

Mattawoman Forever Open All-Media Juried Exhibition

Friday, September 15 – Sunday, October 8, 2023

THEME: “Mattawoman Forever – Where one goes pleasantly”

Mattawoman Creek is a beautiful and prominent tributary, located primarily in Charles Co., MD. It is a resource carrying fresh water into the tidal Potomac River. The creek and its watershed, much of which is still rural, supports a wide variety of fish, fowl, fauna, and flora found in few places in such abundance. It has been the home of indigenous people for thousands of years.

The challenge: Create work that specifically captures the essence of this vital watershed area.

Eligible Theme Categories: Artwork must fit a category.

Esthetics: scenic waterscapes and landscapes of the Mattawoman.

Ecology: diverse fish, fowl, fauna and flora in the area, problems effecting the ecosystem, effort to maintain a healthy ecosystem, and impact of changing climate and usage of the land and water.

Heritage, Culture, & Art of the People of the Area: Indigenous People, European settlers, African Americans, and later inhabitants.

Economic Importance of the Mattawoman for Now and the Future: including recreational use, stability of the Potomac and Chesapeake fisheries, and importance of the Mattawoman to the Southern Maryland National Heritage Area and the National Marine Sanctuary at Mallows Bay.

AWARDS

Awards totaling \$700, donated by MWS, to be made by the juror.

ELIGIBILITY

Open to all artists 18 years or older. **All artworks must be original and fit the eligible theme categories.** Artwork may not exceed 6' in any dimension nor weigh more than 40 lbs., unless permitted by the MCAC Artists Advisory Committee. We cannot accept installation artwork. Artwork shown in the MCAC gallery or gift shop within the past 12 months is not eligible, nor is artwork shown in any previous MCAC juried show.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

All entries must be **hand delivered** to Mattawoman Creek Art Center on the dates specified as Artwork Delivery dates.

Entry into this exhibit constitutes an understanding and acceptance by the artist of the conditions set forth in this document.

PRESENTATION

Artwork must be clean, professional in appearance, and suitable for community viewing. All artworks must be delivered ready for installation. The MCAC Framing Standards and Display Standards for 3-Dimensional Artwork, available at mattawomanart.org, apply. Artwork intended for the wall must be prepared with picture hanging wire. Saw-tooth hooks are not permitted. **Each piece must be clearly labeled with the title, medium, price, and name and phone number of the artist when delivered.** Artists may use their own labels or the labels provided by MCAC at time of entry, and affixed to the back of each piece. *MCAC reserves the right to refuse any improperly presented artwork or artwork inappropriate for community display.*

NOTIFICATION OF UNACCEPTED ARTWORK

Artists will be notified by phone or email if any of their artwork is declined. No notification is made to artists if all their artwork is accepted. See Pick-up of Unaccepted Artwork for dates.

Contact MCAC at Website: www.MattawomanArt.org,
Email: MattawomanArt@aol.com, or Phone: 301-743-5159.

ENTRY FEE

Fee for 1 to 3 pieces of artwork:

\$30.00 for current MCAC members.

\$45.00 for non-members.

The entry fee is non-refundable. Cash or check preferred to card. Make check payable to **MCAC**. **Members are requested to sign up to docent.**

SALES

Two of your entries must be for sale. MCAC will retain a 25% commission on sales. IRS Form W-9 is required of anyone receiving \$600 income from MCAC in one calendar year. Artwork sold may not be removed until after the show ends.

IMPORTANT DATES:

ARTWORK DELIVERY

Friday, Sept. 8 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Saturday, Sept. 9 from 11:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Sunday, Sept. 10 from 11:30 p.m. to 2:00 p.m.

PICK-UP of UNACCEPTED ARTWORK

By 5:00 p.m. Thurs., Sept. 14 artists will be notified of declined artwork, which is to be retrieved on:

Friday, Sept. 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. or

Saturday, Sept. 16 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

EXHIBITION DATES

Friday, Sept. 15 through Sunday, Oct. 8, 2023.

The gallery is open on Fridays, Saturdays, & Sundays from 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. and is free. The park gate fee is waived for MCAC visitors.

RECEPTION and AWARDS CEREMONY

Sunday, Sept. 24 from 1:00 – 4:00 p.m.

Awards at 2:00 p.m., followed by juror's talk.

The reception is free and open to the public.

Participating artists are encouraged to attend.

ARTWORK RETRIEVAL

Unsold artwork must be picked up by the artist on:

Sunday, Oct. 8 from 4:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. *or*

Monday, Oct. 9 from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

After 30 days, artwork becomes MCAC property.

LIABILITY

MCAC will not be responsible or liable for any lost or damaged artwork. Insurance on artwork is the responsibility of the artist.

SUPPORTERS

MCAC receives support from its members, benefactors and sponsors, including the following:



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and Mattawoman Watershed Society.

www.mattawomanwatershedsociety.org

