

INFORMATION & APPLICATION for “Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye” Exhibition (Conservation Art Program)

The MAC Center for the Art presents the exhibition “**Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye**” in collaboration with the Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District (OCNRCD) and the Memphremagog Watershed Association. The exhibition is open to all artists.

Description of Theme: Ecosystem services are defined as “the benefits provided by ecosystems to humans.” There are four different types of ecosystem services: provisioning (i.e. food, fresh water, fuel, fiber); regulating (i.e. carbon sequestration and storage, erosion prevention and maintenance of soil fertility, pollination); supporting (i.e. habitat for species, maintenance of genetic diversity); and cultural (i.e. aesthetic, recreation, spiritual). Agriculture is deeply tied to the ecosystems of the natural world. Many key ecosystem services - such as nutrient cycling, carbon sequestration, pest regulation, and pollination - sustain agricultural productivity, so farmers often fall into the role of steward of ecosystem services. The five ecosystem services protected and often enhanced by farmers that we will focus on during the farm visit day are soil health, pollinators, riparian buffer plantings, and the services provided by sustainable forestry practices, so there is a wealth of possibility and inspiration for artists.

All works submitted will be juried by MAC gallery committee. Following an informational session at MAC on July 9th, 1-3pm, there will be a farm visit day in Craftsbury Friday August 23rd, 10am – 2 pm. Please see Farm Visit Day information sheet for more details on the farm visit day!

Following are the key dates and details for those who would like to have their work included in the exhibition. Also included below is the required form to be completed and signed by the artist and labels for each painting being entered in the Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye exhibit.

Exhibition of Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye

Location: MAC Center for the Arts

158 Main St. Newport, VT 05855

Exhibition Period from **Friday, April 3rd – May 18th 2020** (Exhibit on display in MAC downstairs connection gallery from 10:00 AM -5:00 PM Mon - Sat.)

Opening Reception for Exhibit: **Friday, April 3rd 2020, 5-7 pm**

Timeline:

2019

July 9	Info session at MAC 1-3 pm
Aug 18	RSVP deadline for farm visit
Aug 23	Farm Visit day in Craftsbury, 10 am – 2 pm

2020

March 2	Application Deadline
March 16	Drop off of Artwork (10am-5pm)

March 17-19 Jurying
March 23-25 Installation
April 3 Opening Reception
May 18 Close of Exhibition
May 19-20 Pick-up of Artwork (10am-5pm)

PROCESS for “Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye” exhibit at the MAC Center for the Arts

- Subject: Art must be inspired by the theme of ecosystem services; if it depicts or is inspired by an ecosystem service and/or a farm that was not included on the farm visit day, that’s ok!
- Paintings must be properly framed, labeled and wired ready for hanging. Canvases at least 3/4 inch thick need not be framed but they must have painted edges - no staples.
- Artwork Size Limit: Painting including frame must not exceed 48” in height or width.
- Labels should be on the back, top right of the painting with the following info: artist name, title of artwork, farm location, ecosystem service depicted, media, size, price. The work will automatically be excluded if this information is not provided.
- *Note that there is a 30% commission to MAC Center for the Arts on any sales of works during the exhibition. Artists will receive 70% of the price that the artworks are sold for.*

Send applications to mathiesenvictoria7@gmail.com Or leave at MAC

Any questions -- just ask. We really want this exhibit to be spectacular and we are counting on all of you to help make that happen!!!

APPLICATION FORM: Please complete and submit with each work being entered.

Name of Artist: _____

E-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

I the undersigned hereby agree to hold harmless the organizers of the event “Ecosystem Services through an Artists’ Eye” exhibit being held at the MAC Center for the Arts in Newport Vermont on April 3, 2020, for any injury or loss to me, my artwork, supplies, or other belongings occurring during my participation in said exhibit. The organizers, MAC Center for the Arts, Memphremagog Watershed Association and Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District, are neither liable nor responsible for any consequences of the participation of the undersigned in this event. I understand that all reasonable care will be given to my paintings, other artwork and belongings in this event/exhibit and by submission of any work I agree to abide by the event/exhibition rules and waive all claims against the organizers of this event, MAC Center for the Arts Memphremagog Watershed Association and Orleans County Natural Resources Conservation District and/or any individual associated with the event. **Insurance is my responsibility.**

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Labels (make more as needed)

Name of Artist: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

Farm location/ Ecosystem service depicted: _____.

Media: _____ Size (height x width): _____

Price: \$ _____ (Note: 30% commission to MAC)

Name of Artist: _____

e-mail: _____ Phone#: _____

Title of Artwork: _____

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Media: _____ Size (height x width): _____

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