



Open Call

for artwork

Application Deadline: December 28, 2024

Drop off Artwork: January 6-7, 2025

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“Connections”

2025 Art Instructors of Hays County

Dear Inspiring Art Instructors of Hays County,

Inspired Minds Art Center is thrilled to invite all Art Instructors in to submit their work for an upcoming teacher exhibition, “**Connections.**” This show will spotlight the inspiring talents of the teachers who nurture and guide our children’s creativity. It’s an opportunity to celebrate you—both as educators and as artists—while showcasing how you interpret the theme of “Connections.”

We are committed to growing a community that fosters friendship, learning, and, of course, inspiration. Our goal is to connect our art teachers with each other and their wider community, providing a space for meaningful artistic exchange. We understand that balancing your role as an educator can sometimes leave little time for personal creative work, which is why we’re excited to offer this easy and supportive opportunity to share your art with others.

This is a wonderful opportunity to recognize your own creative voice and share it with others. Join us in building a community that celebrates the power of connection!

Please read through the Open Call details fully before applying, and let us know if you have any questions or concerns

We can’t wait to see your inspiring creations!

Warm Regards,

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QUALIFYING ARTISTS

- Submitting artists must either live in Hays County or work as an art instructor in some capacity.

SUBMISSION, FORMS, & DROP-OFF PROCESS

- Complete the Google Form for [“Connection” 2025 Art Instructors of Hays County](#)
- Up to 3 pieces of artwork may be submitted per artist, each teacher will be guaranteed at least 1 piece in this show with a \$20.00 submission fee.
- Artwork must be dropped off at Inspired Minds Art Center from January 6-7 pm between 1:00pm - 6:00pm
- **Each artwork must have the artwork’s title, the artist’s name, name of school the artist teaches at, and the artist’s contact information (email and phone) on a label securely adhered to the back or bottom of the artwork.**
- 2D Artwork must be framed or have finished edges, and ready to hang - preferably with a hanging wire.
- The 2 forms below MUST be completed prior to artwork drop-off:
 - **All artists must fill out the [Art And Exhibit Release of Liability Form](#)**
 - **All artists interested in selling their artwork must fill out the [Gallery Consignment Agreement](#)**
- Artworks may be marked as NFS (Not For Sale) or sold through Inspired Minds with a commission rate of 40%. (More information in the above Gallery Consignment Agreement)

ACCEPTABLE MEDIA AND SIZE, WEIGHT, AND OTHER RESTRICTIONS

Two-Dimensional Artworks:

- Two-dimensional artworks, including framed paintings, stretched paintings, framed works on paper (including drawings, watercolors, pastels, prints, and photographs), sculptures, or mixed media, are acceptable. Two-dimensional fiber works must either be framed or have a batten board with D-rings on the verso for hanging.
- Two-dimensional artworks can measure up to 25 square feet (5 ft. x 5 ft., for example) and weigh up to 50 pounds. (Any artwork weighing over 50 pounds will be open for discussion over the best and safest possible way to display it.)
- To comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, hanging artworks cannot project more than 4 inches from the wall.
- Artworks that include materials that could attract pests will be subject to further review and may not be permitted (see “Prohibitive Media” below for more details).
- Two-dimensional artworks must have a central fixture for hanging: ex. One metal hook in the top/center of a frame or two “D” rings for hanging, suitably placed at the left and right sides on the back of a frame or painting stretcher, and a wire extending between.
- **To facilitate a smooth and safe installation, artists agree to allow the Inspired Minds Art Center art handlers to remove and/or replace existing hanging wire or hardware.**

Three-Dimensional Artworks:

- Three-dimensional artworks, including works made of stone, metal, ceramic, glass, wood, and fiber, are acceptable media.
- Three-dimensional artworks can measure up to 27 cubic feet (3 ft. x 3 ft. x 3 ft., for example) and weigh up to 150 pounds.
- Inspired Minds Art Center will supply pedestals or tables for the display of three dimensional artworks. Pedestals are approximately 12"x12" Artists are responsible for providing their own pedestals for artwork requiring a larger base or weighing over 30 lbs

PROHIBITED MEDIA (including but not limited to):

- Food items, including but not limited to fruits, vegetables, nuts, seeds, dried beans, and rice
- Liquids, including but not limited to water, in unsealed containers
- Materials that produce vapor, smoke, mists, and/or odors
- Live animals and/or insects
- **Inspired Minds Art Center further reserves the right to reject artworks during onsite inspection by art center staff, if the artworks contain materials that might pose a risk to the art center, its collections, its staff, and/or the public.**

INSTALLATION

- The artworks shall remain in the possession of Inspired Minds Art Center from the time the artworks are delivered, throughout the run of the exhibition, until the de-installation is completed. **Each artist commits to lending their artwork(s) to Inspired Minds Art Center for the full extent of time and cannot withdraw artwork(s) during the period described, and *must be removed promptly at the end of the show.***

PHOTOGRAPHY

- Inspired Minds Art Center assumes the right to use any images of the artworks provided by the artists or their representatives, and to photograph, videotape, and/or otherwise reproduce the artworks for documentation, publicity, publication, educational, and all other purposes, in print and digital forms, connected with the exhibition.
- Inspired Minds Art Center assumes the right to reproduce images of the works on the Inspired Minds Art Center's digital channels, including but not limited to the Inspired Minds Art Center website and Inspired Minds Art Center's social media accounts. These images will serve ongoing documentary, educational, and promotional functions for the Inspired Minds Art Center's audiences.
- The general public may take photos for personal, non-commercial use only.

Questions? Please contact: Joy Bliss (joy@inspiredminds.art)

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