

**2012 TOWN & COUNTRY AMATEUR ART SHOW & BLACKHAWK PARK EXHIBITION**

At The  
Bicentennial Art Center & Museum  
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To: Area Amateur Artists:

YOU ARE INVITED TO EXHIBIT YOUR WORK IN THE TOWN & COUNTRY AMATEUR ART EXHIBIT AT THE BICENTENNIAL ART CENTER & MUSEUM. This exhibit is open to all amateur artists. There is a Youth Division, ages 10-17, and an Adult Division, 18 and older. All mediums accepted.

EXHIBITION DATES: February 24, 2012 - March 23, 2012.

After exhibit, pick up artwork Tues. or Wed., March 27 or 28, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

The exhibit is an opportunity for amateur artists to exhibit their work, participate in an art show and have their work critiqued.

RECEIVING DATES: Fri., Feb. 17, 2012, 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m., Sat. and Sun., Feb. 18 and 19, 2012, 1:00 p.m. - 3:00 p.m. Show opens Fri., February 24, 2012, with a reception from 5:00 - 6:30 p.m. The Judge will be presenting the awards at 5:30 p.m.

The entry fee is \$20.00 for Members/\$25.00 for Non-Members for up to three entries. All 2-dimensional artwork must be framed with a hanging wire attached to the back of the frame for hanging. UNIVERSAL CLIPS OR SAWTOOTH HANGERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

ELGIBILITY: Any person living in Edgar County or adjacent counties who is an amateur artist may exhibit in this show.

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE ORIGINAL AND MUST BE ENTERED UNDER THE NAME OF THE ARTIST.

AWARDS: All works entered will be exhibited. The exhibit will be judged and ribbons awarded. Blue Ribbon winners will be eligible to exhibit in the State Town & Country Exhibition, which is sponsored by the Champaign County Park District.

According to State Town & Country Amateur Art Exhibit guidelines, amateur artists are broadly defined as those who:

- Do the exhibit form of art for pastime, not vocation.
- Have no degree in visual fine arts, commercial art, photography, etc. and are not currently enrolled in an educational program leading to an art degree.

Amateur adult artists are broadly defined as those who do not:

- Do art in the entered art form for a livelihood.
- Have degrees in fine (visual) or commercial art, photography, etc.
- Teach arts or crafts as a profession or compete in professional art exhibits.

**2012 BLACKHAWK PARK EXHIBITION**

The Blackhawk Park Art Exhibition is held in conjunction with the Annual Town & Country Amateur Exhibition. The goal of this exhibit is to feature the beauty and ever changing landscapes of beautiful Blackhawk Park in Paris, Illinois.

Nestled on the north edge of the city, adjacent to Blackhawk subdivision and Paris Twin Lakes, this park contains vistas of woodlands, grasses native to the prairie, creeks, the 1906 Railroad Bridge, foundations of frontier log buildings and a wide array of wildlife. Open to the public year around, Blackhawk Park is a Paris jewel, inviting the public to come and share its beauty and wonders of nature. The show invites artists to capture the sights and spirit of Blackhawk Park, and enter their work in the exhibit.

Eligible Media: Drawings, paintings and photography. There is a Youth Division in this exhibit for ages 10-17.

The entry fee is \$20.00 for Members/\$25.00 for Non-Members for up to three framed entries. Frames should be wired for hanging. UNIVERSAL CLIPS OR SAWTOOTH HANGERS WILL NOT BE ACCEPTED.

Artwork will be judged and ribbons awarded. Receiving dates, exhibition dates and entry pick up dates are the same as for the Town & Country Amateur Art Show.

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**FOR INSURANCE PURPOSES, PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM COMPLETELY AND  
INCLUDE A PRICE, EVEN IF THE ART IS NOT FOR SALE.**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_ E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Entry A Title/Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Sale/Not For Sale (Please circle one.)

Entry B Title/Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Sale/Not For Sale (Please circle one.)

Entry C Title/Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ For Sale/Not For Sale (Please circle one.)

Artist's Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

**Completely fill out the entry identification tags and attach to the back of each entry.**

ENTRY A	ENTRY B	ENTRY C
Name _____	Name _____	Name _____
Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____	Address _____ _____
Phone _____	Phone _____	Phone _____
Title _____ _____	Title _____ _____	Title _____ _____
Medium _____	Medium _____	Medium _____
Price \$ _____	Price \$ _____	Price \$ _____
For Sale/Not For Sale	For Sale/Not For Sale	For Sale/Not For Sale

The Art Center would be happy to receive a 25% donation for any art sold during the exhibition. Artists are responsible for sales tax and should consider adding that amount to the sales price. The Art Center may use a photograph of submitted artwork for publication in press releases and newsletters.