



The Cultural Council of Santa Cruz County

County Government Center Exhibits FAQs

About the Exhibits

The Cultural Council presents four exhibits each year at the County Government Center. The exhibits feature the work of some of our local artists. Co-sponsored by the County Department of Public Works, each show consists of work from five artists: two artists displaying art on the 1st & 5th floor walls; and two 3-D artists, each showing work in 8' display cases on the 1st & 5th floors. Additionally, in April and May annually, the Cultural Council produces a Student Art Exhibit showcasing artwork created through our SPECTRA Arts Learning Program at Santa Cruz County schools.

Artists and craftspeople residing in Santa Cruz County are invited to apply. Art works are displayed on the walls of the 1st & 5th floors of the County Government Center or, for 3-D work, within 3 glass display cases, each measuring 92" long x 19" deep x 21" high. The application due date is in November of each year. The exhibits begin in January and run for approximately 10 weeks. Artists are eligible to apply for exhibition every other year. Applications can be found in August on the Cultural Council website: www.ccsc.org.

Applicants are screened by the Cultural Council's Exhibition Selection Committee, consisting of two professional artists, a Cultural Council Board member, a Santa Cruz County Arts Commissioner, a representative from the County Public Works Department, and two county employees. The Selection Committee strives to provide quality exhibits representing the diverse talents of our local artists. Artists should be aware that the County Government Center is not a gallery and should plan their shows to be appropriate for a public office building. Inappropriate or unsuitable material will not be displayed.

Facts for Applicants

- August 1st: Applications available
- 2nd week of November: Applications due to the Cultural Council
- Fourteen 2-D artists and four 3-D artists are selected for each exhibit cycle
- Exhibit Year: January to December
- Artist Eligibility: Every other year