

STEPHAN DRAGISIC

Stephan Dragisic is the Executive Director of the Blowing Rock Art and History Museum. Previously Stephan served on the leadership team of Reynolda House Museum of American Art for more than thirteen years. In addition to a Bachelor of Arts with a major in History from High Point University, Dragisic has a Certificate in Nonprofit Leadership Essentials from Wake Forest University.



Community service has been and will remain important to Stephan. While at Reynolda, his service to the community included serving as a trustee for the Arts Council of Winston-Salem/Forsyth County, President of the Rotary Club of Winston-Salem, and Arts Day Committee Chair for Leadership Winston-Salem. Additionally, he has served on the Diggs Gallery Advisory Board, Delta Arts Center 50th Anniversary Committee, Board member of the Downtown Arts District Association, and the Salem College 250th Anniversary Celebration Committee. Stephan has been a part-time resident of the High Country for the past twenty years.



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BEST OF THE BLUE RIDGE

*FINE ART JURIED
COMPETITION & EXHIBITION*

OCTOBER 10 - NOVEMBER 18, 2024

The Gallery
Ashe Arts Center
West Jefferson

Juror:
Stephan Dragisic

An annual juried art competition and exhibit established by the Ashe County Arts Council to showcase outstanding original visual art in Ashe County and the surrounding region. The artwork will be judged on qualities of concept, execution of ideas and subject, and uniqueness of expression.

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Eligibility:

All visual artists 18 years of age and older residing in Ashe County and its contiguous counties (Alleghany, Watauga, Wilkes, Grayson and Johnson) are eligible.

- Work must be original and executed within the last three years and not previously exhibited at the Ashe Arts Center Gallery.
- Work must not have been created as part of a workshop.
- Eligible works include paintings, drawings, hand pulled prints, and two dimensional collage works (Non-sculptural.) Photography, computer generated, or digitally altered imagery are not permitted.
- All works must be framed or gallery wrap with painted edges and ready to hang with wire. Work that is overly fragile or not ready to hang will not be considered.
- The maximum dimension is 44 inches including the frame.

Entry Procedure:

The entry fee is \$10 per piece, non-refundable. Each artist is allowed to enter up to two works. Diptychs count as two entries. Checks should be made payable to Ashe County Arts Council. Partial fees are not accepted.

Awards:

Best in Show: \$500 CJAS Gift Certificate
First Place: \$250 CJAS Gift Certificate
Second Place: \$150 CJAS Gift Certificate
Third Place: \$100 CJAS Gift Certificate
Honorable Mention: Rosette

People's Choice Award:

Visitors to the exhibit will have the opportunity to vote for their favorite work of art in the new People's Choice Award. Ballots are available for \$1 each; proceeds from the voting will be split between the Arts Council and the winning artist. Deadline to vote is November 14. The winner will be announced on November 16.



Preparation and Delivery:

Works must be hand-delivered to the Ashe Arts Center in West Jefferson on Monday, October 7, (10am-4pm) or Tuesday, October 8(10am-4pm.) Slides and photos of work will not be accepted; the exhibit selection and awards will be done directly from the submitted works.

Directions:

The Ashe Arts Center is located at 303 School Avenue in down-town West Jefferson at the corner of Main Street and School Avenue, three doors down from Ashe County Cheese and across the street from Badger Funeral Home. Parking is available on the street. Call 336.846-2787 for specific directions.

Pick Up:

Works not accepted into the exhibit must be picked up from the Ashe Arts Center between Wednesday, October 10 and Thursday, October 11. The Ashe County Arts Council will not be responsible for works not accepted into the exhibit after October 18, 2024. Accepted works will not be returned before the end of the exhibition. Pickup of works accepted into the exhibit will be on November 18-19, 2024. Works not picked up by January 2, 2025 become the property of the Ashe County Arts Council.

Sales:

Artists are encouraged to make works for sale. A 25% commission is retained by the Ashe County Arts Council on all sales.

2024 Timeline:

- October 7 & 8 – hand delivered works received at the Gallery
- October 9 – exhibit installation
- October 9 & 10 – notification of acceptance into show by email or telephone
- October 10 & 11 – pickup of works not accepted into exhibit, 10am-5pm weekdays
- October 12 – exhibit opens
- October 11 – reception for artists and awards ceremony
- November 18 – exhibit closes
- November 18 & 19 – pickup of exhibited works at The Gallery, 10am-5pm

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ENTRY FORM

Artist Name _____

Street Address _____

City/State/Zip _____

Day Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

E-Mail Address _____

ENTRY #1

TITLE _____

MEDIA _____

DIMENSIONS ____ H x ____ W DATE COMPLETED _____

PRICE (including 25% commission) \$ _____ or VAULE IF NFS _____

ENTRY #2

TITLE _____

MEDIA _____

DIMENSIONS ____ H x ____ W DATE COMPLETED _____

PRICE (including 25% commission) \$ _____ or VAULE IF NFS _____

SIGNATURE _____

This signature and the completion of the entry process constitutes understanding and acceptance of the conditions set forth in this document.

PLEASE ATTACH ON THE BACK OF ENTRIES

NAME _____	NAME _____
TITLE _____	TITLE _____
MEDIA _____	MEDIA _____
PRICE (or value if NFS) _____	PRICE (or value if NFS) _____