

**Art Gallery at the  
Old Bakery & Emporium**  
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# Call For Artists

## EXHIBITIONS APPLICATION FOR 2016

The Art Gallery at the Old Bakery & Emporium (OBE) is currently seeking applications from local artists to exhibit in monthly rotations of January 2016 through December 2016. We invite artists and visual arts organizations to apply. Exhibitors must be 50 years of age or older to meet OBE requirements.

### About the Gallery and Historical Building:

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

Our ultimate objective is to have entertaining and interesting art exhibitions for our visitors and to highlight senior artists in the community. The rotating monthly schedule of exhibitions features artwork of all media and subject matter. Criteria for selection includes artistic merit as evidenced by the submitted materials and appropriate subject matter for the public.

Visitors to the city come to the OBE for tourist information and local art and crafts because of the proximity to the Capitol and Governors Mansion.

Applications are available at The Old Bakery and Emporium or by visiting:

<http://austintexas.gov/departments/obemporium>

## Gallery Space:

The Art Gallery contains approximately 168 linear feet of wall space. Most of the 18 foot walls are original limestone walls. The hanging system allows for large pieces of work, and the Capitol can be seen through the north facing windows.



## Applications:

2D and 3D art is welcome. There is ***no fee*** to submit a proposal. Applicants may specify a preference of month, however, months and times of each exhibit will be assigned by the Exhibit Team. The application and images will be accepted on a CD or DVD with a printed copy of the application. Refer to the Checklist for requirements. The title and description of the body of work is important for advertising proposes.

## Jury:

Every year a jury panel is assembled to view the applications. They view the body of art per artist or group. No names are included in the information given to the panel. The final gallery selections are approved by the Old Bakery management.

## Exhibit Team:

The art is curated by an exhibit team to show the entire exhibit to it's best. They help with the check in process and assure all the paperwork is completed. A flyer is created for each exhibit and sent to local social media. Each artist is encouraged to promote their own exhibit. The Opening Reception is on the First Friday of each Month unless otherwise stated.

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

Art can be sold to the public, during the month. The Old Bakery takes a 20% commission from all art sold during the exhibit. When art is sold a new piece of art may replace it.

## Important Dates:

**Application closing date: Saturday, September 26, 2015**

**Jury Selection Notification: Friday, October 16, 2015**

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