

Otsego Creative Arts Festival's 4th Annual

The Art Thing - Sept 17-24th, 2022

Submission Guidelines for 2022

- **ELIGIBILITY:** Everyone is eligible to participate in The Art Thing! Artwork size for 2D division is limited to 24" wide by 32" tall and limited to 30 pieces. 3-D sculpture will be limited to a 24"x24" footprint and limited to 3 pieces. **Please review these dimensions carefully.** Art pieces that are not within these dimensions cannot be exhibited. This is a juried event with public voting on accepted pieces. All art work must be of a family friendly nature.
- **FEE:** \$40 registration fee (payable to The City of Otsego) must be submitted with entry form.
- **DEADLINE:** All entry forms must be received by August 31st 2022 . Mail to City of Otsego, Attention: The Art Thing, 117 E, Orleans Street, Otsego 49078.
- **ARTWORK: A JPEG image (photo) of your finished art work must be submitted** by email to brave.art.carr@gmail.com by August 31st, 2022. Entries submitted without an image of the completed artwork will not be accepted.
- **VENUE:** Your artwork will be displayed at Mezzo Coffee House, 100 W. Allegan Street, Otsego. You will receive an e-mail by 9/10/22 notifying you regarding your acceptance. Although Mezzo is hosting, no artist should contact them directly. Please direct questions to The Art Thing volunteers.
- **SELECTION:** Exhibition space is limited. 33 pieces of artwork will be accepted for the 2022 Art Thing as per above description. The Art Thing Committee reserves the right to select works. If more than 30/3 registrations are submitted, or venue availability changes due to unforeseen circumstances with the COVID 19 pandemic, or not enough entries are received by August 31, entry fees will be refunded for any work not displayed due to cancellation or non-selection.
- **INSTALLATION:** Artist is responsible for transportation of their artwork to and from Mezzo. The Art Thing committee will determine placement and curation of the art on site. **All artwork must be wired for hanging, no sawtooth hangers!** Failure to have art work properly wired will result in exclusion from the exhibition and no refund of entry fee. Artists must deliver their pieces between 3-5:30 pm on September 16, 2022. **Please reach out in advance if you need an alternative drop off time.** This will allow for adequate curating and hanging of artwork.
- **EXHIBITION:** Art will be displayed at Mezzo from **Sept. 16, through September 24** during open hours. Artists must pick up their piece from Mezzo Coffee House on September 24th following closing ceremonies.
- **ARTIST/VIP RECEPTION:** an artists' and sponsor reception will be held **September 16th from 7-9pm at Mezzo Coffee House. The Art Thing registration includes 1 ticket to this event for the competing artist and the opportunity to meet the sponsors and each other to share their art! Sponsors may reserve a piece of art for sale, but may not purchase the piece at the event. RSVP to the reception must be provided with this form.** Artists may reserve additional tickets at \$40 apiece for friends and family.
- **VOTING and PRIZES:** One FIRST PLACE "People's Choice Award" winner of \$1000, \$300 second prize and \$200 third prize will be voted on by the public from Sept.16-24. Voting will be via paper ballot, in person at Mezzo Coffee House. No other ballots will be considered valid.
- **OTHER RULES:** Only original Artwork is eligible for submission. Artwork must have been created in the past 2 years. No artwork created prior to August 2020 will be accepted. The artist is responsible to ensure that the artwork does not infringe on any third party's proprietary rights. The artwork must be currently owned by the artist. A maximum of one entry per person, per year. When expressing yourself through your artwork, please consider this is a family friendly event. Our committee reserves the right to decide to not display any inappropriate artwork.
- **HOST:** All artists and their guests must be respectful of the host business. The business owners are not responsible for answering questions regarding this competition, judging, or schedule. We, The Art Thing Committee, are grateful to Mezzo Coffee House for opening their business to our community for this event and volunteers from the committee will be on hand to answer any questions you may have.
- **QUESTIONS:** Prior to the event, please email questions to: *Paulette Carr at Brave Art Studios & Gallery* at brave.art.carr@gmail.com or at 269-264-4150.



**Brave Art
Studios & Gallery**

Otsego Creative Arts Festival “ART THING 2022” Entry Form

Your Name _____

Address: _____ City _____ Zip _____

Phone # : (____) _____ *Email (Required) _____

TITLE : _____

DESCRIPTION : _____

MEDIUM/TECHNIQUE: _____ *SIZE (Required): _____

RECEPTION RSVP: Will the artist be attending the Private Reception? YES NO

ARTIST STATEMENT: Please explain your concept or intended meaning of artwork. (Please be brief, a short description of your piece inspiration or self, no more than 50 words. Use back if necessary.)

Are you interested in selling your entry? How would you like interested parties to contact you?

Art Thing Artist Registration (includes artist's attendance at the Art Thing Private Reception)	1	\$40
Additional tickets to the Art Thing Private Reception (\$40 a ticket, optional . Later ticket availability is not guaranteed, please RSVP with this form.)	_____ (# of tickets)	\$ _____
Total Charge		\$ _____

I will email a JPG photo of my finished art piece by August 31, 2022 to brave.art.carr@gmail.com. You may pay the \$40 fee by check or credit card. Make checks payable to: City of Otsego.

CC Number: _____ Exp: ____/____ CVV: _____

Signature (Artist): _____ Date: _____

By Signing, you are agreeing to all of the Submission Guidelines.

Mail or drop off registration form by 8/31/22 to: The City of Otsego, Attention The Art Thing, 117 E. Orleans Street, Otsego. Questions: **Paulette Carr at Brave Art Studios & Gallery, brave.art.carr@gmail.com**