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## The 2020 TAOS Art Show: Inspirations from Nature

# A Call to Artists



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### The 2020 TAOS Art Show - a Fundraiser for The Howard County Conservancy

## March 29 – May 28, 2020

The Howard County Conservancy is accepting submissions for **The Art of Stewardship (TAOS) Art Show: *Inspirations from Nature***. This show is presented by the Howard County Conservancy in partnership with The Art of Stewardship Project.

The TAOS show is a forum for artists to promote stewardship of the Earth. All art in the show is donated and will be available for a sale price of \$100, and all proceeds support education programs at the Howard County Conservancy.

The opening reception will be on **Sunday, March 29, 2020 from 6:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** in the Conservancy's Gudelsky Center. Artists and their friends and families are invited to join representatives from the Howard County Conservancy and the greater community for the show opening and presentation of jurors' awards.

#### Art Show Format:

1. Artwork is to reflect the theme of the **2020 TAOS Show: *Inspirations from Nature***. This theme opens up all kinds of possibilities from the natural world around us.
2. There are no entry fees for the show.
3. The show is open to artists high school age or older.
4. The show is limited to the first 150 pieces of artwork registered. To encourage the variety of media in the limited capacity of the gallery, we ask that each artist submit up to a total of two (2) art pieces, of which only one (1) may be a photography piece. Please do not wait to register!
5. Each art piece is donated by the artist and not previously shown at the Conservancy. All artwork must be original. Scanned reproductions such as giclee prints will not be accepted.
6. Each art piece is on sale for \$100 and all proceeds will benefit education programs of the Howard County Conservancy.

#### Artwork Requirements and Registrations:

7. All participating artists must complete registration online at the Howard County Conservancy website: [www.howardnature.org/artofstewardship/](http://www.howardnature.org/artofstewardship/) **by Sunday, March 1, 2020**. The following will be needed for a complete registration: artist name, contact information, brief artist statement and biography, and artwork description including medium and title.
8. The **footprint** (outside dimensions) of all submitted pieces will measure **10”x 10”**, **10”x 8”**, **or 8”x 10”** and must be ready for hanging with wire by the artist (no saw-tooth hangers, velcro, metal chains, or adhesive hangers). Any art pieces that exceed the stated sizes or do not meet the hanging requirements will not be hung.

9. Two-dimensional artwork in all genres in the stated sizes will be welcome provided they can be hung safely on the wall. Pieces with projected 3-D elements will be permitted as long as the pieces are secure, protected for hanging, and meet other requirements as well. The Conservancy cannot accommodate free-standing sculptures or any pieces that cannot be hung safely for the duration of the show.
10. A jpg file of each work being submitted must be submitted to [taos@howardnature.org](mailto:taos@howardnature.org) by **March 15, 2020**. The coordinators will screen submitted jpg files of art pieces for inclusion. Since the Gudelsky exhibit space is also used for family-oriented and other public functions, the Howard County Conservancy reserves the right to exclude artwork based on the appropriateness to the art show theme and potential audiences at the venue.
11. Registered, exhibition-ready artwork will be accepted on **Friday, March 27, from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. and Saturday, March 28, from 9 a.m. to noon**. Inclusion for judging cannot be guaranteed for late drop off.
12. Although the Conservancy takes all regular precautions for the protection of artwork, once artwork is donated, the Conservancy cannot be held responsible for damages or loss.
13. All artwork, purchased or un-purchased, will be on display for the full duration of the show (**March 29 – May 28, 2020**).
14. Unpurchased artwork needs to be picked up by artists and purchased artwork by buyers on **Friday, May 29<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.) and Saturday, May 30<sup>th</sup> (9 a.m. - noon)**. If pickup is not possible at these times, pickup must be arranged on a weekday during the Conservancy's regular business hours (9 a.m. - 3 p.m.). Any artwork not picked up by **Monday, June 19<sup>th</sup>**, will be considered a donation to the Howard County Conservancy.

### 2020 Dates to Remember:

<i>Registration Deadline</i>	<b>March 1</b> , Sunday, at end of day <b>OR</b> whenever 150 registrations have been received.	Registration at <a href="http://www.HowardNature.org/ArtofStewardship">www.HowardNature.org/ArtofStewardship</a>
<i>JPG file Due</i>	<b>March 15</b> , Sunday	Deadline for submitting jpg files of registered artwork
<i>Artwork Drop-off</i>	<b>March 27</b> , Friday (9 a.m.-3 p.m.) <b>March 28</b> , Saturday (9 a.m.-noon)	Ready-to-hang, completed artwork drop off at the HC Conservancy Gudelsky Center
<i>Opening Reception</i>	<b>March 29</b> , Sunday (6 p.m.-8:30 p.m.)	Art show preview opens in Gudelsky Center; \$5 person, free for participating artists; refreshments, live music, and cash wine bar
<i>Art Show</i>	<b>March 30</b> , Monday, to <b>May 28</b> , Thursday Monday - Friday (9 a.m.-3 p.m. daily) and Saturday (9 a.m.-12 noon)	Please call before visiting to avoid concurrent Conservancy events at the Gudelsky Center. <b>NOTE:</b> May 21 is the <i>Wine in the Garden</i> event at the Conservancy; center will be open for viewing and purchasing by guests.
<i>Artwork Pick-up</i>	<b>May 29</b> , Friday (9 a.m.-3p.m.) <b>May 30</b> , Saturday (9 a.m.-noon)	All artwork, sold and unsold, to be picked up by purchasers and artists; unscheduled late pick-up will need to be at the Conservancy during business hours (M-F, 9 a.m.-3p.m.)
	<b>June 19</b> , Friday	Unclaimed pieces will be considered donations to the Conservancy after this date.