

15th Annual Wooden Boat Show

Poster Contest 2024

The Southport Wooden Boat Show, once again in collaboration with Franklin Square Gallery, is pleased and excited to announce the Annual SWBS Poster Contest. As in the past, we are looking for local artists to submit their artwork for judging in this annual event. To qualify for entry in this contest, artists must have at least a General Membership in the Associated Artists of Southport/Franklin Square Gallery. We strongly encourage local artists who are not currently members to please contact Kim Kirk at creativespirit@ec.rr.com for membership details or consult the website at Franklinsquaregallery.com.

Below are the guidelines:

1. The artwork should feature a wooden boat(s), be clearly distinguished as such and entice the viewer to appreciate the beauty and heritage of wooden boats of our region.
2. It is preferred the subject of the painting be of a classical or traditional design, old or new. Examples:
 - a. Working vessels such as a shrimp, tuna, bill fish, menhaden etc.
 - b. Sailing vessels
 - c. Skiffs
 - d. Dinghy
3. All artwork will be presented unframed and reproduction size for the poster
4. The gallery will be accepting submittals to the vault **April 17-23**.
5. The orientation should be "Portrait" to better accommodate the poster and tee shirt layout. Note that a "Landscape" orientation could result in cropping for poster layout.
6. It is requested that the winning artist make themselves available for poster signing at the Franklin Square Gallery on the **first Friday evening in September and on the first Saturday in November at the SWBS event**. The winning artist will have their own tent at the Show to autograph posters for those who buy them.

The contest selection will be held April 24 at the Franklin Square Gallery by the SWBS committee, and the winner will be announced in the State Port Pilot. The artwork not chosen can later be framed and will hang in the gallery for the September First Friday Gallery Walk and for the remainder of the month.

Please let Carol Kidd (carolskis@earthlink.net) know that you plan to enter the show and she will contact you further about bringing art to the gallery.

For an idea of previous winners, all twelve posters proudly hang in the North Carolina Maritime Museum in Southport.

Note: this does provide much publicity and exposure for the winning artist.