



Call for Art: “Uncommon Threads” NOT your Grandmother’s Sewing Circle!

Salem Arts Association presents “Uncommon Threads”, an exhibition that redefines the use of fibers in art. This exhibit goes way beyond the quilting of old. In this exhibition we challenge the artists to discover new inspirations using fibers, fabrics, textiles of any kind, and inventive weaving.

Fiber art refers to fine art whose material consists of natural or synthetic fiber, such as fabric, plastics, wire, thread or yarn, as well as other less likely components. It focuses on the use of materials and the artist’s skill and labor as part of the works' significance, with priority of aesthetic value over utility.

We welcome your artistic interpretation of the theme from assemblages to installations, wall hangings to wearable art. Let your imagination go!

Submission Criteria: This exhibit is open non-members and current Salem Arts member artists who may submit artwork in a variety of 2D & 3D media for the juror’s consideration. This exhibit encourages artists to submit items that adhere to our theme of “Uncommon Threads” using fiber arts and textiles as your inspiration.

Submission Fees: Salem Arts members fee is \$5.00 per artwork. Non-members fee is \$10.00 per submission. Artists may submit up to three artworks.

- [Creative Salem members](#) pay the Salem Arts member fee discount.

Submission Form: Please download the [gallery submission form](#) and provide all required information requested, and follow instructions on the form. Printed copies must be submitted with your submissions.

Exhibition Jurying: Salem Arts Gallery Committee representatives will jury this exhibit. Criteria will be based on execution quality and space available.

Awards: Our guest judge is **Michele Fandel Bonner**, a renowned fiber artist. Bonner will select submissions for awards.

- 1st Prize: \$100
- 2nd Prize: \$75
- 3rd Prize: \$50
- Plus Honorable Mentions

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Drop Off Submissions:** Sunday, June 25, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Monday, June 26, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Notification of inclusion/exclusion:** Notification by email by June 28, 2017.
- **Pick up of unaccepted work:** Any work not accepted will need to be picked up Saturday, July 1, 12:00 – 2:00 p.m.
- **Opening Reception:** Friday, Friday July 7, 2017, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.
- **Exhibition Dates:** June 30 – August 27, 2017
- **Gallery Hours** are every Saturday and Sunday from 12:00 – 6:00 p.m.
- **Pick Up of Artwork:** Sunday, August 27, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m. and Monday, August 28, 5:00 – 8:00 p.m.

Rules & Regulations: Please be sure to read the [2017 Artist Agreement](#) and ensure you accept the agreement on your online member profile page. Non-members must also agree to our agreement provided at the gallery.

Sales and Volunteer Requirements: Exhibiting member artists are required to volunteer 3+ hours per month when your artwork is on display in the gallery or the gallery shop. Please sign up for a gallery host time slot or make arrangements for alternate volunteer opportunities. [Click here for volunteer information and sign up.](#)

Non-member artists are not required to volunteer but are subject to a 40% sales commission. Member artist sales commission is 20%.

Please contact gallery@salemarts.org with questions.

More Info: https://salemarts.org/calls_for_art/4825032