

NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXXII

- CALL FOR ENTRIES - Regional Juried Art Competition

Northern Exposure Mission Statement:

The Bonifas Arts Center supports its annual regional competition, Northern Exposure, to encourage Upper Peninsula artists, along with any artist residing above the 45th parallel, to create new artworks and showcase the contemporary artwork being made in the northern region of the U.S.A.!

Exhibit Dates: November 7 - January 1, 2026

OCT. 4: Artwork Entry deadline (by 3 pm)

OCT. 15: Juror Notifications emailed

OCT. 15 - NOV. 1: Artwork Delivery

NOV. 7: Public Reception 6 - 8 pm / Awards at 7 pm

JAN. 2 - JAN. 6: Artwork Pickup

Welcome to our 32nd year of offering Northern Exposure! Artists are invited to submit up to three works for jurying. The judging will be based on three equally weighted criteria: Creativity, Originality & Craftsmanship. Once a piece has been juried into the show, no substitutions will be accepted.

Purchase Prize: These are gallery purchases made by businesses or institutions that support the arts and the Northern Exposure competition.

Sponsored by: Bay College
Delta Area Chamber of Commerce

Arts Network Awards: We give out 3 Arts Network awards to help further artists careers. The award is made up of money and/or gift cards from businesses that support the arts and the artists behind the art.

Featured Artist Awards: Sponsors award recipient a venue for a show. Arrangements are made directly between sponsor and artist. Indicate on the entry form if you want to be considered for these awards.

Sponsored by: Erickson Center for the Arts
Sault Area Art Center
Zero Degrees Art Gallery

Media Awards: Sponsors feature Media Award recipients in an article, interview, or video. Arrangements are made directly between sponsor and artist. Indicate on entry form if you want to be considered for these awards.

Sponsored by: Escanaba Daily Press
Iron Mountain Daily News
Marquette Monthly



2024 1st Place: Nine Lives by Brian Burroughs of Escanaba



About this year's Juror: We are delighted to welcome back abstract painter, Pamela Anderson. She states: "As a multidisciplinary artist, I find profound connection and expression through my art. ... My ultimate goal is to create work that captivates the viewer's imagination, stirring emotions, passions, and inspiration." To learn more about Pamela and her work, you can visit her website at pamelaandersonstudio.com

THANK YOU TO OUR AWARD SPONSORS!

Placement Awards:

1st Place - \$500

2nd Place - \$300

3rd Place - \$250

Sponsored by:
Bonifas Arts Center
Crawford Funeral Home

The Bonifas Artist Residency Award-Escanaba:

The Bonifas and Bayside BnB in Escanaba provides lodging and studio space for one artist. Get away from the daily grind and experience the slow, relaxing pace of the quaint waterfront town of Escanaba.

Lodging and studio space, both in the downtown district, are within walking distance of the waterfront and a short drive from national and state parks. Dates to be scheduled between selected artist and the sponsor within the timeframe of November 2025 - June 2026.



Any Questions? Need more info?
Email the Gallery Director at:
kate@bonifasarts.org
Or Phone: (906) 786-3833

Bonifas Hours:
Tue. - Fri. 10 - 5:30 pm
Saturday 10 - 3 pm

Thank you to our Gallery Partners:

Escanaba Veterinary Clinic | Tackman Capital Management | East Ludington Gallery
Thrivent Financial - Brian Pahnke, Escanaba Branch

Eligibility: Open to all artists age 18 or older residing above the 45 parallel. To encourage new work, all entries must have been completed within the last 2 years and not previously exhibited in the Bonifas main gallery. All work must be of the artist's own design and original in concept and execution. Only original works may be exhibited (block prints count as original). Avoiding copyright infringement is the responsibility of the artist and not the Bonifas.

Artist #

Media: Works in any medium, traditional or experimental, with the exception of AI generated work, qualify. This includes flat artwork, 3D works, digital visual and/or sound medias. There are no size limitations—as long as your work can be fit through our doorway (41" x 79").

Liability: The Bonifas has security measures in place with an alarm system set every night and the space is environmentally controlled. Artists are asked to have their artwork insured if they want coverage on their work. Bonifas assumes no responsibility for damage to any work incurred before or after the exhibit (artwork in transit). Please enclose artwork in suitable packaging to help prevent damage—artwork will be returned in the packaging it came in so label packaging with your name too. While on site, your artwork will be handled with the greatest care. Your entry grants permission to photograph your work and to use these images for promotional and/or educational purposes only.

Display Requirements: All artwork must be identified on the back/underside, in a secure manner with the artist's NAME and TITLE of the work. All framed artwork must be equipped with a wire (no saw tooth hangers please) and ready for hanging or it will not be accepted. Sculpture must be securely free-standing. We have TV monitors that will work for any digital media (no 4K resolution is available at this time).

Sales: Sales are encouraged but not mandatory. All work, unless indicated as Not for Sale (NFS), will be available for sale during exhibit. The Bonifas will retain a 35% commission on all artwork sold during the exhibition.

Northern Exposure Entry Procedure

Entry Fees: Entry Fee is nonrefundable

\$20 Student (actively enrolled in college), \$25 Bonifas Member, or
\$30 Non-Bonifas Member

- Fee covers up to 3 Entries (Diptychs/triptychs = 1 entry)
- Payment can be made online at bonifasarts.org under "Artists/vendors" tab, mailed, or dropped off at the Bonifas

Entry Deadline: October 4 by 3:00 pm

- Entry form and digital images of submitted artwork must be received no later than 3:00 pm on Oct. 4; not postmarked by this date.
- Late entries can not be accepted.
- Notification of acceptance/non-acceptance will be emailed on Oct. 15.

Image Requirements:

- Images must accurately represent work that will be shown.
- Name each image with Entry number & Title. If multiple views sent, Name files: 1a "Title", 1b "Title", etc.
- Do not include artist name, logo, or watermark on image of artwork or in the file name.
- If artwork is already signed, please cover; images with artist names on them will not be considered.
- You may submit up to 3 images per 3D work. 2 images for flat work.
- Image files must be JPEG format.

Submitting by Mail:

- Put images on a flash drive and label with artist name. Note-- CDs are no longer accepted as we do not have computers that have a CD readers in them. Sorry for any inconvenience.
- The flash drive can be picked up after October 5. Any flash drives not picked up by November 10 will become property of the Bonifas.
- Mail all required submission info to:
Bonifas Arts Center, Attn: NEX, 700 1st Ave S., Escanaba, MI 49829

Submitting by Email:

- Fill out form and email form along with attached images to:
kate@bonifasarts.org
- You can send an image of the filled out form and email that if you do not have PDF editing software on your computer.
- Make your payment online through our website or mail a check to the Bonifas--payment must be received by Oct. 4.

Entry Form:

Please photocopy entry form for your records & thank you for printing clearly.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Phone: _____

Email Address: _____

ENTRY 1 Please label digital image: 1a "title", 1b "title" (if needed)

Title: _____

Medium(s): _____ Size: _____

Price \$ _____ /Not for Sale Insurance Value \$ _____
(replacement cost)

ENTRY 2 Please label digital image: 2a "title", 2b "title" (if needed)

Title: _____

Medium(s): _____ Size: _____

Price \$ _____ /Not for Sale Insurance Value \$ _____
(replacement cost)

ENTRY 3 Please label digital image: 3a "title", 3b "title" (if needed)

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

Price \$ _____ /Not for Sale Insurance Value \$ _____
(replacement cost)

Return of Artwork:

___ pick up ___ Pre-paid return shipping enclosed

Consider me for the following awards:

___ Featured Artist ___ Media Award ___ Bonifas Residency

NEX Entry Fee:

___ \$20 Student ___ \$25 Bonifas Member ___ \$30 Non-member

Bonifas Membership:

___ \$20 Student ___ \$35 Individual ___ \$50 Family

For office use - Date rec.: _____

Amt. rec.: _____ Check/TID #: _____

Staff Ins: _____