

TIMELINES

Local Art Exhibit and Award Ceremony: An art exhibit and award ceremony will be held virtually in September 2021 with the VA Connecticut Healthcare System.

Local Judging will take place prior to the exhibit and winning artworks will be marked as such.

National Judging: All first place entries at the local level will be submitted to the national competition by October 1st. Judging will take place in the fall. Notification will occur most likely in January 2022. All national level participants will be notified by the end of January.

National Festival: The first place winners at the national level will be invited to attend the National Veterans Creative Arts Festival. This year's location is St. Petersburg, Florida April 18-24, 2022..

If you are interested in participating in the 2021 local competition, please contact **Kim Heil, art therapist,** (phone below).

Due to safety protocols due to Covid, **all entries will need to be photographed by the veteran and emailed, along with signed paperwork needed to enter the competition.**

Photographs must be emailed as JPEG files only.

*All artwork should be show ready, in frame when photographed.

For questions please contact:

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National Veterans Creative Arts Competition 2021

VISUAL ART DIVISION



The key purpose of the Veterans Creative Arts competition and Festival is to recognize Veterans for their creative accomplishments and to educate and demonstrate to our community the therapeutic benefits of the arts!

RULES & CATEGORIES

RULES

- **Eligibility:** Veterans must be enrolled at VA Connecticut Healthcare System before entering the local competition.
- **Art Division has several categories** (for example, Acrylic Painting, Oil Painting and Watercolor are each separate categories). Please see the attached list of categories. You may submit up to **3** pieces of artwork, however they must be in **3 different** categories.
- All artwork entered (except for the Military Combat Experience category #15) must have been **completed after April 1, 2020**.
- **Sets** in the applied arts and fine arts can contain **no more than three** pieces. The pieces must relate to one another in an obvious way to the judges in order to be classified as a set.
- Size Restrictions: Each entry must be able to fit into **one box**. The box can be up to 150 lbs., up to 165 inches in length and girth combined. Length cannot exceed 108 inches. To measure packages use the following formula:
length + 2x width + 2x height.
- **All flat art (paintings, drawings,, etc.) must be framed and READY FOR HANGING.** It is required that if the piece is placed under a clear protective layer, that **Plexiglas** be used. Pieces placed under glass will be disqualified due to the risk of potential damage should the piece be shipped to the final phase of judging.

CATEGORIES

Fine Art

- 1) Acrylic Painting
- 2) Oil Painting
- 3) Watercolor
- 4) Monochromatic Drawing
- 5) Colored Drawing
- 6) Pastels
- 7) Sculpture
- 8) Pyrography
- 9) Printmaking
- 10) Pottery
- 11) Black & White Photography
- 12) Color Photography
- 13) Digital Art
- 14) Military Combat Experience

Applied Art

- 15) Glazed Ceramics
- 16) Stained or Painted Ceramics
- 17) Woodworking
- 18) Carving
- 19) Jewelry (not beads)
- 20) Crocheting/Knitting
- 21) Mosaic
- 22) Collage
- 23) Assemblage
- 24) Original Design in Needlework
- 25) Original Design in Fiber Arts
- 26) Knotting
- 27) Leather Stamping
- 28) Leather Carving/Tooling
- 29) Metalwork
- 30) Glasswork
- 31) Beadwork
- 32) Scroll Saw/Fretwork
- 33) Applied Art, Mixed Media

34) Group Art Category

35) Leather Kit

36) Wood Building

Kit Categories

37) Model Building (Plastic, Wood, Metal , Kit)

38) String Art

39) Latch Hook

40) Craft Coloring Kit

41) Figurine Painting Kit

42) Paint by Number Kit

43) Suncatcher or Sand Art Kit

44) Fabric Art Kit

45) Needlework Kit

46) Transfer/Engraving Art Kit

47) Mosaic Kit

48) Combined Kit

49) Special Recognition (Physical Disability)

50) Special Recognition (mental Health Challenges)

*Note: Categories listed are from 2020 Festival; categories and/or category numbers are subject to change for 2021 festival. **Local competition rules follow the National Creative Arts Rules!**

Visual Art submissions will be submitted by Wednesday June 30, 2021.

Online Exhibition of Artwork will be September 2021.