

Old Bakery & Emporium  
Austin , Texas

# Art Gallery 2020 Call for Art

## **2020 Open Application Dates: July 3 - September 15**

The Art Gallery at the Old Bakery & Emporium (OBE) will take applications for the monthly exhibits for January 2020 through December 2020. We invite artists and visual arts organizations to apply for the monthly exhibits. Applicants must be 50 years of age or better and live locally in Travis County or an adjoining county to meet OBE requirements.

2D, 3D, and Installation art is welcome. Art must be family friendly with no erotica or inflammatory matter. There is **no fee** to submit an application. Applicants may specify a preference of months to exhibit, however months and times of each exhibit will be determined by availability. Applications and jpg images will be accepted online.

## **Submissions**

Applications: <https://obemporium.submittable.com/submit/119314/old-bakery-and-emporium-2020-call-for-art>

Prospectus and information at: <http://austintexas.gov/page/exhibits-old-bakery-emporium>

**Artwork image format:** Images must be jpg format, no larger than 1024x768 pixels at 72dpi with a maximum of 12 images. Groups must submit jpgs for each participating artist. All work must be completed in the past 4 years. Format jpg images with: title, medium, and size (Spring\_oil\_8x10).

**Image List:** List images with title, medium, and size. (height x width x depth) and date completed.

**Exhibition Statement:** Submit artist or groups name, title of the exhibit, and a statement describing the medium and artistic process and inspiration of the art. Explain the message you wish to convey relating to the body of work.

## **Important Dates:**

**All applications must be received by the Deadline:**

**Sunday, September 15, 2019.**

**Notifications: Thursday, September 26th, 2019 with additional exhibit information.**

**Selection:** The artists or group names are withheld from the jury. Criteria for selection includes artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted materials and appropriate subject matter for the general public. The final selections must be approved by the OBE management.



If you have questions about the Old Bakery and Emporium and the art submission process please contact [Kay.Hughes@austintexas.gov](mailto:Kay.Hughes@austintexas.gov). I will get back to you as time allows.

## About the Gallery and Historical Building:

The Old Bakery and Emporium is in the block south of the Capitol at 1006 Congress Avenue with the Art Gallery located on the 3rd floor. In the spring of 2011 the art gallery was opened and has had continuous monthly exhibits. Originally the building was a bakery run by the Lundberg's, then the Maerki's from 1876 to 1936. In 1964, the Heritage Society used the building to operate a Tourist Information Center and in 1970 it was sold to the State of Texas. The existing Old Bakery and Emporium opened to the public in 1976.

Today the OBE features arts and crafts, tourist information, and is a mecca for visitors to the city because of the proximity to the Capitol and Governors Mansion.

### Gallery Space:

There are approximately 195 linear feet of wall space to display art. The gallery's main feature are the 12 feet high limestone walls. The professional art hanging system allows for large pieces of work. Two to three artists or an organization constitute the monthly exhibits.

### Exhibit Team:

The art is curated by the exhibit team, who help with the check in process and assure all the paperwork is completed. A flyer and PR statement is created for each exhibit and sent to the exhibitors and local social media. Each artist is encouraged to promote their own exhibit. The Opening Reception is on the 1st Friday of each month unless otherwise stated.

*All art must be ready to exhibit and hanging art is required to have D-Hooks and wire. All art must be labeled on the back. All art must be for sale.*

### Liability:

Due care will be given to all the art, but OBE is not responsible for any loss or damage to the art.

### Art can be sold to the public during the exhibit:

The Old Bakery takes a 20% commission from all art sold during the exhibit. When a piece of art is sold a new piece of art may replace it.

**City of Austin and Exhibition Paperwork must be completed before any art can be exhibited.**



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