

Artists' Invitation from Volo Bog State Natural Area's 11th Annual

Bogs in Art

Celebrating the Beauty and Mystery of Bogs with Art

Show Dates: June 30th - July 29th * 2018

Submissions Accepted June 1st - 29th Each artist may contribute three items including two already shown in prior BIA shows!

Show is open to all ages!

The goal of *Bogs in Art* is to encourage artists to learn about bogs around the world, and to capture their beauty and mystery in art.

At least one bog plant (see list below) must be depicted or represented in your work(s).

As you contemplate the piece(s) you will create, keep in mind the meaning of 'depict' and 'represent.'

One need not do a precise rendition. For example, a tapestry bag made of light green fabric to represent sphagnum moss can be decorated with pink felt orchids and red beads to represent cranberries. It is all in how you tell your story and demonstrate your understanding of a bog.

So what is a bog? Bogs are wetlands that receive primarily meteoric or 'sky water'— rain and snow. Their stagnant, low oxygen water becomes acidic due to the presence of sphagnum moss and other plants such as tamarack and black spruce. The low oxygen and high acidity limit decomposition causing peat to accumulate. When sequestered in a bog, peat does not release its nutrients, rendering bog soil rather stingy and sterile. These tough conditions limit the plants that can grow in bogs. Thus...

...There's only ONE RULE:

At least one bog plant (from list below) must be depicted or represented in your work(s).

<i>Sphagnum Moss</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	<i>Rose Pogonia</i>	<i>Pink Lady's Slipper</i>	Labrador Tea	<i>Bog Birch</i>
<i>Cinnamon Fern</i>	<i>Pitcher Plant</i>	Grass Pink	<i>Leatherleaf</i>	Sheep Laurel	<i>Little Bog Willow</i>
<i>Tamarack</i>	Sundew	Dragon's Mouth	<i>Highbush Blueberry</i>	Bog Laurel	
Black Spruce	<i>Cotton Sedge</i>	White Bog Orchid	Cranberry	Bog Rosemary	

Works that do not include at least one of the above will not be accepted in Bogs in Art.

Bogs share plant species with other ecosystems so you may also include one or more of the following:

<i>Arrowhead</i>	<i>Blueberry</i>	<i>Cattail</i>	<i>Marsh Cinquefoil</i>	<i>Royal Fern</i>	<i>Starflower</i>	<i>Winterberry</i>
<i>Bladderwort</i>	<i>Bog Buckbean</i>	<i>Indian Pipes</i>	<i>Pussy Willow</i>	<i>Sensitive Fern</i>	<i>Water Shield</i>	Others???

Those plants in italics (both lists) grow in Volo Bog. Other plants occur in bogs around the world and can also be included. If you do, please take time to learn about them to be sure they are appropriate associates with the bog indicators of the first list.

Learn about bogs around the world — Bogs are a north-country habitat - from Ireland to Russia, Alaska to Nova Scotia, south to Poland and northern Ohio, Indiana & Illinois. Attend a weekend guided tour of Volo Bog. Go to your library and ask for books about bogs. Search the web. Visit www.FriendsofVoloBog.org for links. If in doubt, call us at Volo Bog, 815-344-1294, for guidance.

Any Medium Goes!

Sculpture Photography Painting Jewelry Sketching Textile Mixed Media Ceramics
Crafts Pottery Carving Glass Mosaic Quilting Poetry More

All items must be original works of the artist. Works must be delivered in person. No electronic submissions.

Space is limited - phone ahead (815-344-1294) reserve space and arrange delivery time.

Silent Auction: You may offer your work for sale in our silent auction. Bidding opens on the first day of the show and closes at 3:00 p.m. at our IBD celebration. **25 % of proceeds support Volo Bog through Friends of Volo Bog.**

Artists' Reception @ International Bog Day

Sunday July 29th * 12 noon - 2 p.m.**

Followed by Live Entertainment through 4:30 pm

Silent Auction Bidding closes at 3:00 p.m. Bids Awarded 3:15 – 3:30 p.m.

Purchased works may be picked up at IBD between 3:30 – 4:00 pm, then 9 am - 3 pm Wed – Friday, August 1 - 3, or after by appointment after.

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2018 Show Registration

By participating, the entrant agrees to grant the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area Staff & Volunteers and the Friends of Volo Bog (the "Sponsors") the right to display the artwork, and to reproduce the entrant's name, likeness, copies of the artwork, or any other image or information for purposes of promotion, publicity and/or display, either now or in the future. Sponsors are under no obligation to provide compensation or notice for any such use. The Sponsors, their agents and assigns, shall not be liable for any injury to the artist or any damage or loss of the artist's work or other personal property arising out of this exhibit or other activities.

STOP! Do not fill out this form until you have read and understood the other side.

Use ONE FORM for each entry.

Name: _____ Age if under 18 _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Primary Phone: _____ - _____ - _____ Second Phone: _____ - _____ - _____

Email: _____

Waiver Agreement:

I, _____, agree by my signature here that I am responsible for my own insurance and understand that Volo Bog State Natural Area and its affiliates are not responsible for damaged or missing works in a show or exhibit. I also authorize the *Jewel Bake Shop* in McHenry to scan my piece to feature on a cake for the artists' reception for this show only. Further, I authorize the purchaser (as applicable) or _____ to pick up my work for this show only.
Piece picked up by _____ on _____ Vol/Witness: _____

Use ONE FORM for each entry.

Medium: _____ Size: _____

If work is framed, please have it ready-to-hang with a wire.

Title of Work: _____

Estimated Value of Work: \$ _____ Minimum Bid: \$ _____ (25% of proceeds go to the Friends of Volo Bog)

-OR- Not For Sale/Check Here: _____

Tell us your story! How is the piece you are entering inspired by bogs? (What is a bog? See other side):

_____ attach additional paper as desired

What bog plant(s) from the list (see other side) are depicted or represented (this can be loosely applied!)?

_____ attach additional paper as desired

Do you plan to attend our Artists' Reception on Sunday, July 29, 2018? _____

International Bog Day Celebration!

Visit www.FriendsofVoloBog.org & <http://dnr.state.il.us/lands/Landmgt/PARKS/R2/VOLOBOG.HTM>

Volo Bog State Natural Area is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site located at

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