



Reading Art Association

Promoting Art for over 60 Years

Spring Art Exhibit and Sale

May 1 and 2, 2026



Dates/Times: **Friday, May 1, 2026 7:30 to 9:30 PM, Saturday, May 2, 2026, 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM.** The Friday night show will open with a reception from 7:30 to 9:30 PM. Come and enjoy the art and the camaraderie.

Location: First Congregational Church, Sanborn Street, Reading, Massachusetts

Eligibility: Open to all RAA Members in good standing who are current on their annual dues.

Rules: Our shows are almost back to where we were prior to the Covid-19 pandemic, but there are still some changes from the pre-pandemic rules. Here are the rules for the Spring Show.

- **Three works per artist are allowed.**
- There are no categories for the different media.
- Unframed works for sale are welcome.
- **There will be a Mini Art sale with two entries per artist.**
- **Maximum price of Mini Art entries has increased to \$125.**
- Paintings, photography, and sculpture are all welcome.
- Only original works are allowed, no prints or reproductions.
- Two dimensional work must be framed and wired for hanging.
- Proper Gallery Canvas is allowed, but it must be wired.
- **RAA has a strict No Nudes policy.**

Entry Fee: For this show, there is no additional entry fee beyond your annual dues. Paying your dues for the year gets your work into the show. The annual dues are now \$30 per year, and were due for the Fall Show. If you paid your dues in the fall, there is no other fee for entering into this show.

Registration: There are three ways to enter your work into the Spring Show

- Easiest - Complete our online registration form and submit it.
- Harder - Complete our editable registration form PDF file.
- Hardest - Print the registration form and fill it out by hand.

Easiest - Online Registration Form

In your browser, click on the link below to go to the form.

<https://forms.gle/jH5UfucVrYFGRVox6>

Enter the information for your entries and click the Submit button. There is nothing more you have to do other than bringing your work to the drop-off. We will print your entry form for you and have it at the drop-off ready for you to sign. The tags for the backs of your paintings will be there; you can attach them after you have signed in.

Harder - Editable PDF Entry Form

Click on the link below, which takes you to an editable entry form.

http://www.readingart.org/Spring2026_EntryForm.pdf

and fill it out.

The entry form has editable fields, so you can complete it using your computer. Print the form and bring the completed form to the dropoff on **Thursday, April 30**. You can pay your dues at delivery time. To help us keep track of the entries, please send an email to webmaster@readingart.org with the form attached or with the following information in it by **April 28**.

- Your name
- Title of your work
- Medium
- Price or NFS (Not For Sale)

The purpose of the email is so that we can get a head count and print a list of the art works to hand out at the show.

Hardest - Print and Complete the Blank Form by Hand

You can print the Entry Form blank and fill it out by hand. Bring the completed form with you to the drop-off. To help us keep track of the entries, please send an email to webmaster@readingart.org with the painting information listed above.

Note

If you used our online registration form, do not bring in a printed form. If you completed the PDF form you must bring a paper copy of the form to the delivery for signature purposes.

We will not have printing capabilities at the Church.

Awards: We have made some changes to the awards. They are listed below along with the amount of each award.

- Best of Show.....\$100
- First Place.....\$50
- Second Place.....\$35
- Third Place.....\$35
- Mary Saija Award.....\$50
- Nathalie Nordstrand Award.....\$50
- Popular Award.....\$50

We are also allowing the granting of up to two Award of Excellence ribbons at the discretion of the judges. There is no money award associated with the Awards of Excellence. Please note that we are not having media categories at this show.

Delivery All entries must be delivered on **Thursday, April 30** between **4:00 PM and 6:00 PM** to the Congregational Church. Unless you registered using our online registration form, bring your completed form with you. If you have not paid your dues, bring your checkbook to pay your dues.

Sales: Artwork should be priced for sale. The Reading Art Association does not take commissions on works sold. However, if you wish to donate a commission, it will be gratefully accepted. If you do not want to sell your art, put NFS in the fields on the entry form for Price.

It is understood that Reading Art Association, Inc., assumes no responsibility for loss, damage, or theft of any works, including, but not limited to, paintings, photographs or sculptures entered in this exhibit.

Removal: All Main Exhibit pieces must stay with the show until its closing. Artwork must be picked up by owner or authorized person at the Congregational Church on **May 2**, no earlier than **3:00 PM** and **no later than 4:00 PM**. RAA will not be responsible for exhibits left after 4:00 PM.

Purchasers of mini art entries may remove the piece at the time of purchase.

Drawing: There will be a drawing for a painting, which will be awarded on Saturday afternoon, May 2, to the lucky ticket holder, who does not have to be present to win.

Mini Art Sale: We are again sponsoring a Mini Art Sale in conjunction with the Main Show. Dates, eligibility, location, delivery, and removal of unsold artwork are the same as for the Main Exhibit. Purchasers of pieces from the Mini Art sale may take the work with them at time of purchase.

Artists may submit **two** pieces of original work not to exceed 16 inches in any direction, including the frame.

- Sold pieces may be replaced with another piece.
- No prints will be allowed.
- All Mini Art entries must be ready for hanging, with wire attached.
- Price to be determined by the artist but must not exceed \$125.

Unframed Sale Each artist can bring unframed work to sell at the show.

Note Cards: There will be no note cards for sale at this show.

Important Notice

Our shows are set up by a small group of volunteers who are becoming overwhelmed by the amount of work that must be done to host a show. Please consider putting in a couple of hours to help set up easels, take in paintings before the show, or sign out paintings after the show. Any help you can provide will be appreciated. To sign up, send an email to

Webmaster@ReadingArt.org

or to our new email address

ReadingArtAssociation@gmail.com