



Artists' Invitation from Volo Bog State Natural Area's 14<sup>th</sup> Annual

# Bogs in Art

Celebrating the Beauty and Mystery of Bogs with Art

Show Dates: June 18 – July 25 \* 2021



Prequalification Submissions accepted by email to [dnr.volobog@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.volobog@illinois.gov) May 1 – June 11

Delivery Accepted Thursday, May 27 - Sunday, June 13.

Each artist may contribute three bog items including two already shown in prior BIA shows.

**The goal of *Bogs in Art* is to encourage artists to learn about bogs around the world, and capture their beauty and mystery in art.**

**At least one bog plant (see list below) must be depicted or represented in your work(s).**

As you contemplate the piece(s) you will create, keep in mind the meaning of 'depict' and 'represent.'

One need not do a precise rendition. For example, a tapestry bag made of light green fabric to represent sphagnum moss can be decorated with pink felt orchids and red beads to represent cranberries. It is all in how you tell your story and demonstrate your understanding of a bog.

**So, what is a bog?** Bogs are peatlands that receive primarily meteoric or 'sky water'— rain and snow. Their stagnant, low oxygen water becomes acidic due to the presence of sphagnum moss and other plants such as tamarack and black spruce. The low oxygen and high acidity limit decomposition causing peat to accumulate. When sequestered in a bog, peat does not release its nutrients, rendering bog soil rather stingy and sterile. These tough conditions limit the plants that can grow in bogs. Thus...

## **There's only ONE RULE:**

**At least one bog plant (from list below) must be depicted or represented in your work(s).**

<i>Sphagnum Moss</i>	Atlantic White Cedar	<i>Rose Pogonia</i>	Pink Lady's Slipper	Labrador Tea	<i>Bog Birch</i>
<i>Cinnamon Fern</i>	<i>Pitcher Plant</i>	Grass Pink	<i>Leatherleaf</i>	Sheep Laurel	<i>Little Bog Willow</i>
<i>Tamarack</i>	Sundew	Dragon's Mouth	<i>Highbush Blueberry</i>	Bog Laurel	
<i>Black Spruce</i>	<i>Cotton Sedge</i>	White Bog Orchid	Cranberry	Bog Rosemary	

**Works that do not include at least one of the above will not be accepted in Bogs in Art.**

**Bogs share plant species with other ecosystems so you may also include one or more of the following:**

<i>Arrowhead</i>	<i>Blueberry</i>	<i>Cattail</i>	<i>Marsh</i>	<i>Pussy Willow</i>	<i>Sensitive Fern</i>	<i>Water Lily</i>	<i>Winterberry</i>
<i>Bladderwort</i>	<i>Bog Buckbean</i>	<i>Indian Pipes</i>	<i>Cinquefoil</i>	<i>Royal Fern</i>	<i>Starflower</i>	<i>Water Shield</i>	<i>Others???</i>

***Those plants in italics (both lists) grow in Volo Bog.*** Other plants occur in bogs around the world and can also be included. If you do, please take time to learn about them to be sure they are appropriate associates with the bog indicators of the first list.

**Learn about bogs around the world** – Bogs are a north-country habitat - from Ireland to Russia, Alaska to Nova Scotia, south to Poland and northern Ohio, Indiana & Illinois. Attend a weekend guided tour of Volo Bog. Go to your library and ask for books about bogs. Search the web. Visit [www.FriendsofVoloBog.org](http://www.FriendsofVoloBog.org) for links. If in doubt, call us at Volo Bog, 815-344-1294, for guidance.

## **Any Medium Goes!**

Sculpture Photography Painting Jewelry Sketching Textile Mixed Media Ceramics  
Crafts Pottery Carving Glass Mosaic Quilting Poetry More

All items must be original works of the artist. Works must be delivered in person. No electronic submissions.

**Space is limited - phone ahead (815-344-1294) reserve space and arrange delivery time.**

**Silent Auction:** You may offer your work for sale in our silent auction. Bidding opens on the first day of the show and closes at 2:00 p.m. on July 25. **25 % of proceeds support Volo Bog through Friends of Volo Bog.**

**Artists' Reception Sunday, July 25, 12:00 – 2:15 pm followed by LIVE MUSIC!**

**Silent Auction Bidding closes at 2:00 p.m. Sunday, July 25.**

Payments will be processed and/or collected on July 25 or no later than July 29. Friends of Volo Bog will handle transactions & pay artists.

**\*\*Buyers and artists will have the option of taking their piece(s) home at the close of the bidding on July 25 or afterward by appointment.**

COVID-19 guidelines from the state may affect these rules.



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## 2021 Show Registration



**STOP!** Do not fill out this form until you have read and understood the other side.  
Use **ONE FORM** for each entry.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_  
Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_  
Primary Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ Second Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_  
Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Evolving COVID-19 guidelines from the state may affect these rules.

### Waiver Agreement:

By participating, the entrant agrees to grant the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area Staff & Volunteers, and the Friends of Volo Bog (the "Sponsors") the right to display the artwork, and to reproduce the entrant's name, likeness, copies of the artwork, or any other image or information for purposes of promotion, publicity and/or display, either now or in the future. Sponsors are under no obligation to provide compensation or notice for any such use. The Sponsors, their agents and assigns, shall not be liable for any injury or illness to the artist or any damage or loss of the artist's work or other personal property arising out of this exhibit or other activities. Participant is responsible for their own insurance. Participant also authorizes the *Jewel Bake Shop* in McHenry to scan their piece to feature on a cake for the artists' reception for this show only.

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree to the above by my signature here.  
Further, I authorize the purchaser (as applicable) or \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my work for this show only. Piece picked up by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Vol/Witness: \_\_\_\_\_  
Parental Signature if artist is a minor: \_\_\_\_\_

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Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_  
**If work is framed, please have it ready-to-hang with a wire.**

**Title of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

Estimated Value of Work: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Minimum Bid: \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (25% of proceeds go to the Friends of Volo Bog)  
**-OR-** Not for Sale/Check Here: \_\_\_\_\_ OR - Please dedicate (> 25%) \_\_\_\_\_% to FOVB

Required: Tell us your story! How is the piece you are entering inspired by bogs? (What is a bog? See other side):  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ attach additional narrative as desired

Required: What bog plant(s) from the list (see other side) are depicted or represented (this can be loosely applied!)?  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Required: Please share something you'd like viewers to know about you *as an artist*:  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_ attach additional narrative as desired

If you would like to be a Featured Visiting Artist, which date/s, (Wed – Sun), and times (10 – 12:30 or 12:30 – 3) work best for you? \_\_\_\_\_

**Email a copy of this THOROUGHLY COMPLETED registration form along with an image of your art piece to [dnr.volobog@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.volobog@illinois.gov) by June 11. Use one form/photo per email for each submission. You may drop off in person if that is easier.**

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Volo Bog State Natural Area is an Illinois Department of Natural Resources site located at

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