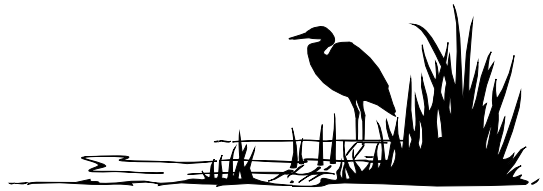


FRIENDS OF MISSISQUOI NATIONAL WILDLIFE REFUGE

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Art on the Refuge 2023 Exhibits for World Migratory Bird Day

Information and Participation Forms

Art Show Opening Date at the Refuge Visitor Center: May 20, 2023

Exhibits: May 20, 2023 through July 21, 2023

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 theme is "Water: Sustaining Bird Life" which focuses on the importance of managing water resources and protecting healthy aquatic systems to support birds in their life cycles and migration across countries and continents.

The Friends of Missisquoi will again be hosting the annual art show AT THE VISITOR CENTER, starting May 20, 2023. 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 specs, 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 their migration, 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/)

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. A donation 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 17th (Wednesday).

Daytime Weekday Drop off: Refuge hours: 8:00 am to 4:00 pm. Call the 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 artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org 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 16th.

Again, we ask for a short bio to post near your work. Those that offered theirs last year offered some fascinating background for the art and the artist. Your "bio" can be tailored in whatever way you would like to introduce yourself. It can include your 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 Yarnell at: artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org.

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 at artshow@friendsofmissisquoi.org

For more copies of this form and more information: <https://friendsofmissisquoi.org/artshow/>

Name: _____

Address: _____

Town, State, Zip: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Artwork Title and Size	Bird Species	Medium	Price
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Participation form and entry fee should be sent ahead of the show or art drop off.

Hanging Fee: \$15 per art piece. No sales commission fees.

Please make checks payable to "FRIENDS OF MISSISQUOI NWR"

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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:

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.

Signature: _____

Printed Name: _____ Date: _____