



Water Wonderland

Open Call Art Exhibition Guidelines

July 10 – August 22, 2026

Inspired by the White Lake Area Chamber & Visitors Bureau revival of the Maritime Festival August 6-8, the ACWL-Nuveen is hosting a water-themed community art exhibition July 10 – August 22. Participation is FREE and open to artists of all ages!

As Michiganders we are surrounded by an abundance of fresh water in the beautiful and diverse great lakes, numerous rivers, creeks, inland lakes and ponds. All these bodies of water provide rich sources of inspiration whether it be environmentally, historically and/or personally to those of us who live and interact with these precious resources daily. What inspires you about water and how have you captured its essence? We hope that you will share your creativity in our community call for art.



Laurel Geis, *Systems* –
Animal, Vegetable, Mineral Series

Prizes

ACWL-Nuveen Adult Award - \$100
Adult Honorable Mention – Art Supplies

ACWL-Nuveen Youth Award - \$50
Youth Honorable Mention - Art Supplies



Diane Zoellmer, *Seed Diamonds*

Eligibility:

Open to artists of ALL ages - FREE. Only original works of art created with water as a main theme or implied somewhere in the artwork. How you depict water in your artwork is up to your imagination! All mediums will be accepted: painting, drawing, prints, photography (no canvas prints please), mixed-media and all sculpture mediums, poetry, video, and sound inspired works are also welcome.

Entry Procedure:

Each artist may enter up to two pieces. Please include a brief (3-5 sentence) description of your artwork and what inspired you. **Entries must be delivered to the ACWL-Nuveen, 106 E. Colby St. Whitehall, MI 49461 by Friday July 3.** All forms must be completed in their entirety to ensure correct identification, pricing, and notification.

Framing and Labeling:

All artworks must be ready for display. It is appreciated if 2D artwork is framed but if you want to display a sketch, we will pin it or clip it unframed. **Framed work MUST have a wire for us to hang on the wall – no sawtooth hangers.** Please make sure sculptural pieces are steady and secure for the duration of the exhibition. Affix entry labels firmly to the back of the entries, in the upper right corner. There is one monitor available for video/audio – if you are interested in exhibiting sound or video pieces, submit a file via email to nuveen@artswhitelake.org or bring in a jump drive. Unsuitably prepared work for the exhibition may be declined.

Conditions & Liability:

Artwork must be on display for the duration of the exhibit. Your work does not have to be for sale but if you want to sell your work there will be a 20% commission charged with proceeds going to support the ACWL-Nuveen. The ACWL-Nuveen will take every precaution to ensure the protection of the artwork submitted. However, we are not responsible for any loss or damage.

Drop off entries: Friday & Saturday June 26, June 27 & June 30 – July 3, during ACWL-Nuveen business hours - Tuesday – Friday: 11:00 a.m. – 5:30 p.m. - Saturday: 11:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

Exhibit Dates: Friday July 10 - August 22, 2026

Reception Date: Friday, August 7 - 4:00 – 6:00 p.m.

Award Decisions: Awards will be presented at the August 7 reception. Winning artists will be notified by phone a few days before the reception.

Pick-up Work: – August 25 - 29 during ACWL-Nuveen hours

Questions? Call ACWL-Nuveen at (231) 893-2524 or email – nuveen@artswhitelake.org

ENTRY LABEL #1 Affix to back of art in upper right corner	ENTRY LABEL #2 Affix to back of art in upper right corner
Name _____	Name _____
Title _____	Title _____
Medium _____ Price _____	Medium _____ Price _____

Water Wonderland – 2026 Entry Form

First Name: _____ Last Name: _____

Address: _____ City: _____ ZIP: _____

Email: _____ Phone: (_____) _____

Artwork Information:

	Title	Medium	Price
1.			
2.			

Description of your artwork:
