

**Placerville Arts Association Member Show**  
**JUDGING & AWARDS CATEGORIES for MEDIA SHOWS**

**OIL: (O)** The work may be done with oil paints, water miscible oils, oil bars. This may be on any canvas, canvas panel, or wood and may be toned with acrylic paint or gesso, but the top layer of the painting must be covered with oil paint. Oil paintings may be framed or unframed; if unframed, the painting must extend and cover all four sides of the canvas.

**ACRYLIC: (A)** Includes paintings executed entirely in acrylic paint and/or mediums created specifically for acrylics, such as fiber paste or moulding paste. Work may be on canvas, canvas panel, paper, or wood and the media may be applied using brushes, palette knives, sponges, stencils, or may be poured. Work may be framed or unframed. Unframed paintings must have finished edges, and paint must cover all four sides of a canvas. If on paper, the work must be matted and framed; glass or acrylic is the artist's choice.

**WATER MEDIA: (W)** This includes watercolor paint, watercolor pencil, gouache, tempera, ink applied primarily as washes, or alcohol ink. (Entries in this category may *not* contain oil, acrylic, collage, gesso, varnish, wax, colored pencil, pastel or graphite.) Matting is optional, but the work must be framed and backed with mat board or some other stiff material; glass or acrylic is the artist's choice.

**PASTEL and DRAWING: (PD)** Pastel (soft pastels, pastel pencils and pan pastels); **Oil Pastel; Colored Pencil** (wax-based, oil based, or water soluble colored pencils); **Graphite** (graphite pencils, woodless pencils, graphite sticks, graphite powder); **Charcoal** (charcoal pencils, vine or compressed charcoal of any color); **Conte** (any color); **Ink** (ink *drawing* that is primarily line work, applied with any type of pen, brush or other tool. This is different from alcohol ink or ink applied primarily in washes – see 'Water Media'). **Scratchboard** (may include colored inks applied to piece) If two or more of the media listed in this category are used together in one piece of art, it will be considered in this category. If media from other categories are combined with those in this category, the work should be entered as mixed media. If on paper, matting is optional, but the work must be framed; glass or acrylic is the artist's choice.

**THREE-DIMENSIONAL: (3D)** Includes any work of art that is "in the round" (meaning it is intended to be viewed from all sides), including but not necessarily limited to sculpture, assemblage, pottery and jewelry. It may be of any material, and may be carved, modeled or constructed. Three-Dimensional pieces may not exceed 40 pounds and must safely fit on our current pedestals. Jewelry may be displayed on pedestals or in shadow-box type frames.

**PHOTOGRAPHY: (P)** Includes images created by the use of a camera using film or a digital sensor to capture an image. Subjects may include any image other than nudity or violence, including people, animals, landscapes, objects, altered reality. If compositing is utilized, some recognizable photographic element must be present. All processing, manipulation and printing or rendering must be done by the entrant or under their direct supervision. Images may be printed on paper, metal, or canvas. Images on metal or gallery wrapped canvas do not require framing. If printed on paper, matting is optional but it must be framed; glass or acrylic is the artist's choice. *Use of additional media such as collage, pencil, watercolor, acrylic etc., requires the piece to be entered as a mixed media work.*

**MIXED MEDIA and COLLAGE: (MM)** Mixed media is any work that utilizes media from **two or more different** categories listed here. Example: colored pencil and watercolor, or acrylic paint and collage. A sculpture, no matter how many media are used to create it, will be entered as a sculpture as long as it meets the guidelines for the sculpture category. A collage is a work that has had papers or other items adhered to any substrate such as paper, board, canvas, etc. A collage is *not* required to include materials from any of the above categories. Work in this category may be framed or unframed; if unframed, the work must extend and cover all four sides of a canvas. If on something other than a canvas, matting is optional but it must be framed; glass or acrylic is the artist's choice.

**MISCELLANEOUS: (M)** Work that does not fit into any other category and **that can hang on the wall**. Materials include but are not necessarily limited to digital art, AI, glass, metals, mosaic, bas relief, leather, fibers, printmaking processes. Work in this category **MUST** follow show guidelines and be able to hang safely on the devices used by PAA. The Show Committee has final say regarding the safety/suitability for hanging at this show.

**THESE CATEGORY GUIDELINES HAVE BEEN ADOPTED BY PAA AND MAY OR MAY NOT COINCIDE WITH GUIDELINES FOR OTHER ART SHOWS or COMPETITIONS. PAA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO PLACE ARTWORK IN A MORE SUITABLE CATEGORY, OR TO COMBINE CATEGORIES IF THERE ARE FEWER THAN THREE ITEMS IN A CATEGORY.**

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