



Walters Gallery Policy

PURPOSE

As part of the City's desire to express its pride in the people, places and things that make Cornelius a special community, the Cornelius Public Library will utilize the Walters Gallery to display works of art it believes reflects the City and honors its diverse population. The Library will display works of art from a variety of sources, including groups, organizations, or individuals in the community. The Library will focus on works of art that relate to educational, cultural, civic or recreational themes, particularly of local and regional interest. All of the Library's exhibits will be free and open to the public. The Library will not create exhibits for commercial purposes.

CONSIDERATIONS FOR EXHIBITS

The Library will curate exhibits that are informational, educational, cultural or historical in nature. In deciding what to include in an exhibit, the Library will be guided by the following principles:

- Relevance to broad-based and diverse community needs and usefulness to a general audience;
- Appropriateness of subjects, techniques and styles relative to diversity of library patrons' ages and backgrounds;
- Timeliness;
- Originality of content or approach;
- Relationship to Library collections;
- The works will not compromise safety of library patrons, staff or volunteers;
- Availability of space;
- The Library will not display works that:
 - are of a partisan nature urging people to support or withhold support for a cause or candidate; or
 - advertise for commercial profit or gain or solicit contributions of money.
- Concerns about the appropriateness of an exhibit should be referred to the Library Director. Use of library exhibit space may be denied or cancelled if any library regulation or applicable law is violated.

PROPOSALS

The Library will issue a Call-to-Artists annually. Artists will submit a request to exhibit that includes contact information, letter of interest, exhibit description, artist



statement/bio/resume, portfolio/past work samples, and images of the proposed artwork or exhibit materials.

Artists may be featured in the City Gazette, library newsletter, and social media. Publicity will be in English and Spanish.

An Art Exhibition Opening Reception may be held on the Friday following the installation of the exhibit.

The Cornelius Library Art Committee will review applications and recommend a slate of exhibitors for the upcoming year-long cycle. Final responsibility for selection of exhibits rests with the Library Director.

See the Walters Gallery Agreement for details for exhibitors.

Contact the library for more information.

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