

Request for Qualifications: Northern California Artists

Sutter County Museum

Exhibit Panels – Entrance Gallery

Submission Deadline July 15, 2022

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

The Community Memorial Museum Association invites artists to design and create large-scale paintings on panels that will be installed within the entrance gallery at the Sutter County Museum in Yuba City, CA.

Competition is open to all artists who live in Northern California. **Artists residing in Sutter, Yuba, Colusa, Nevada, and Butte counties are especially encouraged to apply.** Selected artist(s) will receive a \$500 honorarium to submit a proposal for a large-scale painting.

Paintings will serve as an introduction to exhibit themes and topics that are covered within the rest of the Museum, including:

- **The First People:** The Nisenan people adjusted their lifestyle to the rise and fall of the rivers and used the natural materials and wildlife of the environment to support their lives.
- **The Dominance of Agriculture:** The incomparable fertility of the valley made agriculture its lifeblood. Farms and orchards abounded. Canneries and packing houses supported the industry.
- **Diversity of People:** Agriculture brought immigrants from many areas of the world, adding to the variety of crops and agricultural production, and creating a remarkably diverse community.
- **Natural Disasters:** Disastrous fires and floods are a significant part of the region's past and present, some exacerbated by human interventions in managing and reshaping the land.

SITE

The Sutter County Museum, located at 1333 Butte House Road in Yuba City. Panels will be installed on no less than two and no more than four separate sections of the interior, overhead wall of the main gallery (entrance gallery).

Each wall section is approximately 7 ½ feet wide by 6 feet tall.

ABOUT THE MUSEUM

The Museum is a partnership between Sutter County and the Community Memorial Museum Association, a 501(c)3 nonprofit organization.

The Sutter County Museum shares local stories to strengthen community bonds, to inspire celebration of our diverse cultural heritage, and to demonstrate how understanding the past prepares us for the future. Our vision is that the Sutter County Museum will serve its region as a gathering place where the public will discover their shared heritage and build on its stories to understand the present and create a vision for the future.

Opened in 1975, the Sutter County Museum tells the story of the Yuba-Sutter community, from the Native Americans who lived here pre-contact to the present. It is a place for visitors to discover and celebrate a rich history through exhibits, programs, archives, and collections.

Permanent exhibits document local and regional history, while temporary exhibits add depth and context to the stories and subjects in our permanent exhibits. Both permanent and temporary exhibits explore the diversity of our community, including displays on the Nisenan people, history of local agriculture, and the stories of various cultural and ethnic communities in Sutter County, including Chinese, Hmong, Japanese, Mexican, and Punjabi peoples.



QUALIFICATIONS DUE: JULY 15, 2022 by 5:00pm

Prepare the following materials:

1. Complete "Request for Qualifications" entry form, to include the following:
 - a. Contact information (full name, email, phone)
 - b. Summary of relevant experience/projects and completion dates
 - c. Submit up to five (5) examples of your portfolio that focus on large-scale paintings.

Entries may be submitted through our online submission form at <https://bit.ly/CMMARFQ> or downloaded at <https://bit.ly/RFQentry> or picked up at Sutter County Museum's front desk.

2. All entries must be submitted by July 15, 2022 at 5:00pm (PDT):
 - a. Online at <https://bit.ly/CMMARFQ>
 - b. **OR** emailed to megarcia@co.sutter.ca.us subject "CMMA RFQ"
 - c. **OR** dropped off at/mailed to Sutter County Museum, 1333 Butte House Rd. Yuba City, CA 95993

SELECTION PROCESS

The judging and selection of qualifications will be conducted by a committee appointed by the Community Memorial Museum Association. All decisions will be final. The selected artist(s) will be notified by email or telephone. Public announcement of the selections and final installation will be posted on the Sutter County Museum website (suttercountymuseum.org) and dispersed to local and statewide press contacts. An artist reception will be scheduled in early 2023.

TIMELINE

Phase 1 (Jun–Jul 2022): Interested artists submit their qualifications to the CMMA (think: submitting a letter of interest to do a rendering/proposal, but not actually submitting a rendering yet).

Phase 2 (Aug–Sep 2022): The committee will invite qualified artists to visit the installation site and submit a proposal. Up to 3 qualified artists will be selected. Multiple renderings may be submitted by each artist.

Phase 3 (Oct–Nov 2022): The selected proposal(s) will be hand painted by artist(s) on panels. Finished paintings will be installed within Main/Entrance Gallery at the Museum.

Phase 4 (Dec 2022–Jan 2023): Finished paintings will be unveiled at a CMMA fundraiser in December, and an artist reception will be scheduled in January.

PROJECT AT A GLANCE

- Qualifications due Jul 15, 2022
- Artist(s) selected Jul 2022
- Site visits Aug 2022
- Proposals due Sep 30, 2022
- Artist Panel with members Nov 4, 2022
- Paintings installed late Nov 2022
- Artist reception Jan 2023
- Proposals paid at \$500
- Artist fees and supplies \$2,500
- Fabrication budget \$1,200 for up to 4 panels

REQUIRED QUALIFICATIONS

- Ability to work with a large team including other creatives and professionals such as curators, historians, and educators
- Demonstrated ability to engage diverse communities and reflect their needs
- Demonstrated ability of working on large-scale projects such as murals and oversized paintings
- History of work that is highly visually compelling

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