



Artists of the Prairie

The Natural World

3rd Biennial Collaborative Art Show

September 27 - November 8, 2025

Lamont Gallery · Dacotah Prairie Museum · Aberdeen, SD

Registration
Information

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CALL FOR ENTRIES

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2025 Theme: The Natural World | Exhibit Open: September 27—November 8, 2025
Lamont Gallery, Dacotah Prairie Museum, 21 S Main St, Aberdeen SD, 57401

“Artists of the Prairie” is an art collaboration that celebrates art and artists of the prairie, nurtures our prairie culture, promotes creativity, engages people in meaningful art experiences, and provides a venue for established and emerging artists to show their work. This group exhibition, to be displayed biennially in the Lamont Gallery at the Dacotah Prairie Museum of Aberdeen, SD, is open to participants who are current and past residents of South Dakota, North Dakota, and Minnesota.

We are seeking a variety of 2D and 3D entries, representative of diverse perspectives and artistic interpretations of the theme “The Natural World”. Due to gallery space, the show is limited to submission of ONE work per artist. All artwork must be original, ready to display, and must meet eligibility guidelines. Participation in the show is determined through an application process which includes a submitted digital image of the completed work.

Registration information and online application available at dacotahprairiemuseum.org
Online application preferred. Paper copies available by request at Dacotah Prairie Museum.

APPLICATION DEADLINE: Saturday, August 16, 2025.

In 2021, 35 artists participated in the show, and in 2023 the works of 55 local and regional artists were featured, representing multiple backgrounds and age groups, from young adults to retired individuals. This show has been very well-received in the community and participants have expressed positive feedback each time. Let’s keep the momentum going! Local and regional artists are encouraged to apply in 2025! There is no participation fee. A commission is charged on purchases of artworks listed for sale during the exhibition with Dacotah Prairie Museum Foundation acting an agent. More details are provided in this registration booklet. Keep reading!

Thank you for your time and consideration. Looking forward to another successful art collaboration!

Questions? Reach out to Marianne or Jay in exhibits at Dacotah Prairie Museum.



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Dacotah Prairie Museum, 21 S Main St, Aberdeen, SD 57401
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TERMS & GUIDELINES

ELIGIBILITY & NUMBER OF ENTRIES

- Original art created by current or past residents of South Dakota, North Dakota, Minnesota is eligible.
- Artists may submit an application to enter ONE piece of original art, not shown previously in a DPM “Artists of the Prairie Exhibition” which represents the 2025 Theme: The Natural World.
- Amateur and professional artists are encouraged to apply.

CONDITIONS

- Artwork must be completed before the August 16 application deadline, be dry and hand carry-able, not exceeding 36” in any dimension, and not weighing more 35 lbs. (2D) or 70 lbs. (3D).
- All wall hung entries **MUST HAVE WIRE HANGERS** securely attached for gallery installation.
- Watercolors, prints, drawings, and other artwork on paper must be framed under glass/plexiglass
- Imagery and themes of artwork must be family friendly. Patrons of the museum represent a wide spectrum of ages. Dacotah Prairie Museum staff reserves the right to reject any entry that does not meet eligibility criteria for curation of the exhibition, or contains offensive subject matter.

SALES & INSURANCE

Artwork offered for sale is priced by the artist and sold as priced by the artist, with Dacotah Prairie Museum Foundation serving as agent. A 20% commission is charged. Artists should price works accordingly. Artworks, sold or otherwise, may not be removed from the gallery prior to the close of the exhibition. Works not for sale should be marked NFS followed by an insurance value in parentheses: NFS (\$). Artworks will be insured for fire, theft, and vandalism up to \$2,500 per piece. If additional coverage is desired for pieces of higher value, this coverage must be provided by the artist. Dacotah Prairie Museum assumes responsibility for the artwork after it is received at the museum and while it is on display in the gallery, however, loss, damage, or deterioration of the work during shipping or transport is the responsibility of the artist.

DEADLINE & APPLICATION PROCESS

Application deadline is **AUGUST 16, 2025, including image submission of completed artwork**. No late entries accepted! **APPLY ONLINE (preferred method)**. Registration information and the link to the online application is available on the museum website after January 1, 2025. You will be prompted to upload a photo of your artwork. Have your digital file ready! Questions about the application process? Please call, we are happy to assist!

NO INTERNET ACCESS? Paper applications and copies of registration information are available by request at the museum for individuals without internet access. A submitted photo of the artwork is required.

Your submitted photo may be used for posters and promotion of Artists of the Prairie.



APPLY ONLINE!

Scan the code or go to dacotahprairiemuseum.org to get started!

APPLICATION DEADLINE AUG. 16, 2025



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NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTANCE

All artists whose work has been accepted or unaccepted will be contacted via email in a timely manner after the application deadline date. Individuals who do not provide an email address will receive a letter in the mail.

ART DELIVERY

CLEARLY LABEL artwork on the back by printing and affixing the I.D. label provided below.

PROTECTIVE PACKAGING is REQUIRED on ALL ARTWORK, even hand-delivered items for the safe keeping of works within museum receiving and storage areas.

DELIVERY OF ART Accepted artwork entries will be received at DPM.

Sep. 15 8am to 5pm, Sept. 16 8am to 1pm. The museum is closed to the public outside of regular gallery hours, but staff are available, please call for assistance when you arrive.

Deliver artwork to Dacotah Prairie Museum, 21 S. Main St., Aberdeen, SD 57401. Phone: (605) 626-7117

Shipped artwork must have return shipment labels pre-paid and be sent to arrive by Monday Sep. 15.

ART PICK UP Entries are available for pick up at DPM Nov. 12, 13, 14 | 10 am—5 pm.

Pre-paid shipments will be sent the week of Nov. 10 in original packaging using pre-paid shipping labels.

PLEASE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO HONOR DELIVERY AND PICK UP DATES.

For unavoidable conflicts of schedule, contact Marianne or Jay in advance for special arrangements (605) 626-7117.

READY TO DELIVER ARTWORK? Have you..?

- Received notification your artwork is accepted into the show?
- Printed, filled out, and attached the provided artwork I.D. label (below) to the back of your work?
- Checked that information filled out on the I.D. label matches your submitted application? (title, value)
- Ensured that the artwork is prepared for gallery installation (secure wire hanger installed, etc.)?
- Wrapped the artwork in protective packaging for transport? (please, protect your artwork, even if hand-delivered)
- Labeled personal wrapping items with your name so they may be returned to you?
- Included a pre-paid return label if your artwork is shipped?

Don't forget to attach I.D. label below!

IMPORTANT DATES

Application Deadline: Aug. 16, 2025
Delivery of Artwork: Sep. 15-16, 2025
Exhibition Dates: Sep. 27-Nov. 8, 2025
Artist Open House Day: Oct. 11, 2025
Pick up of Artwork: Nov. 12-14, 2025

LOCATION & VIEWING HOURS

Lamont Gallery, Second Floor
Dacotah Prairie Museum
21 S Main St., Aberdeen, SD 57401

MUSEUM HOURS

Tuesday - Friday 10 am to 5 pm
Saturday 11 am to 4 pm

Hours may change due to holidays / inclement weather.

✂️ PRINT THIS PAGE & CUT HERE FOR ARTISTS OF THE PRAIRIE ARTWORK I.D. LABEL Affix to back of artwork.

Artist Name: _____

Phone: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Title of Artwork: _____ Year Completed: _____

Medium: _____ Size: _____

CHOOSE ONE Sale Value: _____ [or] NFS Not for Sale Insurance Value: (_____)

Notes (for installation, etc.): _____

Delivery Method: UPS FedEx US Post Artist Delivery

Return Method: UPS** FedEx** US Post** Artist Delivery

**Prepaid label must be provided when artwork is received at museum for return shipping options.