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Call for Artists: Adkins Arboretum's 2026 Juried Art Show



First place Leon Andrus Award winner, *Scorpio Full Moon*, 35mm film photograph by Rachel Zoe.

(RIDGLEY, MD–December 11, 2025) Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, MD., is seeking submissions for its annual Juried Art Show, to exhibit March 3–May 1, 2026. The theme of the show—Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore—celebrates the Arboretum's mission of conservation. The Leon Andrus Awards, named in honor of the Arboretum's first benefactor, will be given for first and second places.

The show is open to original two- and three-dimensional fine arts in all mediums, including outdoor sculpture and installations. This year's juror, Robert Blackson, is the Director & Curator of the Kohl Gallery at Washington College.

The deadline for submissions is January 15, 2026. Digital images of up to three pieces of art by each artist should be sent to art@adkinsarboretum.org. Submissions must include title, medium, dimensions

(maximum of 6 feet in any direction, excluding outdoor sculpture) and artist's name, address and phone number. Works should reflect or interpret broadly the show's theme of the wild nature and landscapes of the mid-Atlantic coastal plain region.

Artists whose work is selected will be contacted by February 13, 2026 to submit the original work between February 24–28, 2026. The exhibit will run from March 3–May 1, 2026. There is no entry fee, but artists are responsible for any shipping expenses. Selected artists may be considered for future exhibits at the Arboretum. A reception for the exhibit will be held on March 14, 2026 from 2–4 pm.

The 2026 Juried Art Show is part of Adkins Arboretum's ongoing exhibition series of work on natural themes by regional artists.

A 400-acre native garden and preserve, Adkins Arboretum provides exceptional experiences in nature to promote environmental stewardship.

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