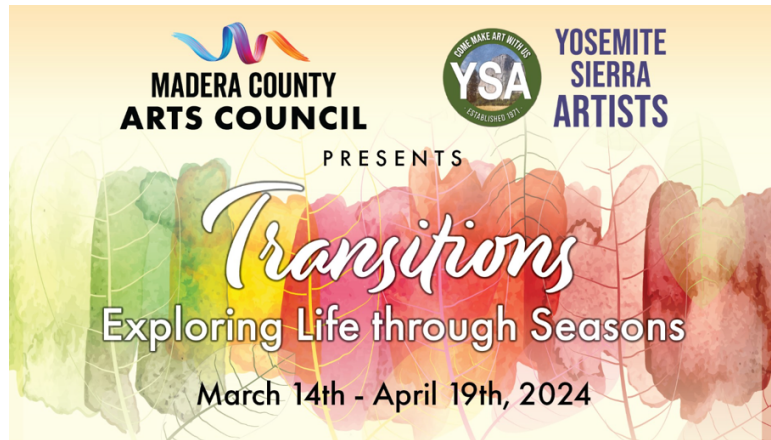


Transitions: Exploring Life through Seasons Open Competition and Exhibit



Madera County Arts Council and Yosemite Sierra Artists

Madera County Arts Council and Yosemite Sierra Artists are pleased to announce the upcoming *Transitions-Exploring Life Through Seasons* Art Competition and Exhibition. All mediums are welcome. This exhibit is designed to showcase interpretations of summer, fall, winter and spring. All mediums and subjects are welcome.

What do the seasons mean to you? And how do people transition through life?

The exhibit will be on view is from March 14th to April 19th. You are invited you to submit your work for this juried and judge exhibition. Cash awards totaling \$1000 are available including Best of Show and First Place in each category. Ribbons will be awarded for Second, Third, Honorable Mention and Judge's Special Recognition.

The call for entries opens on January 1, 2024, online.
and the deadline for submissions is February 14, 2024, online.

Exhibit Schedule

Jan 1	Call for Entries opens
Feb 14	Entry Deadline
Feb 19-20	Acceptance and Notifications of Final Entries
Mar 4-6	Delivery of artwork to Circle Gallery
Mar 14	Opening reception and awards
Apr 19	Exhibition closes
Apr 22-24	Artists pick up unsold artwork

Categories

Summer
Fall
Winter
Spring
Human Transitions

Cash Awards

Best of Show \$375
Summer category - First- \$125
Autumn category - First - \$125
Winter category - First - \$125
Spring category - First - \$125
Human Transitions First - \$125

Transitions Exhibit Rules and Guidelines

ELIGIBILITY- Open to all artists eighteen years or older who reside in the STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

MEDIA- ART MEDIA including PAINT, DRAWING, SCULPTURE, FIBER ART, PHOTOGRAPHY & JEWELRY may be entered in any and all categories. If your piece is DIGITAL or manipulated, we ask that it please be noted.

ENTRY FEE- For non-members of Yosemite Sierra Artists and non-members of Madera County Arts Council, entry fee is \$30.00 for the first work entered; \$20.00 for each additional work entered. Example: 1 work = \$30.00; 2 works = \$50.00, 3 works = \$70.00

For current members of Yosemite Sierra Artists and current members of Madera County Arts Council, entry fee is \$25.00 for the first work entered, \$10.00 for each additional work entered. Example: 1 work = \$25.00; 2 works = \$35.00, 3 works = \$45.00

JURY and JUDGE- All entries will be initially juried by a group of Arts professionals from Madera County. Once selected, final judging for 2024 cash awards will be done by a single judge chosen by MCAC and YSA.

NOTICE OF ACCEPTANCE-Entrants will be notified of acceptance by February 19-20 by an MCAC representative by email or phone.

RULES: The total number of entries per artist is unlimited for the initial competition jurying, although works of art from any one artist may be limited into the exhibition for final judging and award eligibility. Entries must be original work, recent (within 3 years) cannot be a copy, classroom work, **nor have been accepted at a previous MCAC exhibit.** Artist(s) may win only one award, the highest they are entitled to, in the competition.

Artwork must be submitted dry, securely framed, wired, and ready to hang. Please keep framing simple. Please no sawtooth hangers. MCAC staff reserves the right to reject or require correction of framing issues of any artwork that has been accepted which, upon delivery, does not meet the above guidelines.

Large-framed artwork and/or large free-standing sculptures can be accepted.

Artwork Photo Release and Release of Liability

By submitting artwork into this competition, the artist grants permission to MCAC and YSA and its employees to photograph and reproduce all accepted artworks for publicity purposes. The artist waives their right to inspect or approve the finished images, printed materials and digital materials that may be created. The artist releases MCAC and its affiliates to publish and/or distribute publicity materials obtaining images of their artwork(s), free from any claims, damages, or liability which may occur in connection with the creation and distribution of said materials. Images of artworks may be used in any media or form deemed necessary, including but not limited to, use on the MCAC website, social media accounts, press releases, newsletters, posters, programs, publications, presentations, digital presentations, promotions, broadcasts, advertisements, and in any other form of advertising, publicity, and promotion. When deemed appropriate, but not mandatory, the artist's name will be credited. MCAC will not alter photographs other than cropping and adjusting for clarity in full color or single-color usage.

Artists retain the copyrights to their artworks. All artwork accepted into this exhibition may be photographed by MCAC, their partners, associates, and visitors. The artist agrees to hold harmless MCAC and YSA, their employees and Board of Directors should any damage occur to the artwork.

2024 Online Entry: <https://client.smarterentry.com/madera>

To prepare images for online entry please use the following criteria:

File size can be no larger than 2MB; JPG format only please.

File name (not the artwork title) cannot include special characters: " ; : { } \ / ! @ # \$ % ^ & * ()

- In your web browser enter the link: <https://client.smarterentry.com/madera>
- Under **First Time User** click "Start Here" to create your own personal artist account in Smarter Entry
- Please record and save your login and password information for future use.
- **Returning Users** log in using the original email and password you set up when you last used Smarter Entry. If you have forgotten your password, you will see a prompt button on the login page to retrieve it.
- Pay your **Exhibit Entry Fee** (noted in Rules and Guidelines above) for the images you plan to upload. You may pay the fee and return later to upload the images. Your information is saved under your account.
- Smarter Entry provides for a secure credit card transmission. For the Smarter Entry Policy click on **Credit Card Policy**
- Follow the directions to upload your images and the identifying information.
- Purchase and upload additional submissions any time before the entry deadline of Wednesday, February 14, 2024 using the artist profile that you created in Smarter Entry.

To access the SmarterEntry Site: enter the link <https://client.smarterentry.com/madera> into the browser of your computer.

For questions, please contact MCAC Gallery Manager – Areej Latif – areej-latif@maderaarts.org