

County Government Center Exhibits FAQs

About the Exhibits

The Arts Council presents three exhibits each year at the County Government Center featuring the work of local artists. Sponsored by the Santa Cruz County Department of Parks, Open Space & Cultural Services, each show consists of work from five artists: two artists displaying art on the 1st floor walls; two artists displaying on the 5th floor walls; and one 3-D artist showing work in 8' display cases on the 1st & 5th floors (display cases are 92" long x 19" deep x 21" high). Additionally, in March/April/May annually, the Arts Council produces a Youth Art Exhibit showcasing artwork created through arts education programs in Santa Cruz County schools.

Artists and craftspeople residing in Santa Cruz County are invited to apply once each year. Exhibits begin in January and run approximately 9 weeks. The Arts Council provides all hanging and display hardware and a First Friday Art Tour listing (optional). Artists are eligible to exhibit every other year. Applications are typically available in early fall on the Arts Council website: www.artscouncilsc.org.

Applicants are screened by the Arts Council's Exhibition Selection Committee, consisting of two professional artists, the Open Studios Art Tour Director, an Arts Council Board member, a Santa Cruz County Arts Commissioner, a representative from the County Parks Department, and two county employees. The Selection Committee strives to provide quality exhibits representing the diverse talents of our local artists. Artists should be aware that the County Government Center is not a gallery and should plan their shows to be appropriate for a public office building. Inappropriate or unsuitable material will not be displayed.

Questions?

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