

What Is the ABS?

For over 50 years, AWS has sponsored the ABS, the **APPLE BLOSSOM SHOW**, that takes place during the Sebastopol Apple Blossom Festival, this year April 27 & 28. It takes the whole club to produce this wonderful event and every AWS member is encouraged to join in, both as a volunteer and artist. It's lots of fun!

Location: The ABS takes place in the auditorium at Sebastopol Center for the Arts.

ABS 4-day event schedule :

April 25, Thursday = Intake: artists bring their artwork to the Center 3-4:30 pm.

April 26, Friday = Judging and Hanging the show takes place during the day.

April 26, Friday = Free Opening Reception, 7:00-9:00 pm. (Everyone contributes to the hors d'oeuvres)

April 27 & 28 = Art Show is open to public on Saturday 10am-6pm, and Sunday 10am-5pm.

Visitors pay an admission fee to enter the Festival, which includes the art show.

April 28 = Sunday, 5-6pm. Artists collect their unsold artwork. No early pickups

Eligibility: Any member of AWS is eligible, if they have fulfilled basic requirements having to do with monthly meeting attendance, potluck contributions, and sharing of artwork. All participating artists are required to volunteer on various committees and publicize the event.

Sales: AWS takes a 25% commission of all sales made at the show to offset expenses.

To qualify for Apple Blossom Art Show:

If renewing member, must have paid dues by Jan 31.

Requirement credits are calculated from April meeting to the following year's March meeting.

Note: July picnic and December meeting DO count for attendance but NOT for artwork or food.

Month joined	Attend Meeting	Bring artwork	Bring food
Full year member	6	4	3
April, May, June	6	4	3
July, Aug, Sept	4	3	3
Oct, Nov, Dec	3	2	2
Jan, Feb, March	2	1	1

How do I enter? In February the application/submission form will be available at the AWS meeting, plus it will be emailed to you. This form includes information on the artworks you will be entering (including prices), which will be used to make the wall-labels for the show.

Entry fee: \$15.00 per piece. **Deadline:** Application & check must be postmarked by April 12.

2024 Rules for Submission:

You may enter up to three pieces that together must fit within a 3x4 -foot (1,728 inches) space.

How to Calculate space:

Multiply the height (in inches) times the width (in inches) of outside framed edge of each entry to figure the square inches of each piece. Then add all together - not to exceed 1,728 square inches.

More Details: Entries must have a depth of no more than 4". All work must be original and must not have been shown previously in an ABS show. All work must be dry and properly wired. Wiring should be 1/4 to 1/3 of the way down from the top and taut enough to allow easy hanging. Cover the ends of the wire with tape or tubing. No saw-tooth hangers will be accepted. Works on paper should be under glass. Gallery-wrap canvases will be accepted.

Awards: The judge will award **Best of Show (\$400)**, **Founders' Award (\$300)**, and in each category: **First (\$100)**, **Second**, and **Third**, as well as **Honorable Mentions**. All winners receive ribbons. Cash awards are from monies bequeathed to AWS by long-time valued member Jacque Mielke. This fund is refurbished by sales of *donated* works at ABS.

Popular Vote Award: During the show, audience members fill out slips noting their favorite piece in the show. The winner is announced at the May AWS meeting and receives **\$100**.

Small Works Donations: In addition to your submissions, we hope you will donate 1-2 small, ready-to-hang original pieces to be sold for under \$100 - maximum size 11x14 inches plus small frame. No giclées. Proceeds go toward replenishing the Jacque Mielke Awards fund.

Raffle: The previous year's ABS **Best in Show** and **Founders' Award** winners are each **asked to contribute a framed original work of art** for the ABS Raffle. Tickets are sold and proceeds from the raffle are used to fund children's art education programs.

Cards & Books: Artists may also sell their art-cards (card size printed reproductions of their original work) and art-related books (that they have written and/or illustrated) at the ABS, with a 25% commission taken. There is a sign-up and space is limited.

2024 Artwork Categories:

- 1 - Acrylic
- 2 - Oil
- 3 - Watercolor
- 4 - Pastel & Drawing (pen & ink, charcoal, graphite, colored pencil, conte)
- 5 - Mixed Media & Collage
- 6 - More 2D Media = Photography, Digital Media, Printmaking, Alcohol Ink
- 7 - 3D Media = Sculpture, Ceramics, Fine Crafts, Assemblage

Chair and Volunteers:

Linda L Reid – General Chair of 2024 ABS - lindalreid100@gmail.com

A list of all the chairs will be available at the February meeting.
You will be asked to sign up for various activities beginning at the February AWS meeting.

* AWS Membership Chair Lorraine Stribling will receive your entry form, postmarked by April 12. To determine if you have met qualifications for ABS, look at the check-in sheet at AWS meeting or contact Lorraine by email - lorrainestribling@comcast.net