



# CALL FOR ART SUBMISSION: THE MODERN STILL LIFE

## OVERVIEW

The Salem Art Association (SAA) seeks painters, photographers, & multi-medium artists to participate in an exhibition in the *Annex Gallery at the Bush Barn Art Center in September 2026*. This exhibition presents the traditional concept of a still life but with a twist! We would like to encourage artists to seek out a new sense of the old fashioned concept of a still life. Push the boundaries on what we know of the display of inanimate objects in a creative format. Incorporate new elements in this classic art style with bold elements to rival the tried and true “bowl of fruit on the table” motif. Want to paint modern technology or products? Or rival the Dutch Still Lives but with modern foods and objects? Maybe make a normal still life but with a modern art method not commonly used? We would be curious to see your creative ideas for submission. Show us your new take on the display of modern objects with your painted, photographed, and collaged methods for the Modern Still Life exhibition.

SAA welcomes all artists making original still lifes to submit works and invites multi-media artworks, and artists and photographers who identify as immigrants, refugees, disabled, LGBTQ+, people of color, veterans and/or rural artists are strongly encouraged.



Noah Verrier, "Taco Bell" oil painting

Please watch our website and social media for the latest information!

## TIMELINE

- *Submit images of your artwork along with title, medium, and price with submission form to [kathleen@salemart.org](mailto:kathleen@salemart.org) by May 30, 2026*
- *We will email you by June 15 if your artwork will be included in the show*
- *Delivery of included artworks is August 30 and 31*
- *Exhibition dates: September 4 – 27, 2026*
- *Reception: Friday September 4th, 2026 5:30-7:30pm*
- *Please feel free to email the above email with any questions*

## ELIGIBILITY

- No entry fee. This call is open to all ages and artists working in Oregon.
- Artists are responsible for the delivery of their artworks to SAA. If this is an issue please contact Kathleen Dinges Rice, Artists Resources and Outreach Director, at [kathleen@salemart.org](mailto:kathleen@salemart.org) to make delivery arrangements. Also feel free to message the curator of the show: Melissa O'Shea ([melissa.m.comer@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.m.comer@gmail.com))
- Entries must derive from original art works completed within the past five years. Please refrain from using AI.

## HOW TO SUBMIT

- Submit images of the artwork to be considered by May 30 to be considered for the exhibition.
- Please include the entry form with your submission
- Feel free to include information about yourself such as your artist statement, medium, or any supporting materials you would like to contribute.

In your submission please note if:

- Your art is available for sale. If so, please provide a price.

Please be aware that SAA Gallery Guidelines are that the split between artist and SAA is 50/50.

## SUBMISSIONS/QUESTIONS

Please send any questions to Melissa O'Shea (curator) or Kathleen Dinges Rice, Artists Resources and Outreach Director, at [kathleen@saalemart.org](mailto:kathleen@saalemart.org)

**Curator: Melissa O'Shea**  
([melissa.m.comer@gmail.com](mailto:melissa.m.comer@gmail.com))

### **Mailed submission should be sent to:**

Salem Art Association  
Kathleen Dinges Rice  
600 Mission Street SE  
Salem, OR 97302

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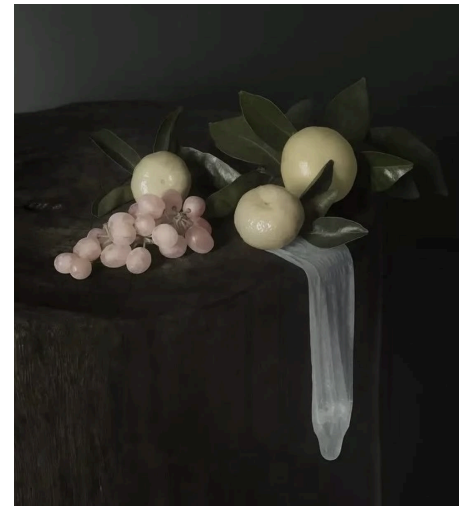
-(top left) "The Suspended Moment"  
by Tamera Dean

-(top right) "Untitled" by Oleg Dou

-(bottom left) "Nightcap"

by Xiao Wang

-(bottom right) photograph from an unknown  
Californian woman



# MODERN STILL LIFE SHOW ENTRY FORM

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: State: ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

Cell or Other Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Title of Piece: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Date Created: \_\_\_\_\_

1. Tell Us: How is this Still Life Modern?:

2. Artist Statement (Optional):

3. Is This Artwork Available for Purchase? (*please circle*) Yes No

4. If yes, please provide your price for said artwork: \_\_\_\_\_