

# El Cerrito Art Association

A group that supports local artists



## 2026 Annual Art Show & Sale: October 2 - 4 El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Moeser Lane, El Cerrito CA

### 2026 Artists' Show Schedule & Deadlines

<b>Entry Deadline:</b>	September 1st
<b>Art Receiving:</b>	Thursday, October 1 <sup>st</sup> , 4 – 6:30 pm
<b>Art Pick-up:</b>	Sunday, October 4 <sup>th</sup> , 4:15-5:00 pm

### Fees: No Refunds

<b>Non-member:</b>	\$25 per entry. No NFS (Not For Sale), No Bin Sales
<b>Member:</b>	\$20 per entry. Limit one NFS per member, per category
<b>Bin Sales:</b>	\$10 flat rate, maximum 10 items

**Membership:** \$40 per calendar year (Jan – Dec)  
To Join: [www.elcerritoart.org](http://www.elcerritoart.org)

**Liability insurance is the artist's responsibility.**

### CALL FOR ARTISTS

**DEADLINE: SEPTEMBER 1st**  
**SPECIAL CATEGORY THEME:**  
**"INTENSITY!"**

**CASH PRIZES: 1st \$100, 2nd \$50, 3rd \$25**  
in categories of 12 or more entries  
++ Special & Merchant Awards

**OPENING ARTISTS' RECEPTION**  
Friday, October 2nd, 7 – 9 pm

**WEEKEND HOURS**  
11 am – 4 pm  
Saturday and Sunday, October 3rd & 4th

**ONLINE ENTRIES ONLY**  
<https://elcerritoart.org/how-to-enter>

**Entry Categories:** This non-juried open show has no overall theme, only for the Special Category "Intensity." ECAA members may enter 3 pieces per category. Non-members may enter 2 pieces per category. Limit of one entry in the Special Category for all artists. Multiple images as one entry, such as a diptych, must be connected and meet dimension and all other display qualifications.

- 1. Oil:** Any 2-dimensional surface painted only with traditional, or water-based oils.
- 2. Acrylic:** Any 2-dimensional surface painted only with acrylic paint.
- 3. Watercolor 3-L Landscape; 3-O Other than landscape** (two sub-categories):  
Any 2-dimensional surface painted only with watercolor, including gouache. China white, pen & ink accents OK. Submit entries in **either** sub-category, for a **total** of no more than 3 for members, or 2 for non-members.
- 4. Pastel:** Works completed in chalk, soft or oil pastels.
- 5. Black & White Photography:** Film or digital. Filters, distortion and other software enhancements acceptable.
- 6. Color Photography:** Film or digital. Filters, distortion and other software enhancements are acceptable.
- 7. Digital Art:** Original artwork created by the entering artist using a digital program as the major core component of the creative process.
- 8. Sculptural Forms:** Any 3-dimensional objects made from single or combined elements, including origami.
- 9. Mixed Media/Collage:** Original images and art by the entering artist. If it does not fit anywhere else, uses multiple mediums or is a collage, your art belongs here! (No jewelry)
- 10. Drawing Media:** Works completed in standard drawing media, including charcoal, graphite, colored pencil, crayon, pen and ink (including wash) etc. and all Sumi ink work.
- 11. Printmaking:** Relief, intaglio, silkscreen, monotypes, mono-prints, etc.
- 12. SPECIAL CATEGORY THEME: "INTENSITY".** Limit one piece per artist, in any of the above media.

## Terms of Eligibility:

1. Our Annual Art Show & Sale is a non-juried show open to local Bay Area artists and limited to 250 entries.
2. Participating artists must be living, and 18 years old by October 1<sup>st</sup> of this year.
3. **No AI!** ALL entries must be original artwork of the entering artist. No reproductions. No works that copy or use all or a part of another artist's work, including photographs or images from the internet, even if authorized or used by permission. No assemblage, decoupage or other work based on other source materials as a major component.
4. **No work done in class, workshop or under other supervision.**
5. Artwork delivered to the show must be the same as listed on the Entry Form: **No substitutions.**
6. No artwork shall exceed 3 feet in any direction, including frame, except sculpture by prior approval.
7. Sculptures may not exceed 30 lbs. and will be placed as directed by ECAA volunteers.
8. No sale price may exceed \$1,000. Artwork NFS by members only, limit one per member per category.
9. ECAA does not collect sales tax. Artists are fully responsible for their own tax liabilities.
10. Buyers will make payments to ECAA for all sales. Checks to artist, less 20% commission, mailed within two weeks.
11. Artists retain all rights of reproduction and licensing, unless by specific agreement with buyers.
12. Commission to ECAA on later sales resulting from show activity is the responsibility of the artist. Private sales of show items without payment to ECAA may disqualify artists from future shows.
13. Family friendly: no nudes or violence. Final decision is ECAA's.
14. Insurance for loss or damage to artwork not provided. Liability is the responsibility of the artist.

## Display Qualifications:

**All entries must be dry, complete and ready to display as received.**

1. Artists are responsible to have entries ready for display: **Art Receiving Thursday: 4 - 6:30 pm.**
2. Each entry must have a completed Artwork Label attached to the back, lower, and right corner.
3. **All 2-Dimensional work must be framed except for "gallery wrapped" artwork at least 1" deep.** The sides may continue the image or be separately painted. Optionally, artwork may be "cradled" with painted or plain sides.
4. All artwork except freestanding sculpture must include a **hanging wire** (no string or nylon), across back, not to extend beyond upper frame edge. Ends of wire **must** be taped.
5. Hangers, such as D-rings, **must be flush** with frames. NO sawtooth hooks, protruding screw eyes or clip frames.
6. **EXCEPT FOR PASTELS**, all artwork requiring protective, clear covering must use acrylic glazing. **NO GLASS!**

## Members' Bin Sale Requirements:

**All bin sale art must be unframed and in clear protective coverings.**

1. Prints, reproductions and collaborative artwork using internet or other artists' images by permission are accepted here as an **exception to eligibility for the main show.**
2. Entry in the main show is not required; however, other Terms of Eligibility above apply.
3. Participation in Bin Sales must be registered online before the September 1<sup>st</sup> Deadline.
4. Members may submit a maximum of 10 items, each not to exceed 3/8" thickness, including artwork on boards.
5. No artwork on stretched canvas.
6. Notecard packages count as one item.
7. Attach **completed Bin Sale Identification Labels** before drop-off. **Do not mail!**
8. Receipt for bin sale items will be provided by receiving crew on Thursday.
9. Bin sales on Saturday and Sunday only.
10. Buyers take bin purchases at time of sale.

## Members' Lobby Table:

Members may leave business cards, show postcards or small brochures. No artwork, just info.