This event is open to all 4-H members (8-18 as of 1/1/16), who are currently enrolled in a 4-H club. Since this is a state event, there is no category for Cloverbuds. All entries must have been created between March 30, 2015 and this year’s show.

**PLEASE READ!**
Important information is included and should answer all of your questions!

**How do I enter?**

- **ALL ART MUST BE PRE-REGISTERED.** Items not pre-registered will not be accepted at the desk. Register On-line at: [https://sites.google.com/site/photofineartssignup/home](https://sites.google.com/site/photofineartssignup/home)
- Registrations closes at 4pm on March 4th. No late registrations will be accepted!
- Please contact Susan via email at jslcwalla@aol.com with any questions. Be sure to keep a copy of your registration.
- All parents/guardians are expected to help care for the exhibits during the weekend. Your registration may not be accepted if you do not indicate a time or are unavailable to volunteer.
- Due to limited space, entries may be put on a waiting list once we meet our maximum. You will be notified if this occurs.

Art is accepted at our Warwick Mall location (to be determined) on Friday, March 18th, between 3:30-6:30 pm. Art that arrives after 6:30 pm, runs the risk of not being judged (depending upon judge availability) and will be ineligible for Best of Show awards. Members can have anyone drop off their exhibit for them, but make sure they have a copy of the registration!
What can I enter?

Due to space limitations, a maximum of 4 items total (maximum of 2 in any category) may be entered. Select your best items for display and judging!

- Painting - Oil, watercolor, acrylic, tempera or a mixture of paints. No 3 dimensional pieces. No items that were purchased and then painted will be accepted (ex. Box, chair, storage chest, mirror, etc.).

- Drawing – Pastel crayons, charcoal, pen & ink, pencil. No 3 dimensional pieces.

- Sculpture – Clay, modeling compound, sculpy or salt dough only. All items should be of a fine art nature – not crafts. No pipe cleaners, earrings, jewelry, decorations, etc. that are more of a craft nature. No stenciled items. No premade molds or kits are allowed. No ceramics that were purchased and then painted will be accepted. There are summer fairs that have categories for crafts or you can turn it into a topic exhibit.

- Photography – This must be a photo that the 4-Her has taken! Only 2 photos can be accepted! It is your choice whether to submit color, black and white or photos in the Photoshop category, but only 2 photos total. Minimum size is 3”x5” and a maximum framed size of 16”x20” for this category. Minimum retouching such as red eye reduction or turning a photo from color to black and white is allowed in the color and black and white photo category. If you do additional editing, the photo should be entered in our Photoshop category where you can be creative! No 3 dimensional pieces.
  - Color Photo
  - Black & white photo
  - Photoshop – Edit away and have fun!

You must have taken the photo that you are editing. You cannot use someone else’s photo!

- Any items in question will be reviewed by show management. Their decision will be final.
**Important Info**

*Before you get to the mall!*

- **Each piece must be marked with:**
  - Back of item should be clearly marked with 4-Her's name, club, & 4-H age. The judge must not be able to see this or item will be disqualified. Items without info may be disqualified or points may be deducted.
  - Feel free to include a title card to be attached to the artwork. This card should not include your last name! It should have your first name and initial of your last name, 4-H age, your 4-H club name and a title for your artwork. Titles should match the title we have at the check in desk. If it does not, you run the risk of not being awarded a ribbon, being disqualified or having points deducted. We have to be able to match up our records and find your artwork.

- **No copyrighted material** will be allowed (no characters such as Book Cover characters, Peanuts, Disney characters, Batman, Pokemon, etc.).

- All items must be freestanding or you must supply an easel that will safely support your pieces. **Any items that cannot support themselves will be disqualified or may have points deducted.** Please test your easels and stands! Since the art is moved multiple times during the evening, the easels must be sturdy and easy to move. We do not want artwork damaged during set up, judging and ribbon placing! If you need help with this, contact the 4-H Office. They have a few easels available on a first come, first served basis. Test your easel before taking your artwork to the mall. Remember – we are usually set up in the middle of the mall where there is a great deal of foot traffic and people stop to view the art. We do not want artwork falling and getting damaged.

- **Photos, drawings and paintings must be matted or framed and free standing.** No 3 dimensional pieces.

- No cloth or additional decorations can be used for the art pieces or stands.

**Hints:**

- Since this is a Fine Arts fair, our judges expect to see your best work.
- Show off your artwork! Matting and a nice frame help to make a nice display. Make sure the frame and matting are not stained.
- **Make sure artwork is neat** – no smudges, anything needing to be erased is erased. This is important to judges! After all, you are putting it in a show to be judged and critiqued.
- **If the artwork is not complete, save it for the next show.** Give yourself and your art the time it deserves to be the best it can be.
**Hosts:**

Each 4-H family (parent/guardian) will be expected to sign up for a shift to watch the exhibits. It is very important to have an adult watch the items. In the past, items have been broken, which is unfortunate. Having an adult watch the art helps keep items safe and is also an opportunity to tell the public about 4-H. Participants are responsible for their items and any/all materials in their display. Sign up on the registration form. Every attempt will be made to accommodate your schedule. Note: the Sunday afternoon spots are the 1st to go so please indicate 2nd and 3rd choices.

We will confirm with only those scheduled to watch the exhibits. Serving as host for your shift allows you to be an Ambassador for the RI 4-H Program. Flyers should be on the table(s). We do our best to schedule 2 adults per shift, just in case someone is unable to attend at the last minute. For security and privacy reasons, we do not leave a list with your names and phones numbers at our Registration table in the mall. The tables and space we use for the art show are loaned to us by the mall. Due to limited availability of tables and space, we may need to use each table for artwork. If no table space is available, our hosts can sit near the art work or Best of Show section where the voting for our Viewer’s Choice takes place.

We have found that having volunteers at the table not only puts a face to 4-H but prevents items from getting broken. While the mall provides a wonderful opportunity for art to be exhibited to a large population, it also means that there is more traffic and more people milling around the work. When a volunteer is there, items are less likely to be touched, picked up and dropped.

**What do I do?**

- **No food or drink at the Registration table (per Warwick Mall)**
- Keep an eye on the exhibits. Encourage the public to view the exhibits and ask questions. If there is any action that may damage exhibits, ask them to please not damage the work of the youngsters. If there is a real problem, contact the Security personnel. If you don’t see them, they may be reached through the main office or the Information Booth near the center of the mall by Newport Creamery. There is rarely a problem.
- If anyone would like more info on the 4-H Program – please have them take a flyer with contact info for the 4-H Office or take their name and number and place it in the large black trunk that will be under one of the tables. (It is best if they contact the 4-H Office – they can also google “RI 4-H”.)
- Greet the public and tell them about 4-H and your experiences in 4-H. Tell them about the judging and what the Fine Arts Fair is.
- Encourage them to vote for their favorite piece of art from the selection of our judge’s favorites. These will be set up in a separate area with a number on each item. There should be pieces of paper and a pencil in the area for them to write the number of their choice on and a container where they can place their vote. If you run out of voting slips, look under the tables for the large black trunk. Extra paper should be there. Feel free to cut or tear up into voting slips, if needed.
- You may have someone whose time to watch the exhibits will follow yours. If someone does not show up (or if you are the last shift), put all of the materials on the registration table under the table. There may be a box or folder there. If you are the first shift or arrive and no one is there, any materials should be under the table.
- Art pick up is from 4:30 – 5 pm on Sunday. **No art should leave any earlier!**
Art Pick up

Art should be picked up on Sunday, March 20th, between 4:30-5 pm. No art will be released earlier! If an item is removed early, the entrant will not be able to enter Photo and Fine Arts the following year. **All items MUST be removed by 5 pm on Sunday.** Items not picked up may be left at the mall for their use or disposal.

If you have a scheduling conflict getting to the mall at 4:30, you can designate another 4-H volunteer or parent to pick up your artwork, ribbons and scoresheets. Just make sure that you give them the total number of pieces and easels to pick up!

Any artwork not picked up on Sunday at pick up time may be left at the mall for their use or disposal.

Prizes!

Ribbons will be awarded to each qualified entry in Junior, Intermediate and Senior divisions. Best of Show rosettes will be awarded at the judges’ discretion in each category. **Our judge’s favorites are also eligible for the “Viewer’s Choice” award.** We encourage the public to vote for their favorite from our judge’s favorites. The artist selected will receive a rosette and special recognition for this achievement.

The Foundation Fine Arts Award

The mission of the Rhode Island 4-H Club Foundation, Inc. is to support the youth programs of the URI/College of the Environment and Life Sciences, specifically 4-H programs. The Foundation funds learning opportunities for youth aged 5 to 19 years old, in school and in after-school settings and community clubs. The Foundation provides 4-Hers with scholarships, awards, recognition and travel opportunities. This year, the Foundation will select items for the "Foundation Fine Arts Award". Foundation Board members will choose from among the entries the artwork that they believe best describes the 4-H mission, its values and activities. The art work may be used to create posters, notecards, bookmarks, or other items and will be utilized to solicit donors, advertise 4-H, raise funds, and reward contributors to RI 4-H.

Questions?

For any questions, contact the Photo and Fine Arts Chairperson, Susan Wolloohojian at jslcwalla@aol.com