

The Indianola Art Festival

Media Categories

1. Ceramics: All original clay work, either functional or decorative, made by shaping and then firing.

2. Digital Art: Original work using computer technology to craft or manipulate images. (Traditional photographs taken by a digital device and digitally post-processed should apply in the photography category.)

3. Drawing: Drawings made with pencil, crayon, ink, charcoal and other marking media. Artists may also include prints of their original work such as notecards and prints.

4. Fiber: All work crafted from fibers such as basketry, embroidery, weaving, leatherwork, or tapestry. No machine-tooling, machine-screened patterns or other forms of mass production.

5. Furniture: Unique, original, hand-crafted items either functional or decorative.

6. Glass: Glass work that is functional or decorative, kiln-formed or created by glass blowing, molding or casting. Work may be etched or engraved.

7. Jewelry: Artwork created through hand-forging, twisting and fabricating of various materials. All jewelry produced from metal, glass, clay, fiber, paper, plastic or other material. No commercial casts, molds or production studio work.

8. Metal: Decorative, functional or sculptural metal artwork created by forging, twisting or fabricating of various metals.

9. Mixed Media: Two- or three-dimensional pieces that incorporate more than one type of physical material in the same piece, including but not limited to paint, pencil, pastel, watercolor, photographs, prints or found objects.

10. Painting: Creation of an image on a flat surface using oils, watercolors or acrylics. Painters may also include reproductions of their original work such as notecards & prints.

11. Photography: Images must be from original negatives or digital files that the artist has created and processed. Photographers must disclose both creative and printing processes.

12. Printmaking: Hand-pulled original works from a plate, wood, stone or other object. Prints must be properly signed and numbered. Reproductions of your original work is allowed but must be marked as such.

13. Sculpture: Three-dimensional original work done in any medium.

14. Wood: Woodworking primary material must be wood. Original works in wood that are hand tooled, machine-worked, turned or carved are acceptable. Wood pieces can be either functional or decorative.

Not sure?

If the work does not fit into any of the above categories or if the artist has any questions about the rules for a category, please contact arts@indianolaiowa.gov before submission of your application.

If The Indianola Art Festival is not the right fit, your creative work may be better suited for other craft/vendor fairs and events.