

Skagit County Historical Museum Presents "Everyone's A Critic"

REGISTRATION FORM

Registration and art drop off is due by 3:30 on Sunday June 1 st, 2025

"Everyone's A Critic" is an interactive art competition and exhibit hosted by the Skagit County Historical Museum. All ages, skill levels, and mediums are encouraged to participate. All submissions (space allowing) will be displayed in an exhibit at the museum throughout the summer of 2025. Throughout the exhibition there will be three rounds of voting by the public to determine the winners. The winner of the competition will be announced at SCHM's Fall Fundraiser that will take place on November 15th, 2025, at Maple Hall in La Conner. The winning pieces from each age group will receive a gift card to a local art supply store, bragging rights, will be featured in the museum's quarterly newsletter and if the artist chooses - will be entered into the museum's permanent collection for future generations to enjoy. Additionally, all who vote will be entered to win free admission for a family of 4 to the museum! Voting will be available in person and online.

The prompt is:

"The Past, Present, and Future of Skagit County."

Important Dates

	Opens	Closes
Artwork Submissions	October 1st 2024	June 1st 2025
Exhibit dates	June 20th 2025	November 30th 2025
Round 1 Voting	June 20th 2025	August 15th 2025
Round 2 Voting	August 18th 2025	October 3rd 2025
Round 3 Voting	October 6th 2025	November 7th 2025
Winners announced	November 15th 2025	

Rules and Regulations

- The piece must follow the prompt listed above.
- The piece must be brought to the Skagit County Historical Museum by 3:30 on June 1st, 2025, with this form to be in the exhibit and to be considered for the competition.
- The piece must be appropriate for a public audience. SCHM has the right to not display a piece if deemed inappropriate for a public audience.
- Each artist may only submit one work to the competition.
- While we are not requiring a specific size of the piece, please be mindful that we only have so much space in our gallery and that we would like to display as many different works as we can.
- If the artist is under the age of 18, they must provide a guardian that will be responsible for bringing the piece to the museum and picking up the piece at the end of the exhibit.
- While the deadline for submissions and pieces is June 1st, we will only accept submissions until the exhibition space has filled.
- If your piece is digital, please have a physical copy submitted to the Museum by June 1st, 2025.
- If a participant or their guardian fails to pickup their piece by the 7th of December 2025, all remaining pieces will be thrown out.

Frequently Asked Questions

- **“I crochet? Can I enter?” – What kinds of mediums are accepted?**
 - Yes! All mediums are welcome to participate including crochet, painting, sculpture, poetry, music, photography, quilting, sewing, etc. If you make it, we want to see it! If you are recording a song or have another digitally based medium, we have the ability to display these in our gallery for visitors to listen to.
- **“I’m not really artist” or “I’m a professional artist” should I enter?**
 - Yes! All skill levels are encouraged to participate. Whether you have a professional studio (which can be listed on your entry label promoting your art), if you are just getting into a new hobby, trying to build your resume, do something out of your comfort zone, or just want to have fun – this is the exhibit for you. There are different age brackets so younger age brackets will not be competing against adults.
- **Can I enter more than one piece?**
 - For now, we would like to provide space for as many different artists as we can in the exhibition. However, if we reach the June 1st deadline and have room in the gallery for more pieces, I will be reaching out to artists who have joined the waitlist, in the order they joined, for second pieces.
 - To join the waitlist for second submissions – please email me at Lmoran@co.skagit.wa.us and I will add your name to the list.

- **How do I submit a piece or enter the competition?**
 - To enter the competition all you must do is bring your piece and your paperwork/ entry form to the museum before 3:30 on June 1st, 2025. Paperwork can be found on the museum's website, or you can pick up a copy at the museum.
 - Once you get to the museum, we will look over your paperwork to make sure everything is filled out and then we will add your piece to the exhibit. The drop-offs can be Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday 8:30-5:00, or during regular business hours Thursday through Sunday 11:00 am- 4:00pm. To schedule an appointment for drop offs during the week, please email me at Lmoran@co.skagit.wa.us
- **What will the exhibition look like as the competition progresses?**
 - All art will remain on display throughout the entire exhibit – regardless of how the voting progresses. The only change throughout the competition will be the options you can vote for on our voting platform. There won't be any changes to the exhibit once it opens on June 20th, 2025.
- **Are you allowing works to be sold?**
 - The museum will not be selling any pieces of art that are on display. Nor will the museum be displaying prices of submissions on the entry's label. However, if a visitor is interested in purchasing a piece, the museum will direct all purchasing inquiries to the artist, where they can then discuss purchasing the piece privately.
 - If a piece is purchased during the duration of the exhibit – it must remain on display until the exhibit closes in November. Additionally, the artist who dropped off the piece and filled out the entry form is responsible for picking up the piece once the exhibit is over. The museum cannot give items on loan to the museum back to anyone other than the party that loaned the museum the item.
- **Do I have to donate my piece to the museum collection if I win?**
 - No – artists are not required to donate their piece to the museum if selected. The goal of this exhibit is to have fun and promote art in the community, not to increase the art collection of the museum. That being said – if the winner of the competition would like their piece entered the museum collection to be preserved for future generations to enjoy, then they are welcome to do so. It is not required by any means.
- **What do we get if we win?**
 - So far, we have raised money for each winner to receive a gift card to a local art supply shop. Additionally, anyone entering this exhibition will be able to say they have had their work on display in a museum and your work will be seen by museum guests, school tours, and may be featured on our social media (if permission is given).
- **Can I sponsor the exhibition?**
 - Absolutely! We are currently raising funds for prizes for the winners of the competition. If you or your business are interested in supporting this effort, you will be thanked and listed as a sponsor in the exhibit. For more information on this please email Lmoran@co.skagit.wa.us
- **Do I have to frame my piece?**
 - No – framing a piece is not required, but some have chosen to frame theirs. It is entirely up to the artist how they would like their piece to be displayed. The museum can also provide matting for smaller unframed works.

Registration Form

- Artists name: _____
- Age Bracket (circle one)
0-7 8-11 12-14 15-17 18-50 50+
- Title of piece: _____
- Medium Chosen: _____
- Short Description: _____

- Dimensions: _____
- Value of the piece (for insurance purposes only): _____
- Are you affiliated with a particular studio? Or do you have a website you would like to have on your label? _____

- Does the museum have permission to use images of your work on the official museum social media for the duration of the exhibit? Please select one: Yes No

Contact information

Please fill out the information below with the artists information. If an artist is under the age of 18, please list a guardian's information instead.

- Contact / artist's name: _____
- email address: _____
- phone number: () - _____
- mailing address: _____
- City: _____
- Zip Code: _____
- Would you like to donate this piece to the **museum collection** at the end of the competition **if selected**? This is completely optional and is not a requirement to participate. Please select one: Yes No

I, _____

(Print First and Last name above)

have read through the rules and regulations and agree to the terms listed in this document. I will bring my piece by 3:30 on June 1st, 2025, to the museum and give my consent for this piece to be displayed and featured in media content related to this competition.

Artist's Signature

Date

Guardian Signature (if needed)

Date