

## Art Exhibit Policy

### 1.0 Purpose:

Nederland Community Library encourages artistic and cultural interests by providing a showcase for artists from the Nederland mountain and neighboring areas. In turn these exhibits and displays will enrich our community library. The library welcomes artists of all ages whether they are amateur or professional.

### 2.0 Definitions:

The Art Exhibit Committee = The committee

### 3.0 Policy:

The Nederland Community Library intends to mount displays of the work of local artists for periods of up to 90 days. Works accepted for display will remain at the library for the scheduled period; if an artist sells a piece prior to the end of the scheduled period a library staff member will place a red dot on the artwork label to indicate that the piece has been sold.

The Library's Art Exhibit Committee will select the art works to be displayed. The committee consists of three members: a library staff member, appointed by the director, who acts as committee chair, and two rotating members from the community who have a strong interest or background in art. As vacant positions arise, the Art Exhibit Committee will solicit and select the new committee members. The committee will solicit local artists whose work they wish to see exhibited at the library and will solicit submissions when there is a vacant slot in the exhibit schedule and review all submissions for selection. Selections will be made based on the committee's view of the quality and appropriateness of the art, the space available, and the mission of the library.

Prior to each new exhibit, the library staff art committee member, in consultation with the Art Exhibit Committee, will solicit the next artist and will secure the completed *Art Exhibit Form* and supporting documents prior to the installation of artwork. All artwork must be original by the submitting artist(s). The library will be open to the display of different media based on the library's mission and ability to display.

The library will assemble information about the artists and their work, as provided by them, to display for the viewing public. This will include contact information for interested purchasers. Selection to exhibit or display works at the library does not constitute an endorsement of the work. The library reserves the right to remove any piece at any time at its discretion.



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Each exhibitor agrees that the Nederland Community Library assumes no responsibility for loss or damage to artwork on exhibit at the library and agrees to release the Nederland Community Library, trustees, invitees, and employees from responsibility for any such loss or damage. In the event of a complaint by any patron or community member, such complaint will be handled under the Library Complaint Policy.

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## Donated Art

In general, the library encourages mainly temporary, rotating art exhibits. However, occasionally a member of the community may wish to donate artwork to the library. In such cases, the committee will meet to discuss whether the artwork to be donated is appropriate or feasible for permanent display in the library and will pass on their recommendation to the library director for her/his final decision as to whether the library will accept the donation.

## Purchasing Art for the Library

Occasionally, the library may wish to purchase art for the library using grant, library foundation, or library district funds. In such cases, the following will occur:

- 1) If grant money is to be used to purchase the artwork, the committee and the director will discuss the purchase and the director will make the final decision on whether to purchase the artwork.
- 2) If Nederland Community Library District funds will be used to purchase artwork, the library district board and the director will decide upon the purchase.
- 3) If Nederland Community Library Foundation Board funds will be used to purchase artwork, the Art Exhibit Committee and one library foundation board member will meet to discuss the specific purchase and will pass their recommendation on to the library director for his/her final decision.

## 4.0 Attachments: The Art Exhibit Form

## 5.0 Revision History: 7/27/2011 Initial Issue, revised: 12/11/2013

- Revised removal of artwork during exhibit language; noted that red dot will be added to artwork label to indicate sold works during exhibits, but artwork must remain in exhibit for scheduled period
- Revised language on how the Art Exhibit Committee is comprised (two rotating community members instead of one library foundation board member and one rotating community member), how vacant art committee positions are filled, and changed language to note that the committee will solicit their chosen new artists for upcoming exhibits and will solicit submissions from the community only when there is a vacant slot
- Changed *Art Exhibit Request Form* to *Art Exhibit Form*
- Added Donated Art and Purchasing Art for the Library sections
- Lowercased names when not full official title or name

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