Call for Entry 2026

Arts Council of Surrey's

Calendar Call Visual and Poetry Competition

Arts Council of Surrey invites Visual Artists to submit up to three (3) 2D images of original artwork, and Writers to submit up to three (3) entries of prose (50 words each) or up to 3 entries of poetry (5 lines each). We do not accept Generative AI of any kind.

PRIZES:

VISUAL: All Visual winners will have their artwork featured in our 2027 Calendar, and will also receive one (1) free copy of the calandar upon its release.

POETRY: All Poetry winners will have their artwork featured in our 2027 Calendar, and will also receive one (1) free copy of the calendar upon its release.

RULES OF ENTRY:

Blind Submissions: The artist's or author's name/signature must not appear on the front of the artwork or manuscript.

ALL SUBMISSIONS: All submissions must be original material created by the submitting artist or author. Visual submissions MUST NOT have been previously shown in public, commercial, or juried exhibition. Poetry submissions MUST NOT have been previously published, accepted for publication, or have been a winner in another contest prior to the deadline.

VISUAL SUBMISSIONS: All artworks should be created in **LANDSCAPE FORMAT** and be submitted as a high resolution (300dpi), JPG file format digital image only. Artwork must be a minimum size (10" x 8") or a maximum Size (40" x 32"). Artwork must be matted, framed and wired, ready for hanging. Pieces to be clean with no glass chips or damaged frames. Canvas works to have properly finished edges or to be framed. Work that is not ready to hang will not be displayed. The image must be a true copy of the original art work in values, intensity and colour. Images must be cropped to eliminate background noise (no frames, mats, easels, gardens, etc.).

Name each file as follows: Last Name, First Initial_Title of work. (Example: Jones, L_Trees)

Make sure the digital image file is attached to the email with your submission, not inserted or embedded in a document. *Digital images are to be emailed only.*

POETRY SUBMISSIONS: Poetry must be sent as digital text files (such as .txt, or .doc/.docx). Each submission of prose may not exceed 50 words, and each submission of poetry may not exceed 5 lines.

ENTRY INFORMATION:

ENTRY FEES: $25.00 per visual/image (to a maximum of 3) — or $10.00 per poem/prose piece (to a maximum of 3).

Completed entry forms can be submitted by e-mail to info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca, fees then to be paid by Visa/ Mastercard by phone (604.594.2700) or in person. Fees paid by cheque must be made payable to the *Arts Council of Surrey* and mailed to: Arts Council of Surrey, 13530 72 Avenue, Surrey, BC V3W2P1 with the completed entry form, or delivered, in a sealed envelope, to the above address with the completed entry form.
E-transfers can be sent to info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca, no password required.

SUBMISSION DEADLINE: The entry forms must be received by ACS on or before Tuesday, November 3, 2026, at 2:00pm. Images and words may only be submitted electronically to ACS at info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca

ACCEPTED OR DECLINED ENTRIES: You will be notified by email Friday, November 13, 2026.

Accepted Visual Artworks are due at the ACS gallery on Saturday, November 28th between 10am and 2:00pm (storage and shipping are not available). ACS reserves the right to make hardcopy prints of award-winning pieces for archival purposes.

Accepted Literary Artworks: Poems/prose will be printed on heavy card and displayed in the Gallery along with the artwork.

Sales of visual artworks will be handled by the Arts Council of Surrey and a commission of 25% will be deducted from the artist's sale price. All work must be original, no prints, kits, commercial crafts, or copies of other artists' work or works previously hung at the gallery will be accepted. *Literary works will not be offered for sale in the Gallery.

Unsold works to be collected on Sunday, December 13 - 10am - 2pm.

Exhibition: Tuesday, December 1 - Saturday, December 12
Gallery Hours: Tuesday to Sunday, 10am - 3pm

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Entry Form 2026

Please fill out **this form** and send with your **entry fee ($25 per image)** for the

Calendar Call - **Visual Competition**

Submission #1

Visual Artist's Name: _____

P: _____ E: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____ Sale Price (or NFS): _____

Submission #2

Visual Artist's Name: _____

P: _____ E: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____ Sale Price (or NFS): _____

Submission #3

Visual Artist's Name: _____

P: _____ E: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Size: _____ Sale Price (or NFS): _____

Please fill out **this form** and send with your **entry fee ($10 per poem/prose)** for the

Calendar Call - **Poetry Competition**

Author's Name: _____

P: _____ E: _____

Title #1: _____

Title #2: _____

Title #3: _____

PAYMENT: ***by Visa or Mastercard (included in the email or phoned to* 604 - 594 - 2700*) or by Visa, Mastercard, or Debit in the office.***

E-Transfers can be sent to **info@artscouncilofsurrey.ca**

If you are paying by cheque please make payable to Arts Council of Surrey and mail, or bring in to: **Newton Cultural Centre, 13530 - 72 Ave, Surrey V3W 2P1**

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EXHIBITION:

Tuesday, December 1 - Saturday, December 12

GALLERY HOURS:

Tuesday to Sunday, 10am - 3pm

Sales of work will be handled by the Arts Council of Surrey, a commission of 25% will be deducted from the artist's sale price.

All work must be original, NO prints, kits, commercial crafts, or copies of other artists' work or works previously hung at the gallery will be accepted. No Generative AI will be accepted.

Unsold works to be collected from the Newton Cultural Centre on Sunday, December 13, 10am - 2pm

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