

EXHIBITORS' GUIDELINES

Gem Membership Exhibits:

1. Only members may enter work for judging.
2. Members must have dues paid prior to the time of judging.
3. All entries must be registered prior to the meeting.
4. All paintings must be framed or gallery-wrapped with no staples showing and all sides painted; all paintings must be dry.
5. Members must enter their own work and be present to win.
6. Any entry winning a blue or gold First Place ribbon may not be re-entered for judging again. Others may be re-entered after three (3) months.
7. Members may enter one (1) entry each month in each of the following categories: Original, Non-Original, Photography.
8. Master artists must enter their work into the Master's category only.

Categories:

Entry Level

- Have created artwork off and on for 2 years or less
- Little to no experience with your chosen medium
- Starting artwork for the first time
- May use teacher assistance for some areas of artwork

Intermediate

- Somewhat comfortable with your chosen medium
- Returning to art after several years away but experienced
- Somewhat comfortable with the elements of art
(see Judging Criteria in GEM handbook)

Advanced

- Comfortable with your chosen medium
- Have created artwork regularly for several years
- Confident use of the elements of art
- Needs little guidance/primarily works alone

Ribbons Awarded by the Demonstrator/Critiquing Judge:

1. Each category requires a minimum of three (3) entries for a ribbon to be awarded. Fewer than three will not generate a ribbon for that category. If there are four or more entries, 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons will be awarded.
2. The demonstrating judge will award ribbons for 1st, 2nd and 3rd place. First place ribbons for the Master Category are Gold.

Ribbons awarded by the Membership-People's Choice

This ribbon is awarded to one artist during the monthly meetings. All members and non-members in attendance have one vote each and all artwork in all categories are included. If there is a tie for this award, the judge will be asked to break the tie.

Gem Artists of the Year: Only the "Original" and "Masters" first-place winners from the Gem competitions held between September through May can qualify. These artists will be invited to bring and display some or all of their winning pieces to the June meeting. The winners are selected by all members of good standing in attendance. Two ribbons will be awarded at each June meeting: one ribbon for the Artist of the year in the "Original" category and one ribbon for the Artist of the Year in the "Masters" category.