



## CALL FOR ENTRIES – SIGNS OF SPRING ART EXHIBIT

City of Marquette Office of Arts and Culture is excited to announce a call for entries for the *Signs of Spring Art Exhibit*, hosted at City Hall. Local artists of all ages are invited to submit a ready to hang 2D art piece inspired by the Blue Spotted salamander, other subtle signs of spring in the U.P. and a conscious pursuit of environmental appreciation. This non-juried exhibit is a part of Salamander Days: an awareness campaign hosted by the City and Superior Watershed Partnership supporting the migration of the Blue Spotted Salamander on Presque Isle Park. For more information visit [www.mqtcompass.com/salamander-days](http://www.mqtcompass.com/salamander-days)

Artwork will be accepted for submission on Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>. See guidelines for details.

### Eligibility

All 2D mediums are accepted. Must hang flat against the wall and no projection equipment is allowed. No sawtooth hangers, all 2D artworks must be framed with wire hanging to qualify. One entry per person.

### Submission Guidelines :

- *Submissions are due on Monday March 28<sup>th</sup>.* Please drop off submissions at City Hall, located at 300 W Baraga Ave., between 10:00am and 5:00pm. Special accommodations can be made to drop off earlier by calling (906) 228-0472.
- Artists will need to fill out an entry form upon drop off.
- OPTIONAL: submit an Artist contact, brief bio and statement about the artwork submitted.
- Work can be recent or older work but it must be original.
- Imagery and/or content should be appropriate for all ages.
- By submitting artwork, you give the Office of Arts and Culture permission to publish image(s) of your creative work on the [Mqtcompass.com](http://Mqtcompass.com) as an online gallery of the show.
- Marquette City Office of Arts and Culture reserves the right to use photos of all or some of the work to promote the event for the duration of the exhibit and prior and after the exhibit.
- Artwork is display only and not for sale; however, artists can submit a contact to be included on the list of exhibiting artists and linked in featured promotions.

## Juried Awards

Awards will be indicated with a small plaque that will be mounted next to the awarded piece and be acknowledged as a feature on the MQTcompass.com. Artists will be notified and able to bring the small plaque home with the collection of their artwork post exhibit.

### Awards

*City Manager's Best in Show* – This award will be divided by age categories, a best in show awarded to four different groups (Pre-K to 4<sup>th</sup> grade, 5<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>, and Adult). Artwork will be considered for the best representation of signs of spring based on local relevance, environmental appreciation, and artistic merit. The selection committee will be Karen Kovacs (City Manager), Amelia Pruiett (Office of Arts and Culture staff), and Kathleen Henry (Superior Watershed Partnership Education Specialist).

*Popular Choice* – A ballot box will be placed at the exhibit for the community to vote for their favorite piece, considering the entire show. The artwork with the highest number of entries will determine the overall popular choice winner. Voting guidelines are as follows:

- One vote per person. Honor system – this is all in the spirit of community building and good fun.
- Voting period will close Friday, April 29th. The popular choice winner will be announced the following week.

## Timeline

March 28<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm – Submission drop off at City Hall (300 W Baraga)

March 28-29 – Exhibit Installation at City Hall

April 1<sup>st</sup> through June 10<sup>th</sup> – Exhibit duration

April 1-29 – Public voting period (Winners announced first week of May)

June 13<sup>th</sup> – Exhibit takedown

June 14<sup>th</sup>, 10am-5pm – Artwork pick up from City Hall

\*Special accommodations can be arranged with ample notice

## Contact Information

For questions or more information please call the Office of Arts and Culture (906)228-0472 or email [arts-culture@marquettemi.gov](mailto:arts-culture@marquettemi.gov)

For more information about other Salamander Days events and Programming visit [www.mqtcompass.com/salamander-days](http://www.mqtcompass.com/salamander-days)

