

Seniors ART Competition & Exhibition

Competition Categories

Novice

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any new artists who have been making artwork for three years or less. If you have entered this competition or another in the past, you are not eligible for this award.

Hobby

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any artists who do not sell or show their work commercially. If you have an exhibition history in galleries, festivals, or juried shows (excluding the Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition) or teach art professionally, you are not eligible for this category.

Open

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any artists who may have had showings of their work in galleries, festivals, or juried shows or who may teach art professionally.

Winners for each award category will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Originality and response to the theme
- Overall composition and effective use of the elements of art
- Mastery of techniques and materials

Opening Reception:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026
at 2:30 pm

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery,
Gallery A

Exhibition:

August 14 to September 24, 2026

Featured Theme:

That Summer



Important Dates

- **Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition Information Session and Tour**
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tuesday / April 14 / 1-2 pm
- **Submission Drop-off:**
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tuesday / August 11 / 10 am-4 pm
Please bring your artwork ready to hang (e.g. in a frame, or with hanging hardware) with your completed submission form.
- **Exhibition:**
August 14 to September 24, 2026
- **Opening and Awards Reception:**
Gallery A, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Tuesday / August 18 / 2:30 pm
Refreshments will be provided.
- **Submission Pick-up:**
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery
Friday / September 25 / 10 am-4 pm
Please make arrangements to pick up your artwork from the gallery.



January 2026

Eligibility Requirements

- We invite artists to submit 1 original artwork relating to the theme: *That Summer*.
 - Only artworks created in 2025 and 2026 are eligible.
 - 2D and 3D entries of any medium will be accepted (up to 4'x4'x4').
 - Participants must be 55+ and be a member of Oshawa Public Libraries, the Oshawa Senior Community Centres, or The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.
 - Staff members of Oshawa Public Libraries, the Oshawa Senior Community Centres, or The Robert McLaughlin Gallery are not eligible.
 - The RMG is responsible for demonstrating the utmost discretion regarding the presence of culturally appropriated content or potentially offensive subjects. We do not wish to censor your creative process. If you are concerned about your work's eligibility, please email Hannah Keating at hkeating@rmg.on.ca.
- ☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I understand the competition categories and my entry meets the relevant eligibility requirements.

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Registration Form (please print)

Name:

Address:

Telephone Number:

E-mail Address:

Title of Submission:

Medium:

Year Completed:

One sentence statement about work:

I wish to be considered for the following category:

☐ Novice

☐ Hobby

☐ Open

I am a member of the:

☐ Oshawa Senior Community Centres

☐ Oshawa Public Libraries

☐ The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Membership #
