

NORTHERN EXPOSURE XXXIII - CALL FOR ENTRIES -

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 13 - December 31, 2026

OCT. 3: Artwork Entry deadline (by 3 pm)
OCT. 13: Juror Notifications emailed
OCT. 13 - NOV. 7: Artwork Delivery
NOV. 13: Reception 6 - 8 pm / Awards at 7 pm
JAN. 2 -14: Artwork Pickup

Entry Form: *Please photocopy entry form for your records & thank you for printing clearly.*

Artist Name: _____
Address: _____
City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____
Phone: _____
Email Address: _____

ENTRY 1 Please label digital image: 1a title, 1b title (if needed)
Title: _____
Medium(s): _____
Size (with frame): _____ Price: \$ _____ / NFS
Insurance (replacement) Value \$ _____

ENTRY 2 Please label digital image: 2a title, 2b title (if needed)
Title: _____
Medium(s): _____
Size (with frame): _____ Price: \$ _____ / NFS
Insurance (replacement) Value \$ _____

ENTRY 3 Please label digital image: 3a title, 3b title (if needed)
Title: _____
Medium(s): _____
Size (with frame): _____ Price: \$ _____ / NFS
Insurance (replacement) Value \$ _____

Consider me for the following awards:

☐ Featured Artist
☐ Media Award
☐ Bonifas Residency

NEX Entry Fee:

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

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Membership:

☐ \$25 Student
☐ \$40 Individual
☐ \$60 Family

Return of Artwork: ☐ Pick up ☐ Pre-paid return shipping enclosed

For office use

Date rec.: _____
Check/TID #: _____
Amt. rec.: _____
Staff Ins: _____



2025 1st Place:
Right To Bear
by Chet McDougale

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**

Purchase Prize Awards:

**Sponsored by: Bay College
Delta Area Chamber of Commerce**

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:

**Bonifas Arts Center
Sault Area Art Center
Zero Degrees Art Gallery
The Marquette Gallery**

Media Awards: Sponsors feature Award recipient 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**

Bonifas Artist Residency Award-Escanaba:

The Bonifas and Bayside BnB in Escanaba provide lodging and studio space to an artist. Get away from the daily grind and experience the slow, relaxing pace of the quaint waterfront town of Escanaba. Lodging and studio space 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 2026 - June 2027.

Thank you to our Gallery Partners:

**Escanaba Veterinary Clinic | Tackman Capital Management | East Ludington Gallery
Thrivent Financial - BrianPahnke, Escanaba Branch | Lake Superior Art Association**

Northern Exposure Entry Procedure

Welcome to our 33rd 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.

Entry Deadline: October 3 by 3:00 pm

- Entry form, payment, and digital images of submitted artwork must be received no later than 3 pm on Oct. 3; not postmarked by this date.
- Late entries can not be accepted.
- Notification of acceptance/non will be emailed on Oct. 13.

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). NO AI works will be accepted. Avoiding copyright infringement is the responsibility of the artist and not the Bonifas.

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 and 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.
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.
- Complete application form
- Mail form, payment, and images to:
Bonifas Arts Center, Attn: NEX,
700 1st Ave S., Escanaba, MI 49829

Submitting by Email:

- Fill out form and email form (or image of filled out form) along with attached images to: kate@bonifasarts.org
- Make payment through our website, mail a check, or drop off payment to the Bonifas-- payment must be received by Oct. 3.

Bonifas Hours:

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

Any Questions?

Email the Gallery Director
at: kate@bonifasarts.org
Or Phone: (906) 786-3833

Entry Fees: Entry Fee is nonrefundable

- 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

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—artist credit will be given.

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 and ready for hanging or it will not be accepted. Sculpture must be securely free-standing. We have TV monitors that will work for digital media (note: no 4K resolution display 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.