



Seeking Entries for New Exhibit: *Moonshining the Arts: Reflections on Canvas*

February 4, 2020

Dear Artists,

We are pleased to invite you to create a new work of art for the show, ***Moonshining the Arts: Reflections on Canvas***, April 4-25, 2020 at the Franklin County Public Library in Rocky Mount. Artists can be based anywhere; you do not have to be from Franklin County to participate in the show.

This year marks a milestone in American history: The **Centennial of the passage of Prohibition** and the start of an extraordinary era with lessons and legacies relevant to today. Prohibition encompassed greed and glitz, godliness and gluttony. It went from boom to bust, from the Roaring Twenties to the beginning of the Great Depression. It was the time of women's suffrage, the literary movements of the Lost Generation and Harlem Renaissance, changes in music, fashion and the arts, and debates over morality, individual freedom and the will of government.

Locally, **Franklin County Moonshine Heritage Month**—held every April—showcases the County's place in American history. Its heritage is far more complex than the making of alcohol. It's about trying to beat the odds in impoverished, rural communities. It's about the survival of families and farms. It's about mountain life, the settlers and traditions of Appalachia, and geography. And it's about the fast cars of bootleggers and the other well known aspects of moonshining. Franklin County is proof there's more to moonshine than meets the eye.

Moonshining the Arts: Reflections on Canvas encourages artists to look back in history, to consider the influences of the Prohibition era on present day, and to interpret Franklin County's role in the American moonshining story. For more information, please see the resources on the back of this letter and the attached entry form. We hope you'll join us in shining a light on a singular time and place in the heritage of America.

Sincerely yours,

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More information on back.



Selected Resources

Following are several resources where you can find local, regional and national information on Prohibition and moonshine -

"Moonshine – Blue Ridge Style," Blue Ridge Museum & Institute, Ferrum College

<https://www.ferrum.edu/blueridgeinstitute/onlineexhibits/moonshine>

Franklin County Moonshine Heritage Month

<https://www.facebook.com/MoonshineHeritage2020/>

Prohibition, a 2011 documentary by Ken Burns & Lynn Novick

<https://www.pbs.org/kenburns/prohibition/>

Prohibition & the Roaring Twenties

<https://www.history.com/topics/roaring-twenties/prohibition>

Moonshine in Appalachia, Belk Library, Appalachian State University

<http://collections.library.appstate.edu/research-aids/moonshine-appalachia>

Non-fiction/Academic-

Spirits of Just Men: Mountaineers, Liquor Bosses, and Lawmen in the Moonshine Capital of the World by Charles D. Thompson, Ph.D., University of Illinois Press, 2011

<https://cdthomps.com/spirits-of-just-men/>



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April 4-25, 2020

Hosted by the Franklin County Public Library

ENTRY FORM

LOCATION	Franklin County Public Library, 355 Franklin St., Rocky Mount, VA 24151
SPECS	Original 2-dimensional painting. Maximum size: 16" x 20" Framed & ready to hang.
ENTRY FEE	\$30 — Checks payable to: Friends of Franklin County Public Library (see below*) (For students only: \$15 entry fee)
ENTRY FORM DUE	March 20. Email to Carol Yopp: carolsart1944@gmail.com . (If you don't have access to email, mail to Carol: 1660 Blue Bend Rd., Rocky Mount, VA 24151)
DROP OFF	April 2 or 3, 10A-3P. We will ask you to sign a waiver at drop off.
PICK UP	April 25, 10A-4P, unless otherwise arranged.
RECEPTION	Saturday, April 11, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

YOUR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Cell Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website or Facebook Page: _____

Title of your painting: _____

Medium: _____

Price or indicate if Not for Sale: _____

*Please mail checks, payable to *Friends of Franklin County Public Library*, to:
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QUESTIONS? Call Carol Yopp at (540) 483-2850

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