



Misty River, by Steve Strassman

America the Beautiful...

An All-Ages Community Art Exhibit

July 18 – August 23, 2026

America the Beautiful is a community-centered art exhibit celebrating the landscapes, cultures, people, traditions, and shared experiences that shape the American story. Open to artists of all ages and skill levels, this exhibition invites creative interpretations of beauty in America — from natural wonders and hometown moments to cultural diversity, music, food, history, and everyday life.

Through painting, photography, sculpture, mixed media, fiber arts, digital art, and more, the exhibit aims to create a welcoming space where artists and audiences alike can reflect on what makes America meaningful, inspiring, and evolving.

America the Beautiful celebrates the many voices, visions, and stories that make up the American experience. By bringing together artists of all ages and backgrounds, the exhibition aims to inspire connection, creativity, and appreciation for the beauty found across communities, cultures, and landscapes. The exhibition encourages inclusivity, imagination, and intergenerational participation.

Artists are invited to explore the theme *America the Beautiful* through personal, historical, abstract, or documentary perspectives. Interpretations may include:

- National and regional landscapes
- Small-town and urban life
- Cultural traditions and heritage
- Family, community, and belonging
- Music, food, festivals, and celebrations
- Environmental beauty and conservation



Marching as One, by Michelle Savas Thompson

Eligibility & Entry Fees:

Adult artists, (ages 18 and over) are eligible to submit **one** entry. There is an entry fee of \$10 per adult artist. Fees may be paid to the Cedarburg Cultural Center online, or by cash, check or credit card.

Youth artists, (ages 17 and under) are eligible to submit **one** entry with a signed parent or guardian permission slip. (See reverse side for details, entry form and permission slip.) There is no fee for youth 17 & under to participate.

Sales/Commission:

The Center will retain a commission of 35% on adult art sales for CCC Member artists and 40% for Non-Member artists. No commission will be retained for sales of youth artwork.

Exhibition Schedule:

Application form and entry fees due: Wednesday, July 8: 5 pm

Delivery of artwork: Tuesday, July 14: 10 am – 5 pm

Exhibit on View: July 18- August 23, 2026

Public Opening Reception: Thursday, July 23: 5-7 pm

Pick up of unsold work: Tuesday, August 25: 10 am – 5 pm

Framing/Presentation of Artworks: (Adult Category)

Artwork must be appropriately matted, framed or otherwise presented and ready to hang. 2-D art should be hung with wire – NO sawtooth hangers without prior approval. Unframed canvases should be presented with wrapped, painted edges- no “raw” edges, please.

Youth Category:

All youth artists, age 17 and under are eligible to participate with a signed parent or guardian permission slip below.

Entry Fees- (Youth Category)

There is no entry fee for youth artwork. One entry per youth participant is allowed.

Sales/Commission- (Youth Category)

Youth artwork may be priced for sale or may be displayed as "Not for Sale." The Center will not retain a commission on art sales for youth artists.

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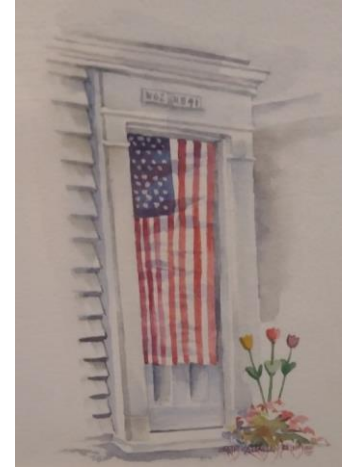
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American Salute, by Erin Callahan Blum

Framing/Presentation of Artworks

No special framing requirements are being put forth for youth artwork. If your work is framed, please make sure that any hanging hardware can support the weight of your artwork and that paints are dry before submitting. Please include your name(s) and title of your artwork on the back or underside of the work using the labels provided or an alternate label with the same information.

Contact Information:

YOUTH ARTIST NAME: _____ AGE: _____

(Only the youth artist's name and age will be displayed on the gallery walls with the artwork. The family address and contact information will be kept confidential and not displayed.)

Permission Authorization:

PARENT/GUARDIAN NAME: _____

FAMILY ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ STATE: _____ ZIP: _____

PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____

I grant permission for the applicant named above to participate in "America the Beautiful" art exhibit and give my permission for the CCC to use photos, videos and images taken of the artists and/or the resulting artwork for any purposes which the CCC may deem appropriate. I understand that the CCC is not responsible for lost, damaged, or stolen articles, and I agree to waive any claims against the CCC, its members, staff, and volunteers for injuries or damages that may result from participation in the exhibit.

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to abide by all CCC Exhibit Policies listed on page 4 of this form.

Artwork #1:

Title: _____

Medium: _____ Price or list as "Not for Sale": _____

**If your family decides to attend the optional opening reception on Thursday, July 23, please be aware that alcoholic beverages are sometimes served at the venue to patrons of legal drinking age, 21 and older.*

Cedarburg Cultural Center Insurance/ Exhibit Contract (Adult Category):

I agree to display the artworks listed on my inventory form at the Cedarburg Cultural Center from **July 14 (delivery)** through **August 25, 2026 (pick-up)** according to the terms and conditions of the CCC Exhibit Policies, which I have read. The Center will retain a **35% commission for CCC Member Artists** and **40% commission for Non-Member Artists** on any artwork sold during the exhibition. Payment for sales will be mailed to the artist at the following address within one month following the sale of the artwork. It is the artist's responsibility to supply the CCC with correct mailing address and contact information. The CCC is not liable for any payments which are undeliverable and /or outstanding six months after check is issued. **Please return this form on/by Wednesday, July 8- either in person, by mail or scan/photograph and email to cccmail@artmusichistory.org. Include your payment with your application.**

Artist's Contact Information:

NAME: _____
ADDRESS: _____
CITY: _____
STATE: _____ ZIP: _____
PHONE: _____ EMAIL: _____
Signature: _____ Date _____

Your signature indicates that you have read and agree to abide by all CCC Exhibit Policies, listed on page 4 of this form.

Inventory of Artworks:

List artwork to be exhibited at retail price including commission. Artwork must have a label on the back documenting artist name, title, medium and price. (use the ones included, or create your own)

Artwork #1:

Title: _____
Medium: _____

Retail Price (inc commission) or "Not for Sale"(NFS): _____ \$ Insurance Value: _____ \$

Submit Your Application: 2 Options

- 1. Print and mail this entry form – or deliver in person to:
Cedarburg Cultural Center, W62 N546 Washington Avenue,
Cedarburg, WI 53012
- 2. Scan or photograph your printed entry form and email to:
cccmail@artmusichistory.org

Entry fees paid by:

- Cash (in person only- do not mail cash) Check
- Credit (in person or by phone)
- Online (www.CedarburgCulturalCenter.org/Call-for-Artists)

Use this label, (or an alternate label) on the backside of your artwork. Include your name, title, medium and retail price, including commission.

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Artist Name: _____
Title #1: _____
Medium: _____
Price: _____

Cedarburg Cultural Center (CCC) Exhibit Policies – Adult Category

1. While the CCC is insured for loaned property, coverage provided by the Center is in excess over any other insurance available on the loaned exhibit items. In an effort to protect both the CCC and owners of loaned exhibit items, the Center reserves the right to request insurance documentation and to limit the value of items accepted. In the event of an insurance claim, artwork is insured for its stated value on the exhibition contract.
2. Artwork must be appropriately matted, framed or otherwise presented and ready to hang. 2-D art should be hung with wire – NO sawtooth hangers without prior approval. The CCC cannot store packaging materials.
3. Artwork cannot be removed from the premises during the exhibit period without prior approval, and drop-off or pick-up of artwork outside of specified time frame is not allowed without prior consent. The CCC is not liable for the security of or damages to artwork dropped off or picked up before or after designated times. Works left behind longer than two weeks after the designated pick-up time become the property of the CCC.
4. Artists warrant originality and ownership of the art works and that the art works will not infringe upon any copyright, right of publicity, moral right, or any proprietary or other right of any third party. The artist warrants that he/she has not used any copyrighted or licensed material (text or visual images) in the art works or in the making of said artworks without the express written permission of the owners of those rights.
5. No sexually explicit nudity, foul language or violent imagery will be accepted as part of the exhibit. The CCC retains the right to reject any works it deems inappropriate for community display.
6. Artists will indemnify and hold harmless the Cedarburg Cultural Center and anyone deriving his or its interest from, through or under the CCC, from and against any claim, suit, action, liability or expense (including reasonable counsel fees) arising out of any matter or claim which would result from presentation of the artist's artwork at the CCC or through using images of the artwork for publicity/advertising purposes.
7. Artists agree to the use of their artwork and/or their names and likeness in any promotional materials published to promote this exhibit or any future events or exhibits.

Cedarburg Cultural Center (CCC) Exhibit Policies- Youth Category

1. The CCC is not liable for artworks damaged or losses incurred during this special community project exhibit.
2. Artwork cannot be removed from the premises during the exhibit period without prior approval, and drop-off or pick-up of artwork outside of specified time frame is not allowed without prior consent. The CCC is not liable for the security of or damages to artwork dropped off or picked up before or after designated times. Works left behind longer than two weeks after the designated pick-up time become the property of the CCC and may be disposed of or reused in any way the CCC deems appropriate.
3. Participants warrant originality and ownership of the art works and that the art works will not infringe upon any copyright, right of publicity, moral right, or any proprietary or other right of any third party. The artist warrants that he/she has not used any copyrighted or licensed material (text or visual images) in the art works or in the making of said artworks without the express written permission of the owners of those rights.
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The Venue

The Cedarburg Cultural Center is a 501 (c)(3) non-profit organization. The mission of the Cedarburg Cultural Center is to enrich lives by providing a gathering place that fosters community, arts and history. The galleries are accessible and family-friendly.

Now celebrating its 40th Anniversary year, the CCC, in the heart of historic downtown Cedarburg, has been the cultural hub of our community- the place where art, music and history thrive. From the beginning, the Center has provided access to and participation in the visual and performing arts, the humanities and local heritage. A free gallery with frequently changing exhibits surrounds the Center’s performance space which features music, theatre, comedy and educational presentations. Exhibits include curated shows of artistic and historical interest and juried shows by local artists. Classes are offered for children and adults. The Center's public spaces may also be rented for events ranging from business meetings to wedding receptions.

All members enjoy the following benefits:

- * Free monthly yoga classes
- * 20% discount on educational classes
- * Opportunity to submit artwork to Annual Members Exhibit
- * Reduced pricing on parking for Summer Sounds
- * Discounts on select performances & events
- * 5% lower sales commission for exhibiting artists

Join the Center today at: www.CedarburgCulturalCenter.org/join

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Medium: _____
Price: _____

Questions?

Call the CCC at 262-375-3676 or email us at: cccmail@artmusichistory.org



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