



Marine Debris Art Contest

Official Contest Rules

Artists and ocean-lovers, **ages 13 and up**, may submit art pieces for the Marine Debris Art Contest with a chance of having their art on display at our hosting art gallery. Art pieces are comprised primarily of marine debris and must demonstrate the effects aquatic trash can have on our ocean and the life that depends on it.

Our panel of volunteer judges will view all submissions to determine prize placements and display pieces. Visitors can cast their vote for their favorite art piece among the displayed art pieces.

Sponsored prizes for this contest are as follows:

1 st Prize	\$1,000.00
2 nd Prize	\$500.00
3 rd Prize	\$250.00
People's Choice	\$250.00

NOTE: Due to art gallery space limitations, only contest winners and a limited number of additional art pieces will be selected for public display. Contestants will be notified if their art is selected for public display or rejected.

Contest Registration

- Registration is Open from September 17th to December 1, 2025
- Art pieces must be delivered to Artist Boat between November 1st and December 19th.
- Photographic submissions for all art must be received by December 19th.
- Contest Winners will be announced during Art Week on January 24, 2026, at the Galveston Art League
- Contest Winners and selected artworks will be on display January 6th to January 24th, at the Galveston Art League.
- Contestants must arrange pick-up of publicly displayed artwork from Galveston Art League on or prior to January 28th.

Please call 409-623-0388 with any questions or concerns.



Submission Guidelines

- Art Pieces not selected for public display must be picked up from Artist Boat Headquarters by January 9th, Monday to Friday from 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.
- Each artist may submit only **one piece of art**.
- Registration form must be included with artwork (refer to confirmation email).
- Artwork must be ready for installation and display (*see hanger requirements below*).
- Flat artwork cannot exceed **36" H x 36" L**.
- 3-D freestanding artwork cannot exceed **24"H x 24"L x 24"W**.
- Artwork must consist of **non-glass marine debris** collected on **Galveston Beaches**.
- Large amounts of purchased items will disqualify the art piece.
- Sargassum may be used to showcase the benefits of Sargassum.
- Unstable designs/detaching parts will disqualify the art piece
- **No** live animals may be included.
- **No** water features may be included.
- Digital photograph submission(s) of artwork is required
 - One photo for hanging art
 - Two photos for 3D freestanding art.
- This is a juried event.
- Judging of the art pieces will take place prior to event.

Hanger Guidelines

As the Marine Debris Art Contest winners and a limited number of selected art pieces will be on display within a professional art gallery, the following guidelines must be adhered to. Art pieces not adhering to the guidelines will not be displayed.

- Artwork must be ready to hang or stand freely.
- Hung artwork (except 3D pieces) must be framed, or gallery wrapped.
- Edges must be finished (no bare canvas around sides, for instance).

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- Hung artwork must be prepared with framing wire.
 - No sawtooth hangers at the top.
 - Wire properly attached (approximately a third from top; not real tight, but taut enough so that wire does not show above the top of the piece).
 - Wire secured to the frame/art piece with appropriate and adequately attached fasteners
- Frame must be in good repair; no corners that do not meet evenly, no holes or cracks unless barn wood or other aged grain.
- Glass/Plexiglas is clean.
- Make sure artwork and mat are secured in frame and won't fall out when hung.

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Headquarters

13330 Settegast Road
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409-632-0388

Photographic Submissions

Email to executive.assistant@artistboat.org

Host Gallery



Galveston Art League
2117a Postoffice, Galveston, TX 77550

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