

*Celebrating Art
and the Artist*

An Area Wide Fine Art Show


ARTFEST
2010

An Invitation

The gift of art...

Each of us is endowed with a creative bent that thrives on experiencing truth in visual ways.

Whether we're viewing an oil painting by an old master in a museum, or seeing an abstract expressionists' work in an uptown coffee house, the visual arts touch our soul at a deep level.

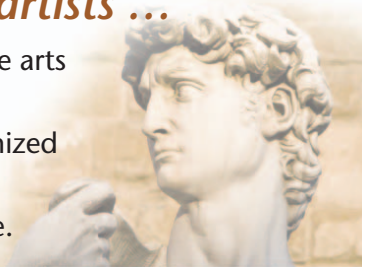
Historically, the arts have been a powerful influence within culture shaping us and inspiring conversations about truth and the meaning of life.

Artfest is an opportunity for Bartlesville area artists ...

- To celebrate the creative arts
- To meet other artists
- To have their art recognized

And, if interested,

- To offer their art for sale.



Artfest 2010 is hosted by Grace Community Church (GCC), a non-denominational church whose mission includes serving our city in a manner consistent with the humble example of Jesus.

GCC has a high view of the arts and recognizes that historically the church has served as both champion and patron of the arts. We host Artfest 2010 with that distinguished legacy in mind.

A Different Kind of Art Show

The leadership committee for Artfest 2010 invites Bartlesville area artists to submit original artistic works in three categories:

- 1) **Drawing** – pen & ink, pencil, charcoal, pastel, etc.
- 2) **Painting** – watercolor, oil, acrylic, etc.
- 3) **Sculpture** – original works in metal, stone, wood, etc.

Additionally, there will be three prizes awarded to youth participants.

No mass-produced copies, digital art or photography will be accepted this year.

Artfest 2010 (December 2-4) is a juried art show with a \$500 cash award for the best work in each adult category and a \$1,000 cash award for the best piece overall as selected by the judge. Awards for the top three works by youth will be: First: \$150, Second: \$100 and Third: \$75.

The Theme

The theme for this year's show is ***The Word Became Flesh***, a phrase from the New Testament gospel of John suggesting that God's eternal word became flesh in the person of Jesus of Nazareth.

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To gain inspiration for your work, we invite you to consult the Bible, and especially the nativity stories of Jesus, from the following five biblical passages.

Matthew 1:18-25

Matthew 2:1-12

Luke 1:26-38

Luke 1:39-45

Luke 2:1-20

John 1:1-14

Judging the Art

A jury panel selected by Grace Community Church (GCC) will first review the entries for appropriateness to theme and outstanding craftsmanship, creativity and interesting artistic expression. This panel will select the works which will be accepted for the final show. A judge will then be employed to make the selections for prizes.

Artfest 2010 is pleased to announce that Ragon Steele has agreed to serve as our judge. You will learn more about Mr. Steele at the prospective artists' meeting on May 11, 2010.

Important Dates and Timeline

Early November 2010 – On Thursday, November 4, (7:00 p.m.-10:00 p.m.), completed works must be delivered to GCC for jury panel review.

All 2-dimensional works submitted for review must be framed for exhibition and ready to be hung. Sculpture should be fixed to a secured base that will allow it to sit firmly on a table. Works that are not appropriately presented may be rejected for exhibit.

Saturday, November 6 from 2-6:p.m., all artists pick up their works at GCC. Artists will be informed if their work was accepted for show. Special arrangements can be made if an artist can't pick up the work on this day.

Late November 2010 – On Tuesday, Nov. 30, works accepted for show must be delivered to GCC by the artist. Artfest leaders will then set works in place for judging and the exhibition.

December 2010 – Thursday, December 2, (the day before the show opens) a select group of Artfest patrons will have an opportunity to review each piece at our Artists' and Patrons' Reception.

At that event, some patrons may opt to purchase pieces for their own collections. Artfest volunteers will be available to handle sales for the duration of the show.

While accepted artwork is not required to be for sale, artists are encouraged to set an appropriate purchase price for their work and offer it for the duration of the show. Works sold will remain in place throughout the show.

Fees

There is a nonrefundable \$30 entry fee due for accepted works on Tuesday, Nov. 30 when final works are delivered to GCC for judging and exhibition. There will also be a 15% commission on all sales. All sales are final (no returns or refunds).

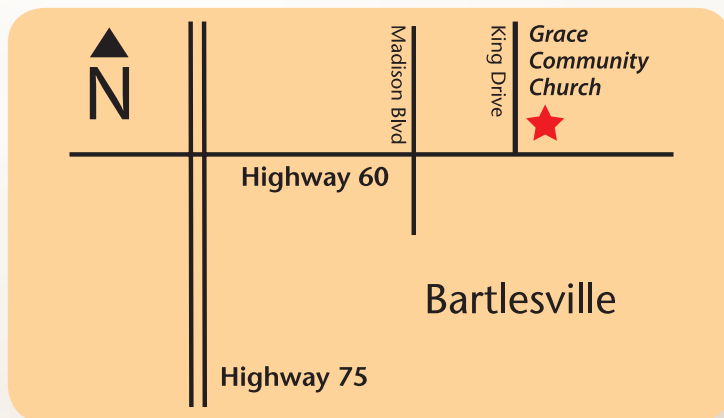
How You Can Participate

1. You can enter the show for a nonrefundable cost of \$30. To enter, you must be fifteen years or older. Due to space constraints, we can only accept **one work per artist**. Up to sixty works will be accepted in total.
2. You can sign up to volunteer at the Artfest events in Nov./Dec. 2010.
3. You can consider becoming an Artfest patron. We invite patrons to consider subscriptions in \$50, \$100, \$200 and \$500 increments. We also welcome corporate sponsors.
4. You can put the exhibit dates on your calendar and invite friends and family to come.

Where:

All of the Artfest activities will be located in the atrium or worship center of Grace Community Church.

Address: 1500 King Drive, Bartlesville, Okla.



For more information be sure to attend the **May 11 orientation meeting** or call Grace Community Church at 918-333-2030.

E-mail: artfest@gccbartlesville.org

Additional Display Option

Arrangements have been made with **A Gallery of the Arts** in Claremore, Okla. to display your works throughout the remainder of the holiday season if you choose to do so. There is no fee to participate in this show but A Gallery of the Arts will charge a commission on works sold through the gallery. Space may be limited at The Gallery of the Arts so you will need to reserve your space before delivering to the gallery. A Gallery of the Arts phone number is 918-342-4210.