



western new york artists group
GALLERY

THE WESTERN NEW YORK ARTISTS GROUP

Artists Group Gallery

One Linwood Avenue, Buffalo, New York 14209-2203 716-885-2251 www.wnyag.com

35th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition

On view August 28 through October 2, 2026

Juried by: Kyle Butler

Regional Exhibition Prospectus 2026

PLEASE READ ALL THE INSTRUCTIONS CAREFULLY. CALL THE GALLERY IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS.

Exhibition Summary: The purpose of this exhibition is to offer artists from the Western New York area the opportunity to exhibit and sell work they consider to be their finest effort. It is also our intention that this exhibition exemplifies the excellence in visual art found in Western New York to the general public. There is no theme for this exhibition.

About the Juror: **Kyle Butler** is a multi-disciplinary artist with a primary focus on two-dimensional works and periodic returns to sculptural installation. Originally from Michigan, he has lived and worked in Buffalo since 2008. He has exhibited widely in Western New York, including solo exhibitions at Hallwalls Contemporary Art Center, Buffalo Arts Studio, Nina Freudenheim Gallery (whom represented him from 2011 – 2020), and Raft of Sanity. He has been in group exhibitions at the Albright Knox Art Gallery, Burchfield Penney Art Center, Rochester Contemporary Art Center, and more. He has carried out large scale performance and installation projects, including a spotlight project at Nuit Blanche in Toronto, Ontario in 2014, is a Franklin Furnace Fund grant recipient, and is in the collections at the Albright Knox, the Burchfield Penney, and numerous private collections. He's organized dozens of exhibitions, including co-curating the series *Amid/In Western New York* at Hallwalls, *Common Currents* at the Burchfield Penney Art Center, and as curator at Starlight Studio and Art Gallery for their *Side by Each* series. Butler is an Assistant Professor at Villa Maria College and a Teaching Artist at Starlight Studio.

Jury Process: Artworks should be delivered to Artists Group Gallery, One Linwood Avenue, on Saturday, August 22, from 11am to 1pm. Works will be juried in person by Kyle Butler. Artists will be notified by email or phone as to the juror's decision which is final, on or about August 23 or 24. Works that are not accepted by the juror should be picked up on Wednesday, August 26, from 11am to 4pm. If you are unable to pick up your work at that time or have someone pick up your work for you, please make special arrangements for an alternate pick-up time. Please notify us if someone is handling your artwork for you. Note that we do require that they have photo I.D.

Guidelines: Each artist may submit up to two (2) works (see Framing and Presentation Guidelines). Entries must be original works and may not have been previously exhibited in Western New York. The exhibition may include works in any medium. There is no size limitation other than those dictated by our exhibition space. Any original work completed after January 1, 2024 may be submitted. Giclee reproductions of a work or embellished prints

are not eligible for entry. Works of extreme weight must be cleared with Artists Group Gallery before submission. This exhibit is open to all artists 18 years of age or over who reside in or are from Western New York.

Framing and Presentation Guidelines: All artworks should be ready for presentation. Works that require framing should look professionally prepared. Proper hanging apparatus for 2 or 3 dimensional wall works is required. No saw tooth hangers or clip-on frames will be accepted. There will be a minimal \$15.00 hardware and wiring fee for each work that does not meet this requirement. Works may not be accepted due to poor presentation. We do have pedestals for three-dimensional works that are available on a first come basis.

Insurance: Works will be insured by the Western New York Artists Group/AG Gallery from drop-off day to the designated pick-up day. Works left after closing time on pick-up day are left at the artist's own risk. All works will be handled in a professional manner, however payment for lost or damaged works will be determined by our insurance carrier whose decision is final. The maximum value that we can insure a single work for is \$2,000.00 after gallery fees or \$2,000.00 per work if not for sale. Amounts over this is at the artist's own risk.

Storage fees: Works left after the assigned pick-up day(s) are left at the artist's own risk and will be subject to a \$1.00 per day, per work storage fee including days the gallery is closed unless special arrangements are made in advance.

Entry fee: The non-refundable entry fee for this exhibition is \$25.00 for members of the Western New York Artists Group and \$40.00 for non-members, per artist (not per work). Please make entry fee checks payable to WNYAG. If you are becoming a member or are renewing your membership when dropping off your work, please make separate checks for the entry fee and your membership. There will be a \$40.00 fee for checks returned by the bank for non-payment.

Sales: Works that are for sale will be subject to a 40% handling fee if a work is sold. Artists are usually paid approximately one month after payment in full is received by the gallery from the purchaser. The gallery will collect and report any New York State sales tax on works sold.

Entry procedure: Artists wishing to participate should complete the entry form and deliver it along with their artwork and entry fee, to Artists Group Gallery on Saturday, August 22, from 11am to 1pm. The enclosed entry form should be completed in full. **DO NOT** attach the entry form or your artist resume (optional) to the artwork. Make sure to label your artwork on the reverse with your name, the title of the work, media and year completed.

Membership to the Western New York Artists Group: Membership is not required, nor will it be considered by the juror when making his/her selections. However, individuals who wish to take advantage of the reduced entry fee cost for members may become a member when they deliver their work. Please write a separate check for membership. Membership for one year is \$40.00.

Reception and Awards Ceremony: We have scheduled an opening reception and awards ceremony for Saturday, August 28, 2026 from noon to 1:30pm. We strongly encourage artists whose work is accepted to be at the reception by 12:30pm for the award announcements.

Awards:

First Place Award – Edward G. Bisone Award (Stony Dental Care Award) - \$200.00, Second Place Award (Art

Dialogue Gallery Award) - \$150.00, Third Place Award - \$100.00, and there will be two Honorable Mention Awards (Joan Fitzgerald Award) - \$50.00 each.

35th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition 2026 Calendar:

Saturday, August 22 Deliver entries to the WNYAG Gallery from 11am to 1pm.
August 23 or 24 Notifications regarding status of entries will be sent. (email or phone)
Wednesday, August 26 Pick-up work(s) that were not accepted from 11am to 4pm.
Saturday, August 29 Opening Reception and Award Ceremony Noon to 1:30pm.
Friday, October 2 Exhibition closes at 5pm.
Saturday, October 3 Pick-up works from 11am to 1pm.

Information: For further information and questions, contact the Western New York Artists Group at 716-885-2251.

This exhibition was made possible through the generous support of The County of Erie, Stony Dental Care, Art Dialogue Gallery, Our Members and Our Friends. Thank You for Supporting the Arts.



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35th Annual Juried Regional Artists Exhibition – 2026 Entry Form

Please type or print clearly. Fill in all information that applies. Deliver this form along with your artwork(s), current resume/artists statement and entry fee to Artists Group on **Saturday, August 22, 2026 from 11am to 1pm**

Please Print Clearly

Artist's name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip code _____
Home phone _____ Daytime phone if different _____
Cell phone _____ Email address _____
Website address _____
Emergency contact: Name _____ Phone _____

Checklist:

- This completed entry form.
- Entry fee, Check # _____ \$25.00 member of WNYAG, \$40.00 non-member
(Please make your check payable to WNYAG. Charge card payments will also be accepted)
- Your updated artist's resume and/or artist's statement. (Optional).

Note: By entering this exhibition, you are stating that you have read and agree to all the rules and requirements regarding this exhibition and our organization's procedures. During all activities related to this event, photographs and/or video taping of participating individuals and artwork may occur for the purpose of historical record, promoting this exhibition and for promoting the Western New York Artists Group/Artists Group Gallery and its programs. By participating in this event, you give permission for the above uses. There will be no other use of this material without the artist's written consent.

No work(s) may be removed from the exhibition prior to the pick-up date, October 3, 2026.

Your signature: _____ Date: _____

DO NOT DETACH. BRING THIS FORM TO THE GALLERY INTACT.

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Entry 1

Artist's Name:

Title:

Media: _____ Year: _____

Size (H, W, D): _____

Price (or value, if not for sale check here [])
\$ _____

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Entry 2

Artist's Name:

Title:

Media: _____ Year: _____

Size (H, W, D): _____

Price (or value, if not for sale check here [])
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