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UNDER THE  
**OAKS**  
ARTS FESTIVAL

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*at Whalehead*  
IN HISTORIC COROLLA, NC

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17<sup>th</sup> Annual Art Festival

June 19<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>, 2018

Tuesday & Wednesday Hours:  
10 AM – 5 PM

**IMPORTANT DATES & DEADLINES:**

Application Deadline: April 27, 2018

Acceptance Notification: May 15, 2018

Artist Check-In: June 18, 2018 Noon – 5 pm

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#UndertheOaksCorolla

## **ABOUT OUR SHOW**

Under the Oaks Art Festival is a two day outdoor art show on the sweeping waterfront grounds of Historic Corolla Park at Whalehead in Historic Corolla. One hundred year old Live Oaks, open green lawns and casual breezes from the Currituck Sound make for a perfect location. This festival features the unique talents of quality artists with a wide variety of media plus local food concessions, and a silent art auction that benefits Whalehead. Whalehead was the 1920s residence of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Collings Knight, Jr., a 21,000-square-foot “mansion by the sea”.

## **ENTRY FEES**

Fine Artists & Wildlife Artists: Each application must be accompanied either by credit card information or a check made out to *Currituck County* with the memo line to include “2018 Under the Oaks.” The exhibitor space is \$150. Competition in the Fine Artists or Wildlife Artists categories is an additional \$50 for the non-refundable jury fee (total: \$200). The \$150 will be returned if the artist is not accepted. (*Your refund will come from Currituck County Finance Department.*) Once the artist has been accepted by the jury, the exhibitor space fee is non-refundable even if the artist is unable to attend the event.

**There will be no rain dates or refunds. The show goes on, rain, shine or wind, so all artists should be prepared for the weather.**

## **ENTRY MATERIALS**

In order to complete the application process, please send an entry packet which includes the following materials:

1. Complete and submit the application forms and include the artist name, (company name if different from the artist name) and the category which is relevant to you (Fine Artist, Wildlife Artist or Student Artist).
2. Enclose one check or credit card information for the appropriate fees. Applications that do not include the appropriate fees will not be accepted.

3. Submit five photos. Please include photos of your finest work and a photo of a booth from prior art show. The photos will be used by the judges to determine acceptance. Photos must be on a CD or flash drive in .jpeg format. Please mark your CD or flash drive with your name and phone number.
4. Please include a self-addressed and properly stamped envelope. If you are not accepted, this will be used to return your CD or flash drive. If the appropriate envelope or postage is not provided, the CD or flash drive will NOT be returned. Accepted artists will receive their CD or flash drive at the Art Festival.

## **SPACES**

Accepted artists will be emailed a map of the show with sections for the artist to select. You will be allowed to choose your top three sections. We will do everything we can to get you in your first choice; however, you may be placed in another location in the best interest of the show. If you have participated in the show in prior years and request the same space, we will try to get you that space. We do not guarantee any placement.

## **ARTISTS**

Fine Artists and Wildlife Artists: Artist must be present to display their own work. Proxy exhibitors are not permitted. The work of only one artist may be displayed in each assigned space. Two person teams producing a single product may qualify as a single exhibitor. Artists are responsible for their own tents, tables, coolers, ice and chairs. Volunteers will be on hand to help man your tent for short periods to allow for restroom and meal breaks. Work that is not appropriate for a family show cannot be displayed. Any artist who misrepresents the quality or production of their work will NOT be allowed to return to future shows.

*Wildlife Artists – For the purpose of this show Wildlife Artists will be defined as artists with 80% of displayed work being pieces featuring wildlife including, but not limited to, inland birds, waterfowl, reptiles, wild horse, deer, etc. or lifestyles closely related to wildlife such as hunting and fishing scenes.*

*Fine Artists – Artist may present work in any medium that does not appear on the “unacceptable” list below.*

## **STUDENT ARTISTS**

Eligible artists must be between the ages of 5 and 21 and must be currently enrolled in a school program. College graduates who graduated no more than six months before the festival are also eligible. Students 17 and under must be accompanied by a parent, teacher or other adult chaperone. Artists must be present to display their own work. Student artists may share their 10x10 space with up to three other students as long as all students have been accepted and fees paid.

## **UNACCEPTABLE WORK FOR ANY CATEGORY AT THE SHOW:**

Novelty Items

Picture Frames

Kit Work

Decoupage

Art Supplies

Imported Art

Candles or Soaps

Production Art / Mass Produced Items

Any other items NOT MADE OR PRODUCED by the artists presenting the work.

## **SALES**

Over 100,000 visitors will be on the Outer Banks of North Carolina in June, and they all will be invited to see and buy your work. Most families will have limited space and may request that your work be mailed to them. There are packing and shipping companies located in Kitty Hawk and Kill Devil Hills. This is a great option to offer to your customers. We recommend that you inquire about fees for this service before the show to get an idea of what amount to charge.

## **TAX**

Current North Carolina sales tax is 6.75% and charging this is the responsibility of the artist.

## **ACCOMMODATIONS**

Visit [www.visitcurrituck.com](http://www.visitcurrituck.com) for a list of nearby hotels, bed and breakfast establishments, and rental cottages. Our local Visitor's Center is also available to help with your needs at 877.287.7488.

## **CALENDAR**

- **January 5, 2018**  
Applications Available
  
- **April 27, 2018**  
Applications Deadline  
All applications must be postmarked by this date  
**NO LATE ENTRIES WILL BE ACCEPTED**
  
- **May 18, 2018**  
Acceptance Letters  
Notification by email
  
- **Monday, June 18, 2018**  
Noon – 5:00 pm ~ Artist check-in, pick up information packets, set up tents
  
- **Tuesday, June 19, 2018**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Show Hours  
11:00 am – Judging Begins  
5:30 pm – 7:30 pm – Artist Reception & Awards Dinner
  
- **Wednesday, June 20, 2018**  
10:00 am – 5:00 pm Show Hours  
5:00 pm – Breakdown Begins **NO BREAKDOWN BEGINS BEFORE 5:00 PM!**

## AWARDS

### **Judging Criteria:**

- Judging will begin at 11am on Tuesday and will be completed by 4pm.
- Judging will be conducted by a panel of qualified artists, art historians, art educators, or art gallery owners.
- Artists will be given a separate numerical score by each judge based on skill/technique, creativity/originality, quality of composition or design, consistency, knowledge and mastery of the medium and the overall impression of the artist's body of work.
- The scores will be summed to determine the artist's final score.
- Judges may revisit an artist to reevaluate their work in the event of a tie.
- Artist will be judged on their display works as a whole, but their most outstanding work, chosen by the judges, will be recognized as the winning piece.

### **Prizes:**

#### Fine Arts

Best in Show	\$1,000
Second	\$400
Third	\$200

#### Wildlife Arts

Best in Show	\$1,000
Second	\$400
Third	\$200

#### Student Arts

Best in Show	Commemorative Ribbon & Trophy
Second and Third	Commemorative Ribbon & Trophy

## **CHECKLIST**

- ARTIST/EXHIBITOR AGREEMENT & Under The Oaks Artist/Exhibitor Rules & Regulations**, Completed and postmarked by April 27, 2018
  - Credit card information or 1(one) check payable to *Currituck County* for **Exhibit Space** - \$150 or \$75 for students  
**Jury Fee** - \$50 or \$25 for students and
  - CD or Flash Drive with five photos
  - Optional: Self-addressed stamped envelope large enough and will appropriate postage for CD or Flash Drive
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All Application and Materials should be mailed to:

**County of Currituck**  
**ATTN: UTOAF / Kemberly Sawyer**  
**153 Courthouse Road, Suite 1922**  
**Currituck, NC 27929**

**\*If you wish to donate a piece of artwork for the annual silent auction to benefit the Whalehead, please deliver it at check-in on Monday, June 18, 2018.**