

Art Center of Estes Park Mentor/Student Show

Show dates: February 15, 2025 to March 17, 2025
Opening reception: **Saturday, February 15, 2025 2 - 4 pm**
Hand deliver work by: Monday, February 10, 2025
All publicity due by: Monday, January 6, 2025

Here are the “rules of the road”:

1. Opportunities for participation include not only folks (adults or kids) participating with AC artists/members in the traditional mentor/mentee relationship or through the after-school mentoring program we sponsor... but also students who have paid to take classes at the Art Center.
2. We hope that participants offer at least one of their pieces of art for sale... and mentees are encouraged to offer several pieces. This can be original wall art or 3D... matted, unframed original paintings... notecards/sets -prints or originals... bookmarks... etc. Students who have paid to take classes at the Art Center may offer one or two pieces (depending on space available) suitably framed, for display on the wall, and their instructors are encouraged to hang one piece as well.
3. Completing an Application Form is mandatory for mentors/mentees wishing to participate in the show. (One is attached here.) Students who have paid to take classes during the year need not fill out an application, however, they need to let the Art Center know for planning purposes.
4. For mentees under the age of 18, parental approval and support is a necessity. This should include attentiveness to scheduled mentor sessions, transportation, and adequate supplies/preparation.
5. It's necessary for all mentees (or parents if under 18) to sign the “Photo Release” blank on the application form, allowing the Art Center to publish any photos taken of them or their work in conjunction with the program/show to appear in publicity releases to print or social media platforms.
6. Publicity for this show is crucial. In order to get as much press/social media coverage as possible, mentees need to turn in all the required information by the deadline! (jpgs of their work, bios, headshots and completed applications) NOTE: Both mentors and mentees are equally responsible for getting this info together and submitted on time. It's a mutual project all the way around! **This year, Monday, January 6, 2025, is the deadline for all publicity.** You'll receive an e-mail re: exactly what we need and the e-mail address to send it to in plenty of time to meet the deadline!
7. Once again, there will not be a featured artist during the Mentor/Student Show. The entire front gallery is ours! Room for lots of exciting new work.

8. A **Saturday afternoon opening reception** (not the traditional Friday night cocktail hour!) will take place from **2-4pm this year on February 15, 2025.**

9. There will be an 80/20 split on all work sold by mentees... with 20% commission being retained by the AC. (This is a great deal for “newbies”... and you need to be sure to tell them so! They can’t expect that kind of a split in a regular gallery agreement.) Students who have paid to take classes, along with their instructors, and all mentors will receive 60% of their sales price, as is customary for all Art Center artists selling their work in the gallery.

10. All AC artists/members and instructors working with mentees or students are asked to utilize this opportunity not only to share their talent as an artist with others... but also to teach mentees/students something about the business of being a professional artist showing work in a gallery setting and greeting the public at a show opening. Framing, pricing, labeling, filling out inventory forms... following “gallery rules”... dressing up and acting right! It’s all part of the Mentor/Student Show curriculum.

Q&A:

1. Can I mentor adults as well as kids? Yes.

2. More than one? Yes. Relatives? Yes.

3. Do kids have to be in the Estes Park school system? No.

4. Can I mentor somebody in a medium that I myself have not yet been juried into the Art Center to exhibit? Yes.

5. Can I participate in the show as a mentee/student? Yes, as long as you’ve been mentored by an AC artist in a medium new to you. And if you are a student who paid to take a class, you may hang any medium studied in the show.

6. How many major pieces will be shown per mentee? As many as size/space allows. (Be sure to provide appropriate containers for loose, smaller items if called for.) Students who have paid to take classes at the Art Center may offer one or two pieces (space dependent), suitably framed, for display on the wall, and their instructors are encouraged to hang one piece as well.

7. Can major work be marked “Not for Sale?” Yes.

8. How much time do I have to spend working with each mentee? Up to you. Just remember to allow adequate time so that the mentee gets a good introduction to your medium.

9. What “publicity info” is called for? Check out the application form. You will receive an explanatory e-mail letting you exactly what is needed and where to send it, in plenty of time to meet the deadline. (Note: In the past we have had great coverage in the EP papers!)

10. Inventory sheets for mentees/students work? Yes. The process of checking in their work is exactly the same as when checking in your own.

11. The AC will assign each mentee an “artist number”... on their application form... once they have been approved. These numbers will be made available to mentees.... and to mentors... upon request. They will also be posted in the work room.

12. Mentors need to complete (or assist their mentee to complete) a 2025 Artist Inventory form with inventory numbers for each piece; utilize the title info tags for all major pieces to be displayed (yellow copy on the art and white copy to the blue folder); and enter the info (including where the art is located) on the check-in sheet for the hanging committee. (Also mention where smaller items being offered by the mentee can be found, as the hanging committee will be displaying those as well.) Labels/price tags? Yes. Just like your own.

2025 Mentor/Student Show Application (Rev: 7/6/24)

Criteria for Participation for all Mentees:

1. Must meet in scheduled mentor sessions with an Art Center artist or Art Center member.
2. Must have at least one piece of displayed work for sale at the Art Center during Mentor/Student Show.
3. Must provide the Art Center with complete contact info and all additional information required for publicity by the deadline. (*Deadlines are crucial, and those who do not meet the deadlines will very likely not be allowed to participate in the Show.*)

Contact Information: (Please fill in completely and turn into the Art Center.)

Mentor: _____

Mentee : _____

Mentee's Age: _____ If under 18, parental approval: _____

Mentee's Mailing Address: _____

Mentee's Phone: _____ Parent's Phone if under 18: _____

Mentee's E Mail: _____ Parent's E Mail if under 18: _____

Mentor's E Mail: _____

Mentor's Phone: _____

Medium: _____

Agreement that photos of participant/work taken in conjunction with program/show may be used by Art Center for publicity purposes in print or social media:

Signature/Date: _____

*****Inventory ID Number** Assigned to mentee by Art Center: _____

Publicity Info Required: At a minimum, this will include: a jpg/photo of mentee; jpgs of more than one piece of mentee's work in the Show; short bio of mentee. (**Deadline: January 13, 2025**) You will receive an e-mail re: exact details and the e-mail address where you need to send everything in plenty of time to meet the deadline!

Turn in Work for the Show: All work must be properly framed, inventoried and labeled... as AC artists routinely do for their own work... and brought to the AC by **Monday, February 10, 2025. No later!**

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