

Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts **2011 Excellence in Drawing Calendar Contest**

The Delaware Foundation for the Visual Arts Excellence in Drawing Program was initiated to stimulate interest in the arts and to give recognition to the Delaware high school artist. We have concentrated on drawing because this is the traditional time honored method of study that ensures a strong foundation for future artistic development.

Awards

- A minimum of twelve drawings will be selected for the 2012 Calendar
- The “Riva Brown Award” for excellence in lettering, calligraphy or illumination. Artwork may be submitted as part of a drawing or by itself. The award will consist of private sessions held at the artist’s studio in Wilmington, Delaware.
- The “E. Jean Lanyon Award”. This is an award open only to students in the ninth grade. It is a drawing scholarship which consists of twelve lessons, is valued at \$180.00 and takes place at the Lanyon Studio in Wilmington Delaware.
- The “Cynthia Swanson” award. This is a series of four private lessons given at the artist’s studio in Avondale Pennsylvania. Each lesson is 1 1/2 to 2 hours long. Student may chose from oil, acrylic, watercolor, drawing, pastel, or portfolio preparation.

Note: Students receiving these awards must provide their own transportation to the artists’ studios.

- Certificates of recognition

Eligibility

Students in grades nine through twelve who are presently attending high school in Delaware may submit drawings. Participating seniors are invited to enter the DFVA scholarship contest. Please refer to the scholarship entry instructions.

Rules

- Drawings must be original and the unique creation of the student.
- Work should be based primarily on personal observation.
- Only original photographs taken by the artist should be used for reference.
- No work may be directly copied from any published or unpublished source.
- Drawings may be in pencil, ink, or charcoal. Black and white scratchboard is also acceptable.
- Each applicant may submit one drawing.
- No computer artwork is eligible for the competition.
- Size: no smaller than 8 1/2” x 11” and no larger than 18”x 24”
- Drawings must be matted and unframed. Use a white or black mat no larger than 3”. Please attach artwork to a backing board for protection.

- The printer removes the matting in order to take photographs for reproduction. Use a top hinge mat to facilitate removal. Do not glue your mat board the backboard.
- Use a cover sheet to prevent smearing. Clean newsprint paper is acceptable for this.
- The application form filled in completely must be taped to the back of each entry. Please note the instructions to use black marker on the lower part of the application form. This part of the form will be removed and photographed for record keeping purposes and must be dark, large, and legible
- Any illegible entries will be disqualified. Please type or neatly print all information.
- **ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY MARCH 11, 2011**
- **Do not send artwork by UPS or Federal Express as they do not deliver to a post office box.**

Mail applications and drawings protected for bending to:

**DFVA
PO Box 298
Rockland Delaware 19732**

- Label: Artwork Do Not Bend

Guidelines

The judge(s) will look for the following characteristics:

- Imaginative content
- Technical drawing skill
- Personal style

Subject matter may range anywhere from traditional still life to abstract design

Recommendations

The following recommendations are made to help you submit your drawings.

- Light pencil drawings do not reproduce well and therefore cannot be selected for the calendar.
- Drawings labeled untitled are more vulnerable to error in the listing, handling and printing process. Use your imagination. Give all drawings a title.

Additional Information

- Drawings are not insured and the DFVA does not accept liability for damage or theft.
- Judging will be based on originality, execution, neatness and overall ability to follow directions.

- Drawings selected for calendar will be exhibited at the DFVA Spring Art Show. The location and date of the exhibit will be announced at a later date.

**REMEMBER APPLICATION DEADLINE FOR EXCELLENCE IN DRAWING
AND SCHOLARSHIP CONTESTS:**

MARCH 11, 2011

ALL ENTRIES MUST BE RECEIVED BY THIS DATE

