

# COMMUNITY ART GALLERY

## Expression of Interest Guide

*What is Beauty – John Hancock, 2024*



### Exhibition Information

The Helen Schuler Nature Centre Community Art Gallery showcases nature, science and environmentally-themed displays which run for approximately 6 weeks. If you are interested in proposing an exhibition, please read through the following information and submit an Expression of Interest. Artists may apply as solo exhibitors or as a collective.

The Helen Schuler Nature Centre's Community Art Gallery program is supported by the City of Lethbridge Public Art Committee. The Nature Centre will pay artists a fair honorarium that falls within the CARFAC recommended fee schedule.

**Please submit your EOI to [marianne.virag@lethbridge.ca](mailto:marianne.virag@lethbridge.ca)**

## Expression of Interest Guidelines:

Artists interested in exhibiting in the Community Art Gallery should prepare an expression of interest (EOI) and submit it to the Helen Schuler Nature Centre.

**Expressions of interest must include the following in a PDF document:**

1. Working title of exhibit and central theme
2. Participating artists' names or name of organization
3. Curator's contact information (name, phone number, mailing address & email)
4. Estimated number of pieces to be displayed and approximate size
5. Description of medium (include images of relevant artwork)
6. Floor plan for any exhibits that include 3D, table, or plinth-mounted pieces
7. Description of any audio or video components
8. Willingness/availability to run a workshop for adults and/or children
9. Dates you are *unable* to exhibit
10. Examples of past work or work that will be included in your proposed exhibit



*Mingling with Nature Exhibit –  
Textile Surface Design Guild, 2022*

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## Submission Timeline:

- **Expression of Interest submissions will only be accepted from August 15<sup>th</sup> - November 15<sup>th</sup> of each calendar year.**
- All artists will be contacted by November 30<sup>th</sup> at the latest regarding the status of their EOI.  
*Please note, due to limited time, not all artists who submit and EOI will be selected by the committee to display their work. We thank all artists in advance for their application!*
- Submissions received after November 15<sup>th</sup> will not be accepted and artists will be asked to resubmit their EOIs for the following year.

## Important Notices:

The art gallery is a **multi-purpose space**. It is frequently used for programs, meetings, and workshops. As a result, it may be closed to the public for short periods of time during operating hours. Staff and volunteers may need to move floor displays to temporarily accommodate schools and other groups.

It is important that artists and curators understand the nature of the exhibition space. The Nature Centre is well known for its hands-on, engaging and interactive programs and educational exhibits. It is a community gathering space for people of all ages including children. The Community Art Gallery is a high traffic public space. The Helen Schuler Nature Centre is not responsible for any loss and or damage of artwork during the transportation, installation, takedown or exhibition of artwork.

**\*Artists will be required to fill the entire gallery space. The Nature Centre does not accept single piece Expressions of Interest.**

For more information or to submit an Expression of Interest, please contact:

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# Gallery Diagram

