

ABSTRACT VIEWS

January 4 – 28, 2012

Durango Arts Center

Call For Entries

The Durango Arts Center invites artists to submit works of original abstract art for its upcoming exhibition, *Abstract Views*, in January 2012.

Abstraction can refer to any art that is purely non-representational or non-objective. It also includes art that make take its inspiration from something in the visible world – a landscape, an individual, or a still life, for example – but which is abstracted in such a way that the subject may or may not be realistic, or recognizable. *Abstract Views* is inclusive of all such categories of abstraction, and embraces a variety of media, both 2D and 3D.

Submissions are limited to original works of abstract art, which may not have been displayed previously at DAC. All media will be considered.

Cash awards will be given.

The Durango Arts Center is a nonprofit, community-based arts organization dedicated to advocating the visual and cultural arts for the enrichment of the individual and the community.

Curators

Nancy A. Harris has an MA in Art History from the University of California at Santa Barbara, with an emphasis on American Art and Modern Art. She has had significant curatorial and museum experience at the Los Angeles County Museum of Art, the Santa Barbara Museum of Art, the Monterey Museum of Art, and elsewhere in California. She is also an artist, currently working in mixed media collage. Most recently, she showed 300 of her miniature abstract collages at *Studio &* in Durango, Colorado.

Joan K. Russell is a professional artist living in the Southwest. She has a BFA from the University of Michigan, focusing on painting and printmaking, and an MFA from the University of Colorado, focusing on painting. She has done many artist residencies and has been an adjunct professor at Fort Lewis College's art department over a number of years. Her work has been collected nationally and she has won numerous awards. At this time she is teaching art through the Durango Arts Center adult education program, along with showing her work locally at Diane West Gallery.

Application Deadline

Application packages must be received or postmarked no later than **November 7, 2011**. Address applications to: *Abstract Views*, c/o Nancy Harris, The Durango Arts Center, 802 E. 2nd Ave., Durango, CO 81301.

Notification

Artists will be informed of the curators' selections by **December 1, 2011**.

Delivery of Artwork

Artists who have been selected to participate in *Abstract Views* are responsible for transporting/shipping work to the Durango Arts Center no later than Monday, January 2, 2012, and no earlier than December 28, 2011.

Application Checklist

Applications must be sent via postal mail, or hand-delivered to DAC. The following must be included with the application package:

1. CD with 1-3 high-quality images, labeled with the artist's full name. (Detail views may also be included in addition to full view.) Please only submit images of work that are available for selection.
2. Completed entry form, below
3. Artist statement
4. Artist résumé or biography
5. The entry fee, in the form of a check or money order, made out the Durango Arts Center. Fees are \$30 for members and \$40 for non-members, regardless of number of images submitted (1, 2, or 3 images).

Note: Application materials will not be returned.

Sales and Commissions

All work submitted must be available for sale. The Durango Arts Center retains a 40% commission of the retail price of work sold if the artist is a DAC member; a 50% commission is retained if the artist is not a member.

Responsibilities

The Durango Arts Center is responsible for:

- The overall coordination of the exhibition
- Insurance of the work while on the premises during dates specified in the exhibit contract
- Sales and processing of all work sold
- Publicity to the media

Artists are responsible for:

- Compliance with all deadlines regarding exhibit details
- Transporting/shipping and insurance of work to and from DAC
- Removal of work at the close of the exhibit

For questions, please contact Nancy Harris at nancy@sundweller.com or 970-570-9737.

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ENTRY FORM

Date: _____

Artist Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____

Phone(s): _____

E-mail: _____

Entry Fee: _____ \$30, member _____ \$40, non-member

Money Order or Check # _____ made out to Durango Arts Center

Checklist of images submitted on CD (up to three allowed):

(1.) Title, medium, dimensions, sale price:

(2.) Title, medium, dimensions, sale price:

(3.) Title, medium, dimensions, sale price:

Please also include your artist statement and artist résumé or biography with completed entry form, entry fee, and CD of images.