



2023 EXHIBIT PROSPECTUS

The Miniature Painters, Sculptors & Gravers Society
of Washington, D.C. (MPSGS)

90th Anniversary

Annual International Exhibition of Fine Art in Miniature
www.mpsgs.org

November 18, 2023 – January 13, 2024

Show Venue: The Mansion at Strathmore
10701 Rockville Pike, North Bethesda, MD 20852
301-581-5109, Grosvenor-Strathmore Metro Stop

Show Chair: Nancy Still, miniartsupply@gmail.com, 301-538-3103

Judge: Robin Holliday, Owner, HorseSpirit Arts Gallery

YOU DO NOT NEED TO BE AN MPSGS MEMBER TO ENTER THIS EXHIBIT.

2023 CALENDAR

Saturday, September 9 – Deadline for Receipt of Artwork, Entry Form, and Fee

- * See Entry Form Procedure at the end of this document.
- * Mailed artwork must be received by Sat., Sep. 9 (not to arrive before Aug. 14).
- * Hand delivered artwork must be delivered by Sat., Sep. 9.

Saturday, November 18

Buyers Preview 10:00 – noon
Public Opening 2:00 – 4:00 pm

Saturday, January 13, 2024

Exhibition closes.

SPECIAL ANNIVERSARY THEME

This year, in honor of our 90th anniversary, we will have an OPTIONAL “theme” for the show. The theme is “90 degree angles” which would be entries composed with perpendicular lines. A special award of \$250 will be given for a work in that category. In addition, all honorable mention awards will be \$90, for just this year.

ARTIST’S RESPONSIBILITY

All submitted entries will receive careful handling. However, neither the MPSGS nor Strathmore can assume responsibility for loss or damage to the work submitted to this exhibit. This form is an agreement on the part of the artist to all conditions set forth in this prospectus. The exhibit catalog and display labels are prepared directly from data on the entry forms.

The Society takes no responsibility for consequences from missing or erroneous data on the entry form. The MPSGS reserves the right to photograph any entry for media and catalog presentation.

JURY PROCESS AND SPIRIT OF A MINIATURE

All submitted works are juried by a panel of MPSGS members. They review the works for quality of art, and assure framing is neat. A work in which the image is life-size is not considered miniature art. A work of fine art in miniature is a particularly personal object that draws the viewer into an intimate, concentrated little world. See more info at mmsg.org, About Us page.

PRICES/SALES

The minimum asking price must be \$100. Prices must be set in \$5 increments. The median asking price for the last exhibit was \$300. A commission of 40% will be charged on all sales. All works must be for sale, and all sales are final.

ACCEPTANCE NOTIFICATION

A list of the accepted works will be posted at mmsg.org by the end of September.

AWARDS

Our awards total about \$9,000. See more info at mmsg.org, Exhibition page.

SUBMITTING ARTWORK

Mail or deliver your artwork to your Receiver; see the following list of Receivers. Send your works to the Receiver of the first letter of your last name. You can also contact a Receiver near you to arrange hand delivery. In the box, include (1) artworks with tags on the back; do NOT use tags from a prior year, (2) copy of the printed artwork tags, and (3) **a self-addressed label to assure your artworks are returned to the correct address.**

*If you are mailing from outside the U.S. and want a label with the following words on the outside of the box when it is returned to you to expedite the Customs process, please include it in your box with instructions to your receiver: **“This parcel contains original artwork being returned to the artist owner after exhibition.”**

SUBMITTING ENTRY FORM AND FEE

See the Entry Form Procedure below. We prefer that you submit your Entry Form electronically. The Entry Form includes info on how to pay and options for the applicable entry fee:

- * All members - \$25
- * Non-members who hand-deliver works - \$30
- * Non-members who mail works - \$45

If you are a current MPSGS member, please add dues of \$25 in the block noted. We insure each returned artwork for a maximum of \$200. If you want to pay for additional insurance on your returned artwork, please note the amount in the block on the Entry Form.

If you select the option to pay the entry fee by PayPal, after you submit the form, the next page will provide a link to PayPal. If you are paying by check, please send to Laura Stein, MPSGS Treasurer, PO Box 281, Simpsonville, MD 21150-0281. If you submitted an online entry, you do not need to include the entry form with your check.

RETURN OF ARTWORK AND SOLD WORKS

All submissions, whether accepted or not, will be retained until after the closing of the exhibit. Unsold artworks that were mailed will be returned by your Receiver within a reasonable time. Artists who handcarried work to their Receiver should contact the Receiver to arrange a time to pick up work after the show closing date. Payment for sold artworks will be sent to the artist within 30 days of the show closing, separate from returned artworks. Artists can check the status of sold works on our website mpsgs.org, throughout the exhibit. The Society reserves the right to dispose of uncollected work.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS

1. Maximum Number of Artworks: Up to three works may be submitted, and the entry fee covers up to three works. All works must be for sale.
2. Acceptable Artwork: Original works in any traditional media, prints from original plates, or sculptures will be considered for exhibition, providing they have not been exhibited in a previous MPSGS show. Copies of Old Master artworks or other artists' works will not be accepted. As a general guideline, the work should embody the spirit of a miniature. A work in which the image is life-size is not considered miniature art. The frame or mounting should be in the same spirit.
3. Unacceptable Artwork: Crafts and artworks produced by photographic, giclee, laser, or digital techniques will **not** be accepted.
4. Size: The overall area of the image, excluding mat and frame, must not exceed **25** square inches (156 sq cm, i.e., 5x5", 4x6"). The outside dimension of the frame must not exceed **56** square inches (360 sq cm, i.e., 7x8").
5. Framing: Framed work must be neat and ready to hang with a hanging mechanism. Small rings or small screw eyes with fine wire are preferred as the works are hung on small nails in display cases. Velcro patches (rough hook side) are to be affixed on the back-bottom corners; this helps the art to "stick" to the fabric in our cases and hang straight. Frames should be in proportion to the work. The backs of framed works should be neatly covered. Frame width cannot be wider than 1-1/4". Frame depth including artwork cannot be deeper than 1-1/4". Metal frames, delicate in nature, are acceptable.
Unacceptable frames: Plastic, easel back, frames wider than 1-1/4" or deeper than 1-1/4".
6. Sculptures: Sculptures must not exceed **6** inches (**15** cm) in any dimension including the base. The work should stand on its own if not mounted on a base. Sculpture must be "in the spirit of a miniature" as determined by the jury.
7. Edition No.: For numbered prints or cast sculptures, indicate edition # in parentheses after artwork title on entry form.
8. No Special Artwork Boxes: Please do not send a special artwork box for the buyer. If you want a buyer to receive your artwork with a special box, send it to the buyer directly when you receive their contact info at the conclusion of the exhibit.

RECEIVERS OF ARTWORK

Send your works to the Receiver of the first letter of your last name.
You can contact a Receiver near you to arrange hand delivery.
Please call rather than text as some phone nos. are land lines.

SCULPTURES

Linda Trope, 443-992-5277, lindatrope@comcast.net
12835 Fairchild Dr., Apt. 201, Germantown, MD 20874-7233

*** If you are submitting sculptures along with other art forms, send ALL artwork to Linda Trope. All sculptures must be submitted to Linda Trope.**

2-D ARTWORKS

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ENTRY FORM PROCEDURE

The MPSGS Entry Form can be submitted electronically (preferred method). You can also complete a form in writing and mail it to Laura Stein, MPSGS Treasurer, PO Box 281, Simpsonville, MD 21150-0281. If you are submitting the electronic form and mailing a check, mail **ONLY** the check to Laura; a hardcopy entry is unnecessary.

By completing the electronic form, your data will be more easily recorded by MPSGS and your artwork labels will be automatically filled in for printing. It's very easy to do!

If you need an entry form emailed to you to print & complete for mailing, please contact Nancy Still, miniartsupply@gmail.com, 301-538-3103.

Electronic Entry Form Completion

- On the MPSGS website **mpsgs.org**, select the Exhibition tab at the top.
- Click on the Show Entry Form.
- Fill in the form on-line.
- Payment: If you select the option to pay the entry fee by PayPal, after you "Submit" the form by clicking the button at the bottom, the next page will provide a link to the PayPal website, and instructions if paying by check.
- PRINT the form for your reference if you so choose, by clicking the button at the bottom.
- SUBMIT the form by clicking the button at the bottom.
- The next page will contain:
 - A note that your form has been submitted to MPSGS.
 - Instructions for paying the entry fee, including the link to PayPal if paying that way. Or if you are paying by check, please send **ONLY** the check to Laura Stein, MPSGS Treasurer, PO Box 281, Simpsonville, MD 21150-0281. You **DO NOT** need to send a hardcopy entry with the check if you submitted an electronic entry.
 - Artwork Tags to PRINT and attach to your artworks. The tags will print smaller than they appear on the screen. Tags are auto-filled from your entry form data. Please print an extra copy of the tags to include with your artworks whether you mail or hand deliver. If you are submitting a sculpture, you may find it easier to attach the tag to a string and the string onto your sculpture.
- You will receive an email that your entry form was submitted. ***This confirmation may go to your Spam/Junk folder; please check there!**

CHECKLIST

MPSGS 2023 Exhibit

There are **3 main tasks** to enter this exhibit:

1. Complete & submit the online entry form (or complete in writing and mail)
2. Pay the entry fee
3. Mail or hand deliver labeled artworks to a Receiver

Here's some items to double-check:

Artwork:

- Have you checked the frame, image, or sculpture size to assure it's within the guidelines?
- Is your art ready to hang? Have you affixed Velcro tabs (rough-hook side) to lower back corners?
- Did you print the artwork tags, and are they complete? Attach them to the backs of the artworks.
- Did you include in the artwork box a copy of the artwork tags and a **self-addressed return label** for return mailing? And if you are an international artist, you may want to include an optional label for the outside of the box with words for Customs -- "This parcel contains original artwork being returned to the artist owner after exhibition."
- Deliver or mail artworks to a Receiver **by the due date – Sept. 9.**

Entry Form and Fee:

Online Entry: Is the entry form completely filled out? Did you print a copy of the entry form for future reference? Did you receive a confirmation email? (if not, we did not get your data)

Mailed Entry: Did you completely fill out and mail the entry form to Laura Stein, MPSGS Treasurer, PO Box 281, Simpsonville, MD 21150-0281?

Payment: If paying by PayPal, did you click the link and pay at the time of your online entry?

If not, you can make a PayPal payment to this email: mpsgsfees@gmail.com

If paying by check, did you send the payment to Laura Stein (see address above)?

MPSGS elected members: Did you pay your membership dues? Please do not check the "Emeritus" member block on the online entry form unless you were specifically elected to that honorary status.

Thank you for entering the MPSGS 2023 Exhibit. We look forward to seeing your artworks!