

Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc. (AAA7)

44th Annual Older Adult Art Exhibit

September 21st - October 16th, 2026 • Bristol Village, Waverly



IF YOU ARE SUBMITTING AN ART PIECE, PLEASE COMPLETE THE FORM BELOW AND TAPE TO YOUR SUBMISSION (Please see other side for Rules).

Name _____ Address _____
City/State _____ Zip _____ Age _____ County of Residence _____
Phone _____ E-Mail _____ Title of Art _____
_____ Include with "In Memory" Section | Name of Loved One _____
_____ I will pick up my art after Exhibit _____ I want my entry to be returned to the _____ Senior Center
CHECK ONE: _____ Art NOT for Sale _____ Art FOR Sale (Price \$ _____)
CATEGORY – Circle ONE in each section. If you do not make a selection, your artwork will be assigned to the most appropriate category. You must have a signature at the bottom of this section, after agreeing to the rules.
1) I want to be judged as a (CIRCLE ONE): Professional Amateur
*****Please see back for definition of Professional vs. Amateur*****

2) I want to be judged under the following category (CIRCLE ONE):
Acrylic Charcoal Counted Cross Stitch Fiber Mixed Media Oil Pastels
Pen/Ink Pencil Photography Three-Dimensional Watercolor Other _____

3) I want to be placed in the following theme for judging (CIRCLE ONE):
Abstract Animals/Birds Cartoons Candid/Lifestyle Floral Landscape Portraits
Waterscape Still Life Other _____
Signature _____ Date _____

Rules for Essay/Poetry Contest

Essay/Poetry Contest entries will be displayed in conjunction with the Older Adult Art Exhibit. Winners will be announced the day of the Closing Reception on Friday, October 16th.

The rules for the Essay/Poetry Contest are as follows:

1. Essay or Poetry entries should be no more than 1,000 words in length. One entry per person in each category will be permitted. Categories are "Essay" and "Poetry."
2. If possible, all entries are to be typed.
3. Two (2) copies are to be sent to the Area Agency on Aging District 7 office in Jackson (mailing information included below). One copy should include the contestant's name, age, address, phone number and county of residence for the contestant. The other copy should just include the contestant's name and county of residence.
4. Contestants must be 55 years of age or older. Entries from outside the AAA7's 10-county district will be judged as "Out of District."
5. Essay/Poetry entries will be showcased at the 44th Annual Senior Citizens Art Exhibit and Essay/Poetry Contest from September 21st through October 16th at the Bristol Village Glenn Activity Center, located in Waverly, Ohio.
New for 2026: All entries/counties will be judged together rather than by individual county – there will be a Top Three for each category (Essay and Poetry) with one Best Overall Essay and one Best Overall Poem.
6. There is no subject for Essay/Poetry entries - be creative!!
7. Essay/Poetry entries must be submitted to the Area Agency on Aging District 7 office no later than Friday, August 21st.

Send entries to: Area Agency on Aging District 7, Inc.; Attn: Emily Blagg, Community Outreach Specialist,
1 Acy Avenue; Jackson, OH 45640.

ARTISTS - PLEASE READ THE FOLLOWING RULES VERY CLOSELY!

- 1.) Must be 55 years of age or older. Artists from outside the AAA7's 10-county district will be judged as "Out of District." AAA7's 10-county district includes the following counties in Ohio: Adams, Brown, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Lawrence, Pike, Ross, Scioto and Vinton.
- 2.) **VERY IMPORTANT – Framed art must be no larger than 2 feet by 2 ½ feet, including the frame.**
- 3.) Entry must be adequately framed and ready for hanging. **VERY IMPORTANT!! – Artwork must have appropriate hardware for hanging, including a secure wire.** Puzzles and other delicate framed artwork must be placed behind glass or plexi-glass.
- 4.) Wrap framed art in heavy paper and attach a copy of this entry to BOTH the back of the artwork before it is wrapped AND the outside of the wrapping. Participants may select the judging category for each art piece by circling the form on the other side of this page. If a judging category is not selected, the AAA7 will place the entry in the most appropriate category.
- 5.) Art that is not designed for hanging must not be any larger than 3 feet by 3 feet by 3 feet (height, width, depth). This type of art will be categorized as "Other" and placed in an appropriate sub-category. Depending upon the type, size and weight of the entry, it may be determined that the piece will require direct delivery and pick-up by the artist – please call for more information.
- 6.) **Artist Classification:** by definition, a professional artist is one who makes a living from their art, approaching it as a career with a dedicated, disciplined work schedule and formal training. It is based on their career, reputation, and history of selling or exhibiting work. A non-professional/amateur artist creates art for a passion or as a hobby, often working when inspired or has free time, and has not relied on their art for income.
- 7.) "In Memory" Section – a special area will be featured entitled, "In Art and Memory." This is a section for families to honor their artist family member who passed after the age of 55. One entry per family will be accepted. Please complete the form with your name as the family member and include your loved one's name in the line indicated below. We will include the name, art piece name, county of representation, and the name(s)/relationship(s) of the family members honoring their loved one. These entries will not be judged. By signing this form on the other side of this page, you are giving us permission to include this information and recognize you/your family and your loved one.
- 8.) Entries may be submitted through your local Senior Citizens Center (in the AAA7's 10 core counties) until Friday, August 14, 2026, or the AAA7 Administrative Office, located at 1 Acy Avenue, Jackson, Ohio, by Friday, August 21, 2026. The Agency will make one trip to local Senior Centers to pick up artwork; therefore, the August 14th due date is important to note if you wish to submit artwork to your local Senior Center.
- 9.) Damaged entries or entries that do not comply with the above rules will not be exhibited.
- 10) The AAA7 will provide the utmost care and responsibility with art pieces in its possession; however, participants should understand the risks involved with the transportation of art, hanging of art, and other circumstances. By signing the application form, the participant understands these risks and will not hold the AAA7 responsible for damage to artwork.
- 11) A total of two (2) entries per person will be accepted.
- 12) **The entry form on the other side of this page must include a signature by the artist which states they have read and understood the rules.**

Rules for the Poetry/Essay Contest are included on the other side.

If you have questions, please call 1-800-582-7277, ext. 22219 or email eblogg@aaa7.org