed Artists' Group is sponsoring its first Open Show. In addition to resident artists of the Sprinkler Factory, the group would like to extend an invitation to all artists in the Worcester area.

### **Theme:**

Symbiotic Relationships - Inspiration drawn from the Sprinkler Factory! All work must originate from inspiration drawn from either (1) a resident artist's work, if you are a non-resident artist, (2) from another resident artist's work, if you are a resident artist, or (3) from the Sprinkler Factory itself. As part of the application, the artist must briefly explain the creative origin. Please do not allow the theme to intimate; the theme can be broadly interpreted. So, be creative!

Non-resident artists are invited to visit the Sprinkler Factory for inspiration. The building's web site posts driving instructions, gallery hours, and up-coming events. The first Saturday of every month, the resident artists open their studio doors to the public from noon- 4 PM. This would be a good opportunity to visit the building and meet the resident artists.

### **Dates:**

Completed entry forms are due by noon May 1, 2010.

Notification of acceptance will be by May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2010. All accepted work MUST be hand-delivered to the second floor Sprinkler Factory Gallery on the weekend of May 8<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup>, during gallery hours.

The show will run from May 14<sup>th</sup> through May 30<sup>th</sup>. The grand opening for the show is scheduled for May 15<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:30 PM.

The show closes May 30<sup>th</sup> and artists MUST pick-up artwork by June 5, 2010.

### **Media:**

All media are welcome as long as the piece meets the spirit of the theme. Media may include, but is not limited to oil, pastel, acrylic, watercolor, and mixed element media, photography, sculpture, fine art crafts, fabric and fibers as well as jewelry. All work must be suitably displayable in a fine art gallery!

### **Suggested Work Limitations:**

#### *Two-Dimensional*

In order to accommodate as many artists as possible, the suggested size limitation is 48" maximum width and height including frame. All paintings, photographs and two-

dimensional works must be suitably framed or prepared for a fine art gallery and ready to hang.

#### *Three-Dimensional*

In order to accommodate as many artists as possible, the suggested dimension limitation is 40" high x 24" wide, excluding base and a weight limit of 150 lb. If needed, the artist should be prepared to provide a pedestal.

#### **Jury Fee: - \$10 per entry**

##### *Resident Artists*

All residence artists of the Sprinkler Factory may submit up to three pieces for consideration. Resident artists are guaranteed at least one piece accepted into the show, assuming it meets the theme and limitations of the show guidelines. The first submission for resident artist is free, additional submissions require the \$10 jury fee.

##### *Non-Resident Artist*

All non-resident artists may submit up to three pieces for consideration and each submission must be accompanied by the \$10 jury fee.

No cash or credit card orders will be accepted! Please make your check out to AGSF in the amount required, i.e., \$10 per submission. AGSF stands for the Artists' Group of the Sprinkler Factory and is a non-profit organization.

#### **Sales:**

A commission fee of 20% will be charged on all sales related to the exhibition.

#### **Entry Requirements for Jury:**

##### *Two-Dimensional*

No slides will be accepted. All work must be submitted on CD or e-mailed using a JPEG format.

1. On each CD, print your name, medium, and work. Only submitted work should be on the CD.
2. Provide a WORD document (1) describing your piece as it relates to the theme of the show and (2) a brief biography. If accepted, your write-up will be displayed alongside your piece.
3. Provide the Sprinkler Factory entry form with your CD and a check covering the jury fee.
4. Include a self-addressed envelope, if you wish your CD returned.
5. A drop-off box will be provided at the front door of the Sprinkler Factory at 38 Harlow Street for those artists that do not wish to use US mail service.

Or

1. E-mail your JPEG image and WORD document to [SprinklerFactoryArtShow@gmail.com](mailto:SprinklerFactoryArtShow@gmail.com).
2. In your e-mail, also include your (1) Name, (2) Contact information, (3) Title of your piece, (4) The media, (5) Price of the piece or NFS.
3. Mail your check for the jury fee to the Sprinkler Factory or place your check, in an envelope, in the drop-off box located at The Sprinkler Factory.

##### *Three-Dimensional*

No slides will be accepted. All work must be submitted on CD using a JPEG format. Three different views of each piece submitted must be provided.

1. On each CD, print your name, medium, and work. Only submitted work should be on the CD.
2. Provide a WORD document describing your piece as it relates to the theme of the show. If accepted, your write-up will be displayed alongside your piece.
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## ENTRY FORM

Artist's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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Phone No.: \_\_\_\_\_

e-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Artwork: \_\_\_\_\_

Media & Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_

Price, if for sale: \_\_\_\_\_

### **Instructions:**

Mail your entry form, Jury Fee and your CD containing (1) the JPEG image of your artwork and (2) a WORD document explaining how your work meets the theme of the show and (3) a brief biography of the artist. If you would like your CD returned, include a self-addressed and stamped envelope. Provide a form for each submission, but one check can be used to cover the total Jury Fee for all submissions.

Mail your completed application to: The Sprinkler Factory  
c/o The Artists' Group  
38 Harlow Street  
Worcester, MA 01605

Or,

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