

New England Society of Botanical Artists

Call for Entries

**2020 Newport Flower Show, Rosecliff Mansion, Newport, RI
Friday, June 19 – Sunday, June 21, 2020**

The NESBA exhibit at the 2020 Newport Flower Show is open to any NESBA or GNSI_NE member in good standing (dues paid). This is not a juried show but there is a selection process due to space limitations and to ensure quality.

Exhibit Theme: The 2020 Newport Flower Show theme is “Voices in the Garden”.

Exhibit Requirements: Artists may enter more than one work. The artist is requested to specify the category for which each work is entered. No more than 6 works will be selected for each category, for a maximum of 24 works in the exhibit. Works may have been previously displayed but not at a Newport Flower Show. Any 2-dimensional, original media, but no photography or computer generated work. *No entry or installation fee.*

Submission Categories: Artists are encouraged to apply liberal interpretation to the categories while keeping in mind the venue and that the exhibit is part of a prestigious flower show. Each piece will be displayed in one of these 4 categories and should have at least one botanical element in the work.

- Voices in the garden (could include birds, insects, breeze, flowing water, etc)
- Up close or far away
- From nature: natural objects (animals, shells, insects, etc.)
- Light and shadow on form

NESBA seeks 1 set of preliminary studies to be displayed with the finished piece on a panel separate from panels for the 4 categories. The idea is to show the artistic journey from initial concept to finished piece. Preliminary studies must be suitably framed but do not need to be matted. If interested, please contact JoanPierce75@gmail.com.

Deadlines: **Submittals may begin now. Early complete submittals get early notification and increased chance of acceptance.**

by April 25 – digital images, with required accompanying information must be submitted to: **JoanPierce75@gmail.com**
by May 6 – artists will be notified of selection of artwork.

First week of June – artwork must be received by the Preservation Society of Newport County. Selected work may be sent directly to ATTN: Beverly Ware, Preservation Society of Newport County, 424 Bellevue Ave. Newport, RI 02840. NESBA may use “Drop off Persons”, and the collected work will be delivered to the Preservation Society. Details of “Drop Off Persons” to follow.

Digital Image Submission Requirements: **Please submit all required information listed below with the digital image.**

- ✓ may be taken with phone or camera or scanned; poor quality images may result in work being rejected.
- ✓ artist’s name and Title of work in the digital file name; ex. JaneDoe_Tulipa.jpeg
- ✓ media, **exterior frame dimensions H x W in inches** (estimated, if not yet framed).
- ✓ name of subject (latin and common name preferred).
- ✓ Artist Statement/Bio as a WORD.doc or PDF only!, not to exceed 1 page; town/state of artist’s residence.

Exhibitor Guidelines and Liability Statement: *Neither NESBA nor the Preservation Society accept liability for loss or damage to artwork. Artists are solely responsible for insuring their artwork and for providing protection for the artwork during transit and handling by volunteers. (i.e., neat “bubblewrap” or better.) Please include contact information in your Artist Statement/Bio for potential buyers. Artwork cannot be sold at the exhibit or through the Newport Flower Show.*

Framing Guidelines: **Exhibit panels are 36” wide. Exterior frame measurement of the longest single dimension (H or W, not total perimeter) may not exceed 30”.** **Works with exterior frame width dimensions of 24” or less, are preferred because of space limitations.** White or off-white mats. Simple wood frames with natural light, medium or dark finish. Gold finish acceptable. No painted or metal frames. No sawtooth hangers. Artwork in frames of insufficient quality will not be installed. Plexiglass required for safety of the work and of the volunteers. *Dated:1/30/2020*