

A Southern Window of Opportunity

In connection with **The Hooked on Arts Festival** being held May 5th 2012, in Camden Alabama, Wilcox Artworks is working with the Wilcox Library Foundation to co-sponsor a fine arts show.

Theme

It has often been said, “You can take a southerner out of the South but you can not take the South out of a southerner”. “Southern” is more than the name of a state or an accent. It’s a cultural thing. A slower pace, an environment where generations intermingle, where children are generally safe and church bells still ring out on Sundays. Strangers aren’t afraid to smile at people they don’t know. “Southern” embraces the food preferences, the landscape, the architecture, and the reenactment of war called football. Even wedding and funerals are uniquely “Southern”. Find something that triggers that Southern aesthetic in you and let it be your creative muse.

Eligibility

The competition is open to artists who are 18 years of age or older and were born or currently reside in Alabama, Georgia, Louisiana, or Mississippi. Be sure all entries are your original artwork and completed within the last two years. If you work from photographs, your entry should be from your own photos or have the photographers’ permission to use their work.

Categories and prizes

There will not be a category for digital art, photography, sculpture, or installation and performance art due to constraints of space.

The only other restriction is that the maximum finished (framed) dimensions can be no greater than **24”wide x 30”** tall; this again is because of limited gallery space.

- Painting: Includes transparent and opaque mediums on canvas, and paper.
- Drawing: Includes pen and ink both black and white (graphic) as well as color, pencil sketches, pastel sketches, conte’ crayon, markers and charcoal.
- Mixed Media: A combination of any two or more media

All entries must be framed or gallery wrapped canvases and wired for hanging.

Each of the three categories will carry a First Prize of	\$250.00
Second Prize of	\$125.00
Third Prize of	\$50.00

There will be one Best of Show Prize of \$500.00

Entries

You may enter as many categories as you wish. You can enter all your entries on one CD. All digital files submitted on a CD must be accompanied by an entry form and must be mailed with a cover sheet that lists separately the title of the work, medium and dimensions. The file name on the image must match the image on the CD and the file must be saved as a JPEG. Entry forms that don’t include all information requested will be disqualified. Any entry not accompanied by payment will be disqualified. Include a check for \$20.00 for the first image, \$15.00 per image for up to 3 or more entries. You may send a check to cover all entries in one package. (Sorry no credit cards)

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You may mail entry packets with a SASE if you want to be notified by mail of acceptance; otherwise you will be notified by email.

Mail all Entries:

ATTN: Jeanie Lambert
445 Pine Street
Camden, Al 36726

- All entries must be postmarked no later than April 2,2012
- Any entries enhanced or misrepresented by the CD will be disqualified
- Area artists can bring their CD's or original art works and entry packets to Black Belt Treasures from March 19, through April 2, 2012. Any original works not accepted must be picked up by the artist no later than April 9, 2012.
- NO CD's will be returned by mail, you can request them when you pick up your work; if we can accommodate you at the time we will.

The award winning published "Southern" artist **Donny Finley** will prejudge the Show. His exquisite works defy description; he works in oils watercolors and egg tempera. He has a web site at donnyfinley.com that gives a comprehensive view of his works. He brings the world to the south with his brush and a smile to the heart of the child in us all. He has been kind enough to offer to do a one-day workshop Thursday, May 3, for a fee of \$100.00 per person. He has limited the number of participants to 10 people. If you are interested in the workshop, don't wait get in touch with Jeanie Lambert at the above address now. Check the square below or email me. jlambert1947@gmail.com.

This completed form must accompany all entries in addition to information about your artwork: Please Print:

FullName _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Daytime phone (____) _____
E-mail _____
Signature _____