## FRIENDS OF MISSISQUOI

### NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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## Art on the Refuge 2022 Exhibits for World Migratory Bird Day

**Information and Participation Forms** 

Art Show Opening Date at the Refuge Visitor Center: May 21, 2022

Exhibits: May 21, 2022through July 22, 2022

Location: Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Visitor Center

The Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, along with many conservation organizations, will celebrate World Migratory Bird Day (WMBD) this May. The 2022 theme is "Light Pollution" to focus on raising awareness of how we can help create dark skies for migratory birds.

The Friends of Missisquoi will again be hosting the annual art show AT THE VISITOR CENTER, starting May 21, 2022. Our focus will be birds and their habitats and will include birds that spend some time on the Refuge, including birds that migrate through the area.

All pieces must be matted (where applicable) and framed, being "ready to hang". Stretched canvas must have "finished" edges. Each piece is not to exceed 24" x 30" framed, unless it is determined that there is ample space available. Check with Carol Yarnell if your

work does not fit the specks, and we will figure out a way to include it.

Medium: Suggestions, though not limited to this list: acrylics, pen and ink, pastels, wood, oil, watercolor, wool, photographs, natural plant materials, fabric.

Paintings/drawings, etc.: Subjects may be birds\* or anything related to what might be found in a landscape that helps birds in theirmigration, breeding, etc.at the Refuge: lake, river, marsh, forest, wildlife, insects, wildflowers/plants, fields, etc. and interpretations of any of these.

Photographs: Preference is for photos taken on the Refuge but may be from other sites that are local breeding, wintering, or stopover areas for birds\* found on the Refuge.

\*(See list of Refuge birds on the friendsofmissisquoi.org website under World Migratory Bird Day calendar event/art show section.)

Entry fee: \$15 per piece; one may enter 2 works if desired. The entry fee will provide the artist with a year's membership in the Friends of Missisquoi. A second fee can be earmarked for a membership for a second person chosen by the artist.

Sales will pass through the Friends gift/bookstore as they have in the past. We request that the artist replace the sold item with another work at no charge. Upon sale of an item, there is no commission. Adonation to the Friends group to help support the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge is welcomed, but not necessary.

# Refuge Drop-Off for Visitor Center Show:

Evening Drop off will be 6:00 to 7:00 pm on May 18th (Wednesday)

Daytime Weekday Drop off: Call Refuge to confirm that a staff member or volunteer is there to take in the artwork. (802-868-4781)

If you need to make other arrangements, such as on a Saturday, please contact Carol Yarnell at<u>artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org</u> or 802-324-6939.

Rules for drop-off at the Village Frame Shoppe in St. Albans:

- 1.) The artwork must be labeled for the Missisquoi Refuge Art Show.
- 2.) While care will be taken in receiving and storing of artwork, the artist understands that the Shoppe is not responsible for any loss or damage that might occur.
- 3.) Drop off Tuesday Friday between the hours of 11-3, Saturday 11-1, any week BEFORE or ON May 17

At our Friends of Missisquoi March Board Meeting, it was determined that we are OK with having an Artists' Reception, but it will be on Saturday May 21st at 10:00 am after the 8:00 am birdwalks, rather than on Friday evening, since the Friday presentation that was held after the reception will be on Zoom this year.

As originally noted, you may also post your "bio" near your work. Your "bio" can be tailored in whatever way you would like to introduce yourself. It can includeyour interest in birds, your background, or other information you would like to present to let the public know about you as an artist. It can even link to your own website or blog if you'd like.

We thank you for your participation. If you have any questions, please contact Carol Yarnellat: <a href="mailto:artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org">artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org</a>.

### Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge

#### Art on the Refuge Participation Form

Artists: please read the following carefully. Please fill in all the blank spaces (where applicable) on this form, sign, and date. If you have any questions, please contact: Carol Yarnell: artshow@friends of missisquoi.org For more copies of this form and more information: friendsofmissisquoi.org/art show Address: Town, State, Zip:\_\_\_\_ Phone: Artwork Title and Size Bird Species Medium Price Hanging Fee: \$15 per art piece. No sales commission fees. MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO FRIENDS OF MISSISQUOI. The entry fee will provide the artist with a free one-year membership in Friends of the Refuge. For current Friends members and for second entries, we encourage you to donate a one-year membership to a family member or friend. Just provide us with the name and address/email. Second membership is for: Participation form and entry fee should be sent ahead of the show or art drop off. (Make checks payable to Friends of Missisquoi.) Address: Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge Attn: Friends of Missisquoi Art Show, 29 Tabor Road, Swanton, VT 05488. By signing this form:

I agree to hold harmless the Friends of Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge, Inc. and the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge for any loss, or damage to my artwork due to hanging or holding, and during the length of the exhibition for the

Art on the Refuge project at the Missisquoi National Wildlife Refuge.

Printed Name: Date: