

THE ANNUAL SOUTHEAST OPEN JUDGED EXHIBIT

Juvenile Information Packet 2026

Calling all Local Artists: Local artists are invited to showcase their artwork at "The Annual Southeast Open Judged Exhibit" (SOJE) February - March 2026. This exhibit celebrates creativity, providing a platform to connect with a diverse audience and contribute to the region's artistic community. Artists' participation will highlight their talent and enrich the exhibit with diverse perspectives and emotions, making it a memorable and inspiring event.

Application Submission Dates:	November 17, 2025 - January 23, 2026
Artwork Drop-off: (during office hours only)	February 4 – February 20, 2026
Opening Ceremony:	February 27, 2026 (5:30pm – 7:30pm)
Artwork Pick-up: (during office hours only)	March 30 – April 15, 2026

SOJE Registration Information:

- All youth from kindergarten to grade 12 are encouraged to participate no matter what your skill levels, medium or experience may be. If you would prefer not to have your artwork judged, you can submit your work in our non-competitive category. Please indicate which category you are entering on your application.
- **Registration Fees:**
Registration for Juvenile Applications is free in the competitive and non-competitive categories.

SOJE Exhibit Information

- Artwork will be displayed in the Hall Gallery from **February 27 – March 26, 2026**.
- Artists may submit up to two pieces of artwork in total — one in the competitive category and one in the non-competitive category. Only one piece may be entered as competitive.
- Awards for first place, second place, third place and honorable mention will be decided within each medium code.
- SAC will only accept artworks in the 100-300 medium codes that are framed or on a canvas.

SOJE Terms and Conditions

- **Original Work:** All entries must be original creations by the artist, preferably completed within the last 2 years.
- **Submission Requirements:** Artworks must be properly framed or mounted and ready for display upon submission.
- All submitted artworks must remain on display for the entire duration of the exhibit.
- Artwork that has been previously exhibited in SOJE is not eligible for entry.
- SAC will only accept artworks in the 100-300 medium codes that are framed or on a canvas.
- **Artwork Sales:** SAC will not promote sales of artworks. Interested buyers should contact the artist directly.

- **Artwork Hanging Assistance:** Contact SAC staff before drop-off dates for help with preparing your artwork for hanging.
- **Artwork Approval:** The Steinbach Arts Council reserves the right to refuse any artwork that does not meet the hanging conditions or is deemed inappropriate.
- **Size Limitations:** Ideally, artwork should be limited to 36x36 inches. For larger pieces, contact the SAC office for assistance.
- **Artwork Tags:** Artists must complete two labels:
- One attached to the back of the artwork.
- One submitted to the SAC office.
- **Pickup Deadline:** All artworks must be picked up by **Thursday, April 15, 2026, at 5:00 p.m.**
- Artwork not picked up will be subject to disposal to maintain storage efficiency.
- **Liability:** The Steinbach Cultural Arts Centre and Steinbach Arts Council are not responsible for any loss, damage, or injury to entries or exhibits. It is recommended that artists secure private insurance for their works, as the Centre offers limited insurance.
- **Need Help?** Contact the Steinbach Arts Council office at 204-346-1077

SOJE Juvenile Medium Codes

- **Purpose:** Divides artwork into specific groups for judging. All artworks will be hanged according to code and age.
- **Display:** Codes will be shown on art tags for assortment and judging purposes.

Code	Age Division	Medium
100 - A	Juvenile K-Gr.3	Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Charcoal, Ink, Pastels, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Colored Pencil, Pencil
100 - B	Juvenile Gr. 4-6	Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Charcoal, Ink, Pastels, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Colored Pencil, Pencil
100 - C	Juvenile Gr. 7-9	Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Charcoal, Ink, Pastels, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Colored Pencil, Pencil
100 - D	Juvenile Gr. 10-12	Oils, Acrylics, Watercolors, Charcoal, Ink, Pastels, Printmaking, Mixed Media, Colored Pencil, Pencil
200 - A	Juvenile K-Gr.3	Photography
200 - B	Juvenile Gr. 4-6	Photography
200 - C	Juvenile Gr. 7-9	Photography
200 - D	Juvenile Gr. 10-12	Photography
300 - A	Juvenile K-Gr.3	Digital Art
300 - B	Juvenile Gr. 4-6	Digital Art
300 - C	Juvenile Gr. 7-9	Digital Art
300 - D	Juvenile Gr. 10-12	Digital Art
400 - A	Juvenile K-Gr.3	Pottery, Sculpture, Crafted Art, Woodwork, Fiber Arts
400 - B	Juvenile Gr. 4-6	Pottery, Sculpture, Crafted Art, Woodwork, Fiber Arts
400 - C	Juvenile Gr. 7-9	Pottery, Sculpture, Crafted Art, Woodwork, Fiber Arts
400 - D	Juvenile Gr. 10-12	Pottery, Sculpture, Crafted Art, Woodwork, Fiber Arts

