

Prospectus

5th Annual Lawton Farmer's Market Art Competition

July 12 – August 30, 2024

Lawton, Oklahoma

The Lawton Farmer's Market Institute and the Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery invite you to participate in the 5th Annual Farmer's Market Art Competition. This competition will kick off the Lawton Farmer's Market Annual Tomato Festival with an art show reception on Friday, July 12th from 6:00 to 8:00 PM at the Leslie Powell Gallery and continue to be exhibited through August 30th.

The Lawton Farmer's Market Institute is a local organization that hosts a weekly market at their location on 4th Street, as well as classes and several festivals. The Tomato Festival itself is a weekend-long event, running July 12-13th, and includes activities such as a salsa contest, the Great Tomato Catch-Up Fun Run, giveaways, food trucks, and live music.

Awards Presented during the Opening Reception (judged from entries present)

First Place Award - \$500

Second Place - \$200

Up to Two Honorable Mentions - \$100 each

Judge – Greg Erway

Born and raised on the Great Plains, Greg Erway shares a special connection to the continuing saga of this great land. The stories, characters, animals, and landscape provide an infinite supply of inspiration for his art. As the owner and artist in residence at Wildfire Gallery on Paseo in Oklahoma City's historic art district, Greg stays busy painting for the gallery as well as fulfilling commissions. His success includes a commission for the most recent renovation of the Oklahoma Governor's mansion. Greg's work can be seen in galleries in Taos, Santa Fe, Eureka Springs, and Oklahoma City.

Eligibility

*****All submitted artwork must be agriculturally-themed, or based upon the farmer's market.*****

Artists 18 years of age or older are welcome to participate. However, there will be a limit of 40 artists. This limit is on a first-come-first-accepted basis.

Each artist is allowed one entry. Artwork entered to the competition must have been completed within the past 24 months and not under the direction or supervision of an instructor. All artwork must be original and not a reproduction.

All mediums and materials will be accepted including two-dimensional and three-dimensional work.

Two-dimensional work must be appropriately **framed and wired** for hanging. Sawtooth hangers will not be accepted. Frames must be black or neutral in color, and mats must be white, gray, or beige. Paintings created on gallery-wrapped canvases are not required to be framed if the **edges are clean and uniform**.

Drawings in any media, watercolor paintings, gouache paintings, and print media (lithography, photography, etc.) must be framed behind glass.

Overall size of two-dimensional work, including the frame, must be larger than 8 x 8 inches, and no larger than 40 x 40 inches.

Free-standing, three-dimensional work must be larger than 8 x 8 x 4 inches, and no larger than 24 x 24 x 24 inches.

Wet paintings will not be accepted.

Fees

The entry fee for the art competition is \$30, payable by cash (exact change) or check. Checks should be written to the **Lawton Farmer's Market Institute**. The entry fee is non-refundable.

Application

Artists will submit an application, along with the entry fee by mail or hand delivery to the Leslie Powell Gallery, 620 SW D Avenue, Lawton, Oklahoma 73501.

Applications and fees must be received at the Leslie Powell Gallery no later than 4:00 PM on Friday, May 31, 2024.

Art Submission

Artwork must be delivered between Monday, June 24th, and Wednesday, June 26th to the Leslie Powell Gallery. Gallery hours are noon to 4:00 PM.

Artwork can be hand-delivered or sent via USPS, UPS, or FEDEX. If sent through a delivery service, your artwork must be accompanied by a prepaid shipping label for its return.

All artwork must be appropriately labeled on the back with the title, artist's name, media, and price.

No exceptions will be made for artwork regarding framing or incomplete information. Submissions found to be non-compliant will be disqualified from judging. No refund of the entry fee will be made.

Sales

The Lawton Farmer's Market Institute will retain a 30% commission on sales made during the duration of the exhibition.

Contact

Please contact Matthew Hughes at lpartmentgallery@gmail.com or 580 951-0590 with any questions or for clarification.

Calendar

31 May 2024	Artist application and entry fee deadline at 4:00 PM Leslie Powell Gallery, 620 SW D Ave, Lawton, OK 73501
24-26 June 2024	Artwork delivered to the Leslie Powell Gallery between the hours of noon and 4:00 PM daily
12 July 2024	Artwork judged Exhibition Opening Reception at the Leslie Powell Gallery 6:00 to 8:00 PM.
13 July 2024	Lawton Farmer's Market Tomato Festival 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM Leslie Powell Gallery Open 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM
30 August 2024	Final day of the exhibition
3-6 September 2024	Artwork available for pickup.

Any art not picked up by end of day on 6 September 2024 will be donated to the Lawton Farmer's Market.

Disclosure

Artwork must be for sale and remain in the gallery for the duration of the exhibition. Artists participating in this competition agree to allow reproduction privileges of their art for education, fundraising, or publicity purposes only. Your work will not be reproduced for selling said reproductions.

By submitting this entry, the participant acknowledges his/her responsibilities.

This art competition is held in collaboration between the Lawton Farmer's Market Institute and The Leslie Powell Foundation Gallery. While everyone is welcome to apply and be part of the art show, only artwork submitted by applicants who are not directly involved in the decision-making process for these organizations is eligible for the competition. This exclusion includes, but is not limited to, board members, executive directors, officers, and officers-elect.

Application

(please print legibly)

artist's name (as it is to appear in publicity)

address

phone number

city

state

zip

website

Facebook

Instagram

By signing this application, I signify my understanding of, and intent to follow, all requirements and guidelines presented in the above prospectus for the Tomato Festival Art Competition.

signature

date