

Ashby Public Library



# Ashby Art Festival

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Saturday June 24, 2023

9:00 to 3:00

Ashby Town Common

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The Ashby Art Festival is a celebration of Ashby. Art is defined as the application of human creative skill and imagination, so the festival will celebrate not only visual art, but also writing, performance and all forms of making. Ashby has a long history in arts, agriculture and creative manufacture, and this festival intends to celebrate it all.

The festival will feature an exhibit competition where the works of the children and adults of Ashby are exhibited, and creators are recognized for their accomplishments. In addition to the exhibit competition the Artists of Ashby and surrounding communities will offer their works for sale and will talk to festival attendees about their art and what it is to be an artist.



# Juried Exhibits

## General Rules and Instructions

- All exhibits for judging will be received starting at 8:30 AM.
- All exhibits must be received by 11 AM.
- No person may exhibit any item not produced by themselves. This includes youth exhibitors.
- The Ashby Art Festival is an educational setting, positive social behavior and good sportsmanship are expected.
- No exhibitor may compete with more than one entry in any given class
- For example, you may exhibit one painting and one piece of sculpture, but not 2 paintings.
- All items must contain the name and contact information of the creator in an inconspicuous spot.
- Each entry should be accompanied by a 3 x 5 card with the title of the work. Please do not put your name on the 3 x 5 card.
- Cards will be at the library if you need them.
- As the festival is open to the public, there is no way to ensure the safety of your item. If you plan to show a very fragile item. You can show a photograph of the item and then bring the item at the demonstration time.

PLEASE COLLECT ALL ITEMS BY THE END OF THE DAY. THE FESTIVAL CAN NOT BE RESPONSIBLE FOR ITEMS THAT ARE NOT PICKED UP.

# Art Exhibits

All festival attendees are invited to exhibit their works for recognition at the festival. This festival celebrates all people finding their voices and sharing their stories and one way to do this is through sharing art.

All ages are invited to exhibit their works in four major categories and five age groupings. The categories are visual arts, writing, performance and STEM. The age groupings are preschoolers, elementary schoolers, middle schoolers, high schoolers and adults. The exhibits will be displayed within their own category and age grouping.



# Exhibit Categories

The festival welcomes all forms of creative expression in several broad categories.

## Visual Arts

There are two classes of visual arts that will be shown at the festival: 2-dimensional objects, and 3-dimensional objects.

In the two-dimensional category you may exhibit one (1) item using any medium, including drawings, paintings, collage and photographs. The item should be no larger than 11 x 14.

In the three-dimensional category you may exhibit one (1) item using any materials including clay, wood, fabric, yarn, plastics, etc. The item should have a base no larger than 18 inches square and be no taller than 18 inches. You may exhibit an item like a quilt or a blanket that is displayed folded.

## Written Expression

There are two categories in which you may submit your written work, poetry and prose.

- Poetry of any style may be entered including, but not limited to haiku, limerick, sonnet or free verse.
- Prose of any style may be entered including short stories, letters, articles. Sections of longer works may be submitted.

# Performing Arts

Performances of music, dance or any other art form can be scheduled. Contact Heather at [ashbyartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ashbyartfestival@gmail.com) if you would like to schedule a performance. There is limited equipment available on the common, so please let us know if anything will be needed for the performance.

# STEM Projects

Science, Technology Engineering and Mathematics Projects of all types are eligible for submission to the festival.

If your project is fragile or needs to be demonstrated, you can display a picture of it and then demonstrate it at the time for demonstrations.

The festival cannot be responsible for any projects that are damaged or lost, so choose wisely when deciding to bring a project to the festival.



# Art Vendors

- Vendors may begin to set up their tables after 7:30 AM
- We ask that vendors unload their materials and then move their vehicles away from the common to enable the attendees to park closer to the festival.
- Vendors should bring their own tables, chairs and tents/canopies. Please contact Heather at [ashbyartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ashbyartfestival@gmail.com) in advance of the festival if anything is needed.
- Vehicles are not permitted on the common, if you require a space close to the roadway, please let us know at [ashbyartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ashbyartfestival@gmail.com) and we will make every attempt to accommodate your needs.
- If there are any accommodations that are required for accessibility, please let us know. We want everyone to be able to enjoy the festival.
- One of the goals of the festival is to have artists share their stories with participants so that interested festival goers can learn more about the process of being an artist.

# Other Vendors

- You are welcome to set up anytime after 7:30 on the day of the festival.
- Please move vehicles away from the common as soon as possible to enable festival attendees to park close to the festival.
- Please bring tables, chairs, canopies, and anything else needed for your stand.
- If you need anything additional for your stand, please let us know at [ashbyartfestival@gmail.com](mailto:ashbyartfestival@gmail.com)