

# Call for Submissions: Older Artists of PA Showcase

2025 Celebration of Pennsylvania's Artists 60 and Older  
Sponsored by the Pennsylvania Department of Aging and  
the Pennsylvania Council on the Arts

Older artists spend their whole lives honing their skills through decades of technical practice, historical knowledge, and creative expertise in their medium. They contribute richly to the artistic and cultural wealth of their communities as exploratory creators, stewards of heritage, and mentors of new generations of artists. The Older Artists of PA Showcase will display pieces from the best older artists across Pennsylvania in the East Wing Rotunda of the Pennsylvania State Capitol during the month of May 2025.

Please see below the terms to participate in this year's event.

1. Submission deadline is **Friday, April 4, 2025**. There is no cost to enter.
2. Artists must be a Pennsylvania resident 60 years of age or older to participate.
3. Artists may enter up to two (2) pieces in up to two of three categories: Professional, Non-Professional, and Photography. Accepted works include watercolors, oils, acrylic, photography, ink, pencil, graphic media, mixed media. Sorry, no crafts, jewelry, or pottery. If you have any questions about the eligibility of your art, contact Jessie Pierce at [jesspierce@pa.gov](mailto:jesspierce@pa.gov).
4. Pieces must have been produced within the past 18 months.
5. Artists must send a clear photo of each of their submitted pieces.
6. Artists can submit their work by one of the following ways:
  - By online form, which can be found at <https://form.jotform.com/250653621387055> (Preferred)
  - By filling out the form below and sending to Jessie Pierce, Executive Director, PA Council on Aging, c/o Pennsylvania Department of Aging, 555 Walnut St., 5<sup>th</sup> Floor, Harrisburg, PA, 17101
7. Pieces will be evaluated by three-person juries from each of five regions in the Commonwealth (see map below). Evaluation will be based on submitted photo of each piece.
8. You will be notified via email whether your piece has been selected no later than **Friday, April 18**.
9. If your piece is selected, you will be contacted by a local partner from your region who can assist you in coordinating transport of your piece to and from the PA Capitol Building. You may arrange your own transport or shipping of your piece if you prefer.

10. Pieces will be displayed in the East Wing Rotunda of the PA Capitol Building from May 1-May 31, 2025. To comply with the Capitol's historic preservation requirements, **all pieces must have wire hangers-no tab or cleat hangers. Your work will not be accepted if it does not have the proper hangers on the back.**
11. The number of selected pieces will be based on work size and event space. **No work greater than 48 inches in any direction and weighing more than 10 lbs.** will be accepted due to space and venue restrictions.
12. Artists whose pieces are selected for the showcase will have the option to list their piece for sale. If your work sells, you will work directly with buyer to arrange payment and pick up.
13. The Council committee reserves the right to reject any artwork due to content. Ownership of the artwork remains with the artist. The committee also reserves the right to photograph the artwork for promotional activities with credit to the artist if printed.
14. The Older Artists of Pennsylvania Showcase Committee will assume no liability for entries damaged or lost during hanging or while on exhibit, as released by signature.
15. By signing and returning the entry form, artists agree to all terms/conditions of the exhibit.
16. Only original artwork is to be submitted. No laser prints, prints of any kind, facsimile or mechanical reproductions will be accepted.
17. Selected artists will be invited to attend a reception in Harrisburg to celebrate their creative contributions. Date, time, and location are to be determined. .
18. Artists will have their county, region and home senior center (if applicable) mentioned in the program for the exhibit.
19. For additional information please email Jessie Pierce, Executive Director of PA Council on Aging, at [jesspierce@pa.gov](mailto:jesspierce@pa.gov).

## Regions

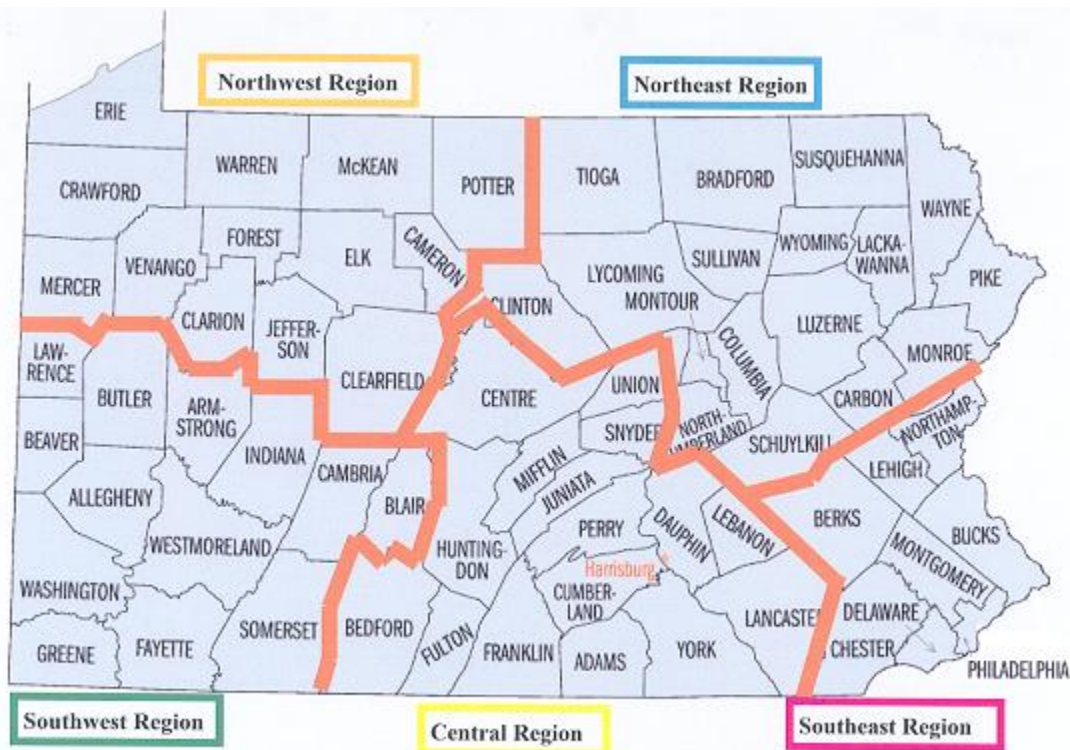
Northwest: Erie, Crawford, Warren, McKean, Potter, Mercer, Forest, Venango, Clarion, Jefferson, Elk, Cameron, Clearfield

Northeast: Tioga, Clinton, Lycoming, Montour, Bradford, Sullivan, Susquehanna, Wayne, Wyoming, Lackawanna, Pike, Luzerne, Monroe, Carbon, Schuylkill, Columbia, Northumberland

Southwest: Lawrence, Butler, Armstrong, Indiana, Cambria, Blair, Beaver, Allegheny, Westmorland, Washington, Green, Fayette, Somerset

Central: Centre, Union, Snyder, Mifflin, Juniata, Perry, Dauphin, Lebanon, Huntingdon, Bedford, Fulton, Franklin, Adams, Cumberland, Lancaster, York

Southeast: Berks, Lehigh, Northampton, Bucks, Montgomery, Philadelphia, Chester, Delaware



# Entry Form

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Birth: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Region: \_\_\_\_\_ County: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Category:    Professional            Nonprofessional            Photography

Entry 1: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Framed Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Category:    Professional            Nonprofessional            Photography

Entry 2: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_ Price: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ Approximate Framed Weight: \_\_\_\_\_

☐ I have included one photo for each piece I am submitting for the jurors to use in their evaluation.

☐ I understand that I am responsible for adhering to the Capitol Building's framing/hanging guidelines if my piece is selected.

☐ I have read and agree to the terms and conditions outlined in the Call for Submissions.

**Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Send to Jessie Pierce, Executive Director, PA Council on Aging  
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