

GENERAL INFORMATION:

Calling all artists! Gurnee Days is proud to announce the annual Gurnee Days Community Art Show Competition, taking place at the Viking Park Dance Hall on Friday, August 7th and Saturday, August 8th. Entry into the art show is FREE and open to Gurnee community members ages 5 and up.

ENTRIES:

One entry per person will be accepted. Entries can include the following mediums:

- Paintings (including all paint mediums such as acrylic, oils, watercolor, etc.)
- Drawings/Pastels
- Graphic Design
- Photography
- **NEW** – Photos of 3D art (including pottery, sculpture, fiber and needle art, 3D printed materials, etc.)

Note: All entries must depict family-friendly subject matter (any portrayals of nudity, violence, or other non-family-friendly subject matter will not be accepted).

Entries will be divided into the following age groups:

- Youth (ages 5-9) -
- Junior (ages 10-14) -
- Teen/High School (ages 15-18) -
- Adult (ages 19+) -
- Senior (ages 65+) -

All entries must be ready for display:

- Mounted on tag board (entries for ages 18 and under artists and photography submissions) or
- Framed/matted
- Artist's name, address, and phone number displayed on the back of artwork

JUDGING CRITERIA:

Entries will be judged based on artistic composition, creativity, originality, and technique (based on skill level per age group). Each age group will have three winners:

- 1st Place Winner of each age group – \$50 gift card
- 2nd Place Winner of each age group – \$25 gift card
- 3rd Place Winner of each age group – \$10 gift card

In addition, we will also have a "Best in Show" winner. This winner will be unanimously chosen by the judging panel and can be from any age group.

- Best in Show Winner - \$100 gift card

HOW TO ENTER THE COMPETITION:

Entry forms will be accepted from now until **June 15th** at 12:00 pm. To submit an entry form:

- Please visit gurneedays.com and go to "2026 Gurnee Days Community Art Show Entry Form"
- Follow instructions per entry

DROP OFF/PICK UP INFORMATION

- Drop off and pick up location will be held at Viking Park Community Center Dance Hall, located at:
 - o 4374 Old Grand Avenue | Gurnee, IL. 60031

Entry drop-off: Monday, July 27th – Friday, July 31st (between the hours of 9:00am – 4:00pm) at Viking Park Community Center's front desk

- Entries must be dropped off ready for display (with proper tag board, matte frame, or solid wood/plastic framing)
- Artist's name, address, and phone number must be displayed on back of artwork

Judging: Friday, August 7th (ribbons will be placed on winning artwork for each division; prizes can be picked up during entry pick-up on Sunday, August 9th)

Art Show Days/Times (Open to Public):

- Friday, August 7th (6:00-8:00pm)
- Saturday, August 8th (12:00-8:00pm)

Entry/Prize Pick-Up: Sunday, August 9th (between 9:00am – 12:00pm) at Viking Park Community Center Dance Hall

- Artists **must** pick up entries on time