THE NACC
Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Members and Friends

Annual Exhibit

December 1, 2026 - January 16, 2027

Townsend Gallery | Niagara Arts & Cultural Center

1201 Pine Avenue, Niagara Falls, New York 14301

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ARTWORK:
"Inspired by Ali Gollkan & Emilly" by Ruth Thomas, 20×20 oil NFS

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About the Exhibition

Members and Friends is the NACC's annual community exhibition in the Townsend Gallery. The exhibition is open to current NACC members, studio tenants, and community artists. Submissions are welcomed across painting, photography, mixed media, sculpture, collage, digital art, textile work, installation, and experimental forms.

The exhibition opens during Night at the NACC on December 1, 2026 and remains on view through January 16, 2027. An artists' reception will be held Saturday, December 5, 2026, from 3:00-5:00 p.m.

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How Artwork Will Be Displayed

- Two-dimensional work will be installed on the Townsend Gallery walls by NACC staff. The final placement, spacing, grouping, and height of each piece will be determined by the gallery to create a cohesive exhibition.
- All wall-mounted work must arrive ready to hang with secure wire, D-rings, or another professional hanging system. Sawtooth hangers, wet surfaces, unstable frames, or incomplete hardware may be declined.
- Three-dimensional, textile, installation, or experimental work must be stable, safe for public display, and accompanied by any required stand, pedestal, mounting hardware, or concise setup instructions.
- Each accepted work will be identified with a gallery label using the artist name, artwork title, year, medium, and sale price supplied on the entry form.
- Participating artists and selected artwork will also be featured on the NACC gallery webpage. The exhibition is viewed by visitors attending programs, events, reunions, and activities throughout the building.

Entry Requirements and Fees

- Artists may submit up to three works. All entries must be available for sale.
- Hanging fee: $10 per artwork. Current NACC members receive one hanging fee waiver.
- The NACC retains 30% of each artwork sale in support of long-term programs and projects.
- Artwork that may be damaged by ordinary indoor temperature changes or that creates a safety concern should not be submitted.
- **Membership is encouraged but not required. Annual membership is $25. Contact Kacy Carbone at kacy@thenacc.org for membership information**. Membership is for the calendar year.

AI Generated Artwork Policy

- The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center is dedicated to promoting vibrant visual, performing, and cultural arts experiences. We support artists whose creativity, and craftsmanship are human led. While we recognize innovation, we also value authenticity, the skills artists develop and artistic integrity. Human made artwork will always be the priority at the NACC.
- The NACC however, recognizes that AI is a new technology that will have an impact on creative mediums, especially photography and digital arts. We will strive to find a balance to support real artists of all backgrounds and mediums, realizing these tools and technology are present.
- We ask that artists use full transparency when submitting artwork to our exhibitions. The NACC reserves the right to reject any artworks that do not follow our AI policy guidelines.

Acceptable Uses of AI - AI tools may be used for:

- Idea generation, composition studies, or concept boards.
- Technical refinement (color correction, upscaling, cleanup).
- Texture, pattern, or background creation incorporated into original work.
- Collage or mixed-media projects where AI outputs are transformed by hand or digital manipulation.
- Accessibility or documentation support (captions, transcripts, formatting).
- Works that are substantially or fully generated by AI are *not eligible* for exhibition at the NACC. The final work submitted must be the artist's work and not solely the product of a prompt entered in an AI generator.

AI-Assisted Art - Works that use AI tools *as part of a human-led creative process* may be accepted, provided the artist's input clearly predominates. Artists must be able to describe how AI was used and demonstrate substantial creative control.

AI Disclosure

- Artists must disclose if AI was used in any part of the creation process. Submissions including AI should include a note such as: *"This work includes AI-assisted elements as part of the artist's creative process."*
- The gallery reserves the right to request clarification or documentation when needed.

Important Dates

Milestone	Date / Details
Submission deadline	November 13, 2026
Artwork delivery	Tuesday-Saturday, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., before the submission deadline
Exhibition opens	Tuesday, December 1, 2026 - Night at the NACC
Artists' reception	Saturday, December 5, 2026, 3:00-5:00 p.m.
Exhibition closes	Saturday, January 16, 2027
Artwork pickup	January 19-23, 2027, 10:00 a.m.-5:00 p.m., or by appointment

POLICIES, AGREEMENT & PAYMENT

How to Participate

- Complete and sign this page and the artwork entry page.
- Attach a label to the back or underside of every work listing the artist's first and last name, title, year completed, medium, and sale price.
- Deliver the artwork in display-ready condition with the required payment. Incomplete entries or improperly prepared work may not be accepted.

Gallery Policies

The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center may decline artwork that does not meet the published requirements, cannot be displayed safely, arrives after the deadline, or is inconsistent with the scope and intent of the exhibition. Display decisions, including placement and arrangement, remain at the discretion of the NACC administration..

Non-Discrimination Policy

The Niagara Arts & Cultural Center is committed to equal opportunity and does not discriminate on the basis of race, nationality, gender identity, sexual orientation, religion, disability, or any other protected status.

Release of Liability

Artwork is exhibited at the artist's own risk. The NACC does not insure work displayed in the Townsend Gallery or Kudela Garden Gallery. Staff will handle all accepted work with reasonable care; however, the NACC, its members, sponsors, employees, and building owners are not responsible for loss or damage. Submission of artwork and the artist's signature below confirm acceptance of these terms.

Artist Name (print legibly): _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Payment

Accepted forms of payment: cash, check payable to Niagara Arts & Cultural Center, Venmo (@the-NACC), or credit card. Credit-card payments will include a 4% processing fee.

Hanging fee total ($10 per artwork up to 3): $ _____
Member - one hanging fee waived (Please mark if you are a member): _____
Annual membership fee ($25 -Renew or join today! Membership is for the 2027 Calendar Year): $ _____

For NACC Use Only

Artwork received date: _____Payment received: _____Member status: _____Received by NACC staff: _____

Paperwork status: COMPLETE / INCOMPLETE

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COMPLETE AND RETURN WITH ARTWORK

Artist Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

1. ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Work: _____

Year Created: _____ Sale Price: $_____

Artistic Medium: _____

Description / display notes:

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2. ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Work: _____

Year Created: _____ Sale Price: $_____

Artistic Medium: _____

Description / display notes:

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3. ARTWORK INFORMATION

Title of Work: _____

Year Created: _____ Sale Price: $_____

Artistic Medium: _____

Description / display notes:

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