



Art in the Park Silent Auction Call for Entries

Our parks inspire us with their treasures every day. We are so lucky to have such beauty and natural spaces linked like jewels through downtown Wilmington.

Friends of Wilmington Parks is excited to offer a call for artists to enter our Art in the Park Silent Auction. The Auction will be presented at the FOWP Member's Preview Party and October Folk Art Friday event (Oct.8 and 10) and benefits FOWP. Artists are invited to submit 3 pieces of art for consideration. All media is welcome. The entries will be juried for theme and quality. Artists receive 70% of the proceeds from the auction of their work. Artists must be 18 or older to participate. Submit your application and images before **September 15, 2025**. Accepted artists will be notified by email by September 19th. All entry fees are non-refundable.

Theme

This year, our theme celebrates places **Off the Beaten Path in Wilmington State Parks**: Brandywine Park, Alapocas Run State Park, Rockford Park, H. Fletcher Brown State Park and Kentmere Parkway. All artwork must celebrate, depict or be inspired by out of the way places in any of the Wilmington State Parks or Alapocas Run State Park. The link between the artwork and the theme must be strong and recognizable.

Rules and Eligibility

- Artists must be 18 years or older to apply.
- All backgrounds, skill levels and styles accepted.
- All visual media accepted: Painting, Mixed Media, Photography and Sculpture.
- Entry fees are non-refundable.
- Each artist is invited to submit a maximum of 3 images at \$10/image.
- Images must be original artwork created by the submitting artist.
- All artwork must be appropriately framed or mounted with hanging wire.
- Artwork must measure no larger than 36 x 36 inches.

Art in the Park Silent Auction

- **When:** Preview Party: Wed. October 8th, 6:00 - 7:30 pm
Silent Auction: Friday, October 10th, 5:00 - 8:00pm.
- **Where:** Blue Ball Barn, Alapocas Run State Park

- **What is a Folk Art Friday:** Folk Art Fridays are monthly events with an art focus, open to the public, that offer food trucks, live music and adult beverages. Folks come hang out to hear the band, order some food and a few beers and visit with friends. We generally have around 200 guests at these events, all of whom are invited to participate in the Silent Auction. You are encouraged to invite followers and collectors and bring friends and family to join the party.
- **Preview Party:** Friends of Wilmington Parks members will be invited to a special preview of the auction on Wednesday evening from 6:00-7:30. They will be able to preview artwork and open the bidding. Light refreshments and beverages will be served. Members will be able to register their highest bid and have FOWP bid on their behalf during the auction itself on Friday night.
- **Artwork Handling:** Friends of Wilmington Parks will install the auction exhibit on October 8th. Artists will not be able to move artwork once it is placed. All artwork will be paid for and carried out by the buyer the evening of the event. No artwork will be held for pickup. Artists must remove all unsold artwork at the end of the event.
- **Marketing:** Art in the Park Silent Auction and Folk Art Fridays are extensively marketed on social media and the FOWP website and publications. Accepted artists will be included in the marketing materials. Artists are encouraged to share the event with their social media networks, prospective buyers, friends, and family and invite them to join us.
- **Payment:** Friends of Wilmington Parks will send checks for 70% of the proceeds of each work to the artist by October 17th.

Auction Terms

All accepted submissions will be auctioned at the Art in the Park Silent Auction presented on October 10th. Your art will be auctioned with minimum bids and incremental bidding in a silent auction format. The artist will receive 70% of the proceeds from their works. Friends of Wilmington Parks will receive 30%. Artists will receive a check by mail dated prior to October 17th.

Entry Fees

\$10/piece of artwork.

Each artist is invited to submit a maximum of 3 pieces of work for consideration. Entry fees are due at the time of application and are not refundable.

Image Requirements

- **File Size:** Max 2MB
- **Format:** jpg, jpeg, png, only
- **Composition:** No frames, mats, or watermarks in the submission image please. Artwork will need to be appropriately framed or wired for the auction.
- **Labeling:** FirstName-LastName-TitleofArt.jpeg

Deadlines

- **Entry Deadline** - September 15, 2025
- **Acceptance Announcement** – September 19, 2025
- **Art Delivery Date** - October 7, 2025
- **Artist Payment** - October 17, 2025

Usage and Copyrights

- Artwork will only be used for marketing, promotional, and display purposes. This includes featuring artwork on the FOWP or Wilmington State Parks website, social media platforms, etc.
- Artist shall retain all copyrights of any image they submit to Friends of Wilmington Parks.
- The images will not be resold, exchanged, or copied.

How to Enter?

1. **Review the Guidelines:** Take a moment to carefully read and understand the competition guidelines.
2. **Capture High-Quality Images:** Make sure to capture high-resolution images that accurately represent your piece. Clear and well-lit photographs will help showcase your artwork in the best possible way.
3. **Complete the Submission Form:** Fill in the required information, including your name, contact details, and a brief description of your artwork. Be sure to provide accurate information about your piece.
4. **Upload Your Artwork:** Using the provided upload feature, attach your high-quality image file(s) of the artwork. Double-check that the files are properly attached before finalizing your submission.
5. **Entry Fee:** Follow the payment instructions provided on the submission form. Ensure that you complete this step to complete your entry process.
6. **Submission Confirmation:** After successfully submitting your artwork and completing the necessary steps, you will receive a confirmation email acknowledging receipt of your entry.
7. **Acceptance:** Your artwork will be juried for acceptance into the auction. You will receive an email with your acceptance(s) by September 19, 2025.
8. **If FOWP does not receive payment with your submission, your artwork will be disqualified from sale at the Art in the Park Silent Auction.**

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