

Mercer County Senior Art Show July 20 - August 6, 2026

Mercer County Executive Dan Benson, and the Board of Commissioners are pleased to present the 2026 Mercer County Senior Art Show from July 20 through August 6 at The Conference Center at Mercer, Mercer County Community College, West Windsor, New Jersey.

The Mercer County Senior Art Show is open to any Mercer County resident age 60 or older, and first-place winners from the County Show are automatically included in the New Jersey Senior Citizen Art Show. Important information on all categories, rules & regulations, and deadlines can be found in this brochure.

Hours for viewing the exhibit are Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Saturday 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. A closing reception will be on August 6 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. Artwork **not chosen** to advance to the New Jersey Senior Art Show will be released to the artist immediately after the reception on August 6.

For questions and more information, please call 609-278-2712 or email Lisa Tramo at ltramo@mercercounty.org.



Senior Art Show Committee

Division of Culture & Heritage & The Office on Aging
Lisa Tramo, Coordinator, (609) 278-2701
Chelsey Johnstone, Co-Coordinator, Mary Harrison, Co-Coordinator



To make arrangements for special ADA accommodations please call 609-278-2712.

Directions

1200 Old Trenton Road • West Windsor
609-570-3237

Rt. 1 Exit onto Quakerbridge Road/South 533. After 2 miles (through 4 traffic lights), turn left at the Youngs Road traffic light. At the end of Youngs Road, turn right onto Hughes Drive and follow past Mercer County Park entrance. MCCC campus entrance is on the left

Rt. 206 From 206 South, turn left onto Province Line Road (at traffic light). From 206 North, turn right onto Province Line Road. Follow Province Line Road through the next traffic light (Princeton Pike), continue to the next traffic light and turn right onto Quakerbridge Road / South 533. On Quakerbridge Road, follow directions from Route 1 (see above).

I-95/295 Take Interstate 95 (which becomes Interstate 295) to Exit 65A: Sloan Ave. East. Continue straight on Sloan Ave. East (becomes Flock Road) to the end. Turn left at traffic light, onto Edinburg Road. Continue straight through one traffic light (becomes Old Trenton Road). Take right jug handle that leads to the MCCC campus entrance.



Dan Benson
Mercer County Executive

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The Conference Center at Mercer
Mercer County Community College
1200 Old Trenton Road
West Windsor, NJ

Presented by
Mercer County Division of Culture & Heritage
Mercer County Office on Aging



The Mercer County Senior Citizen Art Show is made possible by funds from the New Jersey State Council on the Arts, a partner agency of the National Endowment for the Arts.

Eligibility Guidelines

Any Mercer County resident age 60 or over may submit **ONE ENTRY** completed within the past three years. Artwork must be the original work of the applicant and must not have been previously entered into the county show.

First-place winners automatically advance to the state competition. One professional and one non-professional first-place winner are accepted in the state show in each of the following categories: acrylic, craft, digital art, mixed media, oil, pastel, photography, print, sculpture, watercolor and works on paper.

Categories

- **Acrylic.**
- **Craft.** One-of-a-kind originals. No kits/molds.
- **Digital Art.** Work created using a computer-based painting or graphics program, such as Photoshop or Illustrator.
- **Mixed Media.** Combines two or more media, no one of which clearly predominates; includes collage and assemblage.
- **Oils.**
- **Pastel.** Includes chalk and oil pastels.
- **Photography.** Created using a film-based, digital or pinhole camera, includes color, black & white, tinted or digitally manipulated photos, photograms, tin types, etc.
- **Print.** ORIGINAL prints including monoprint, woodcut, silkscreen, etching, linoleum block.
- **Sculpture.** “Non-functional” 3-dimensional work in any medium.
- **Watercolor.** Includes gouache & tempera.
- **Works on Paper.** Pencil, pen, ink, graphite or markers.

Artist Classification

Professional: Person who meets 2 or more of the following criteria:

- sold artwork through commercial channels;
- has exhibited in a professional gallery and/or in professional shows for 2 or more years;
- has had work selected for juried shows;
- has received 2 or more awards for artwork;
- holds or has held professional membership in an art guild or association.

Non-Professional: Person who does not meet the above professional criteria.

Display Guidelines

- Work must be the original creation of the artist. No giclée prints or other reproductions of original art work will be accepted.
- 2-D dimensions, **including frame:** no more than **MAXIMUM 30”** or less than **MINIMUM 10”** in any direction. No exceptions!
- Sculpture and 3-D crafts **MAXIMUM 20”** in width and **MAXIMUM 36"** in height, and may not weigh more than 40 pounds.
- Sculptures must be attached to bases, if a base is used.
- Artwork must be delivered **READY TO HANG:** matted, framed and wired for hanging (NO SAW-TOOTH HANGERS) and properly labeled on the back.
- Plexiglas is suggested for all 2-D work, when possible, and is **required** for pieces more than 24” in any dimension to avoid accidental damage.
- Artwork valued at \$400 or more must be insured by owner.
- If work is incorrectly categorized, it will be moved to the correct category.

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Artwork Label

Please affix to back of artwork.

Name	Age
Address	
City	Zip
Title of Work	
Medium	Year completed
Size H W	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Non Professional
Value \$	<input type="checkbox"/> For Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Not for Sale
Insurance Company Name	
Insurance Company for art valued over \$400.	

Sales

Work does not need to be for sale, but an insurance value is required. If a work is offered for sale, the artist receives the full payment. No commission is taken by the County or The Conference Center at Mercer.

Registration & Drop-Off

Completed registration form must be received in the Mercer County Culture & Heritage Office by July 8. Artwork should be delivered to The Conference Center at Mercer on July 14 between 9 a.m. and 2 p.m. For more information, call 609-278-2712 or email Lisa Tramo at ltramo@mercercounty.org.

Registration Form Mercer County Senior Art Show

**Must be received by July 8:
Division of Culture & Heritage
640 South Broad Street
Trenton, NJ 08611**

Name	Age
Address	
City	Zip
Phone	Cell
Email	
Title of Work	
Medium	Year completed
Size H W	<input type="checkbox"/> Professional <input type="checkbox"/> Non Professional
Value \$	<input type="checkbox"/> For Sale <input type="checkbox"/> Not for Sale
Insurance Company Name	
Insurance Company for art valued over \$400.	

Waiver

While every attempt will be made to secure and protect each entry submitted, the sponsoring organizations do not assume responsibility for loss or damage incurred. Entry in the show signifies compliance with this waiver. No artwork may be removed prior to the closing reception. Only the County Coordinator may remove artwork at that time. Artwork not included in the state show must be retrieved after the reception on August 6 by 1 p.m.