

Marion County Fair Art Contest! **Hosted by the Kathryn Leigh Thurgaland Foundation**

"If any flame could burn forever, it would be our own. As bright as a star, as light as a feather, we'll never be alone." ~ Kathryn Thurgaland

In times of grief or strife it's easy to feel isolated and alone, but as you look around, it's during these times you realize you're not the only one. Others know the grief; have experienced the hardships. Through the darkness you become more aware and appreciative of the magical moments held in nature that help connect you with the ones you love, on this side and the other, who support you with love to help keep you from falling. In short, you realize you're not alone.

This year's theme is "Not Alone"

Not only is this an opportunity to win ribbons and prizes, it's also a great way to share your talent with a larger community.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Entry deadline is Friday, February 17, 2023 by 9 pm.
- Items will be exhibited February 18 - 26, 2023
- Awards will be announced February 24th, Friday night at 5 pm.
- Entry items available for pick up Saturday, February 25th hrs: 10 am - 11 pm, and Sunday, February 26th hrs: 12 pm - 5 pm. Entries not picked up can be arranged for special pick up by emailing Contact@kltfoundation.com. All entries not claimed by September 1st of the same year will be recycled, disposed of, or donated through our programs.

Art Contest Overview

Only non-professional artists in the State of Florida can participate. The non-professional artist is one who does not receive a major portion of his or her income from the sale of his or her art or teaches art classes.

Entry fee : \$5

**Entry fees are non-refundable*

There are 2 Divisions with 3 subdivisions each, and 2 categories:

The 2 Divisions are Youth & Adult. Each division has 3 subdivision;

The Youth Subdivisions are grades 1-4, 5-8, & 9-12.

The Adult Subdivisions are ages 18-59, ages 60+, and artist w/ disabilities.

2 Categories:

Painting

Drawing or Sketch

Entry Rules

1. Limit one (1) entry per category per eligible participant during the contest period.
2. All work must be original. Art reproduced or rendered from the works of masters, from advertisements, materials from published sources, or from widely circulated photographs (other than the artist's own work) is not original.
3. All artwork must be labeled with the exhibitor's name on the back or bottom of the piece.
4. Entries must have been prepared/made by the exhibitor in whose name they are entered.
5. All artwork must be received installation-ready. Most artwork must be framed unless painted on a gallery wrapped canvas. Artwork must be suitably wired using strong screw eyes and wire.
6. The finished size of the artwork must be no larger than 11" x 14".
7. All artwork must be dry when submitted.
8. In keeping with the Marion County Fair's family orientation; items of an offensive, controversial or objectionable nature or subject matter will not be accepted.

The KLT Foundation ensures that the judges are volunteers and are knowledgeable in the category in which they are judging and will be impartial. Judges reserve the right to reassign entries to a more appropriate division or category. Judging will be done using a scorecard to assist in keeping decisions as objective as possible. The decision of the judge(s) is final.

Judging Criteria

- Composition & Design – 25%
 - Arrangement and balance of visual elements
- Originality & Creativity – 25%
 - Impact on viewer, unique approach to subject matter... Is there a WOW factor?
- Execution Quality – 25%
 - Technique, craftsmanship, Excellence in skills in the making of the piece. Mastery of the medium.
- Theme – 15%
 - Is the inherent meaning portrayed, does it evoke emotion, does it actively promote or make a statement.
- Presentation – 10%
 - Prepared and mounted neatly and securely to meet requirements

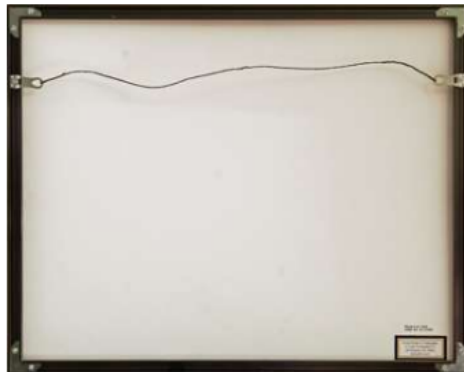
Awards valued at \$845:

- First Place County Fair Ribbon - cash or prize valued at \$30. One winner per subdivision in each category. (12 winners - \$360 total)
- Second Place County Fair Ribbon - cash or prize valued at \$20. One winner per subdivision in each category. (12 winners - \$240 total)
- Third Place County Fair Ribbon - cash or prize valued at \$10. One winner per subdivision in each category. (12 winners - \$120 total)
- Best of Show County Fair Ribbon - cash or prize valued at \$40. One winner per category. (2 winners - \$80 total)
- People Choice Award Ribbon - cash or prize valued at \$25 (1 winner - \$25 total)
- Honorable Mention Ribbon may be awarded, at the discretion of the judge(s) - cash or prize valued at \$20

Preparing Artwork Entry for Exhibition

Artwork should be framed or matted, excluding gallery wrapped canvases. Framed items must be ready to hang using secure screw eyes and wire. Gallery wrapped canvases should be ready to hang using secure screw eyes and wire. Gallery wrap is a method of stretching an artist's canvas so that the canvas wraps around the sides of the stretcher bar or strainer bars and is secured to the back of the wooden frame, where the hardware (staples, tacks, etc.) is hidden. All artwork must be labeled with the exhibitor's name on the back of the piece.

Examples of wire hangers on frames

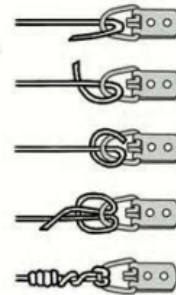


Wiring of gallery wrapped canvases

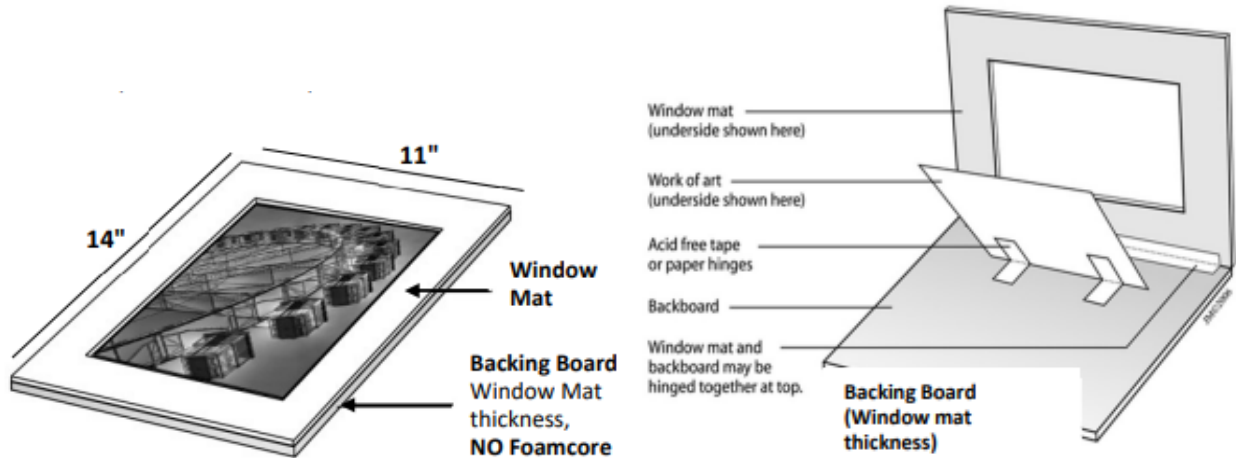


LARK'S HEAD KNOT

Also called...
Lark's foot, Cow
hitch, Girth hitch,
Ring hitch,
Lanyard hitch,
Bale Sling hitch,
Baggage Tag
Loop, Tag Knot,
Deadeye hitch,
Running eye



Artwork may be matted in a standard single weight black or white mat board. NO Double Mats. The finished size of the mat board must be no larger than 11" x 14" (outer dimension). Sources for purchasing mat boards include Michaels, Hobby Lobby & Blick Art Supply. They all have pre-cut photo mats. Redimat is an online resource that has many sizes as well as custom mat cutting available.



Artwork can be any size as long as they are framed or matted. Odd sizes may need the mat window professionally cut to size. How the piece gets attached to the mat is dependent on the type of pre-cut mat you purchase. The artwork can also be attached to a board with a hinge mount; the method we recommend involves taping the artwork into place with folded hinges. Double stick tape can also be used to adhere the print to the backing board. Note: The KLT Foundation will be inserting your matted artwork in clear sleeves to further protect them during Fair. That is why No foam core should be used to back the print.

Definitions

Painting includes Acrylic, Oil & Water media and can be used in any combination on the same piece. Minor additions of other media are fine (i.e. markers).

Drawing or Sketch include graphite pencil, charcoal, color pencil, etc., soft & oil pastels as well as crayons, pen, ink & markers: black & white, and color. This includes Alcohol-Based Inks & Markers.

How to Enter

- Online - www.marioncountyfl.com Print the form, filling it out, scan and email to Contact@kltfoundation.com. When registering, please verify that all information that you entered is correct. Please pay special attention to capitalization, full names of cities/counties and use proper spelling.
- Mail - Print the online form, fill it out completely, and mail the registration to: KLT Foundation P.O. Box 1188 Ocklawaha, FL 32179. Be sure to give plenty of time for the registration to go through the mail. Do not submit registration or payment through the mail after February 15, 2023.
- In Person - Submit the registration form when delivering the entry item.
- Fee Payment - payment can be made online through one of our online payment platforms, by a check through the mail, or cash/check/charge in person when delivering the entry item. Checks are to be made out to the KLT Foundation, or Kathryn Leigh Thurgaland Foundation.

All entries must be delivered to the KLT Booth on either: Thursday, February 16, between 5:00 pm and 10:00 pm or Friday, February 17 between 5:00 pm and 9:00 pm.

Disclaimer

- Please be advised that competitive exhibits are entered at the exhibitor's risk. The Marion County Fair and the Kathryn Leigh Thurgaland Foundation do not insure and are not responsible for any loss, damage, or theft of entries, even if the loss, damage, or theft occurs as the result of the handling of the exhibit by staff, volunteers, contractors and or visitors. If the exhibitor desires insurance coverage, this coverage should be secured from a personal insurance agent prior to entry and the policy written to cover the period of exhibition and transportation. Reasonable care will be taken to prevent loss or damage to exhibits.
- The KLT Foundation management reserves the right to return entries and cancel any division or category in which, in its judgment, the entries are insufficient to secure adequate competition.
- The Marion County Fair and the Kathryn Leigh Thurgaland Foundation are not responsible for finding errors in entries. Exhibitors are responsible for any and all errors which are submitted online or on entry forms. No exhibitor shall be entitled to an award which has been disallowed as the result of his own error. Payment of awards will be withheld for exhibits that are ineligible and awards may be recovered that have been paid for ineligible entries that are disclosed during post audits of Fair records. However, exhibitors with cause are entitled to question the validity of any disallowance. Such exhibitors should inform the KLT Foundation management immediately, in writing, giving their name, address, complete description of the entry and the reason for requesting reconsideration. Requests will not be considered later than ninety (90) days after receiving notice of disallowance. Letters are to be mailed to: KLT Foundation PO Box 1188 Ocklawaha, FL 32179.
- A penalty of \$25.00 per dishonored check must be paid if a check in payment of entry fees or other applicable fees is refused by the bank. Only cash, certified checks or money orders are acceptable for penalty payment.
- The KLT Foundation assumes total design control over the presentation of all exhibits. Entries designed for hanging and not so equipped will be hung in a manner deemed appropriate by the Foundation. Once an entry has been received, no further handling of entry by the exhibitor shall be permitted. Relocation and final placement shall be accomplished by KLT Foundation personnel.