



## Call for Entry, Artist's Booth – Art in the Garden, July 29, 2017

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*Is nature your artistic muse?* The Quad City Botanical Center is seeking artists working in various mediums to showcase and sell your work at a new community festival to be held on July 29, 2017, Art in the Garden. 2D and 3D artist, jewelers, woodworkers, fabric artists, and other artists who turn to nature for inspiration are encouraged to submit work for consideration.

The event will be held rain or shine at the beautiful Quad City Botanical Center from 9am – 4pm. Artist booths, local food trucks, musicians, poets and storytellers will come together to create a wonderful community event. 2017 will be the debut of Art in the Garden. We hope to draw 300 – 500 guests and expect our audience to attract a wide demographic, with a target audience of young adults interested in nature, the arts, community and fun. Admission to the event is \$8 per adult, \$4 for Quad City Botanical Center members, and children under from 5 – 15, children under 5 are free.

### The Call

The Quad City Botanical Center conditions and terms of entry:

- Regional Artists (within a 300-mile radius of Rock Island) are asked to complete the attached entry form and submit five digital images of your original artwork, via email (low-resolution to [jenkins@qcgardens.com](mailto:jenkins@qcgardens.com)) or on a CD or flash drive, along with an artist statement or resume, **by July 12<sup>th</sup>** to be considered for inclusion in our summer event – *Art in the Garden – Art. Music. Food. Flowers.* to be held on July 29, 2017.

### Guidelines for your entry:

When selecting artwork to submit for consideration please remember:

- Artwork must be inspired by nature – plants and flowers, animals, insects, birds or remote landscapes for example.
- Please note, this is a one day exhibition – weather permitting, all booth space will be situated outdoors in the garden – please take this into consideration when applying. Artists must have canopy tents -tables and chairs may supplied by the artist, or rented from the Botanical Gardens.
- The Quad City Botanical Center cannot be held liable for damage to your artwork; insurance coverage is the responsibility of the exhibiting artist.
- The Quad City Botanical Center reserves the right to exclude any entry that is found unsuitable for exhibiting to the public – please avoid art that is politically, religiously, or explicitly sexually charged, or does not fit the art and nature theme.
- **There is no fee for the booth space** – however – artists must agree to pay 25% commission on all sales over \$200; local sales tax will be applied to the sale of artwork.

**If you are selected to be an exhibiting artist at the Botanical Center:**

- The Quad City Botanical Center reserves the right to use photographs or digital images of any accepted work for publicizing Art in the Gardens.

**The process:**

- The Quad City Botanical Center will collect submissions through end of business on July 12, 2017
- Submissions will be evaluated based on the quality of the work and the relevance of the work as it relates to or has been inspired by nature.
- Entries will be judged by a committee of 3 independent judges; artist names and locations will be omitted during judging.
- The judge's selection will be final. Correspondence regarding the judge's decisions will not be entered into.
- Artist will be notified about the results of the judging on July 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017; winning artists will be assigned an exhibition space and provided with additional details about set up and tear down.

**What to expect from the Quad City Botanical Center:**

- Professional service.
- Assistance in set-up and throughout the event.
- Publicizing the event through press release, social media, and email blasts.
- Receipt of twenty, half-price admission coupons to distribute to friends and family, valid for use at the Art in the Garden event.

We look forward to reviewing your artwork and learning more about your vision and how nature is your personal muse. If you have questions, please do not hesitate to call, email, or stop by for help.

With Kindest Regards,

*Ami Jenkins*

Ami Jenkins, Executive Director

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Quad City Botanical Center Call for Entry Application

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\_\_\_\_\_ Please Consider me as an exhibiting artist for the 2017 Art in the Garden event.

Please provide a list of your jpegs:

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Price range of your art: \_\_\_\_\_

Short description of how nature influences or inspires your work:

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**Contact information:**

Title (Dr/Mr/Mrs/Ms/etc)

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ (cell) or \_\_\_\_\_ (home)

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Business Name \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Check list for entry:

\_\_\_ List of artwork, emailed to [jenkins@qcgardens.com](mailto:jenkins@qcgardens.com) or on CD or flash drive (CD, flash drives are not returnable)

\_\_\_ Artist statement or resume

\_\_\_ Submitted by July 12, 2017

**Please mail entry to:**

Quad City Botanical Center

2525 4th Ave.

Rock Island, IL 61201

Attn: Ami Jenkins / Call for Entries

**Or email entry to:**

jenkins@qcgardens.com

You may also drop off entries in the admission area of the Quad City Botanical Center. Please make sure entries are in an envelope marked "call for entry – Art in the Garden 2017."

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