

CALL to ARTISTS

Visions of America

*Judged Art Competition and Exhibit
Celebrating the 250th anniversary of the USA*



We are asking artists to help us celebrate America's 250th anniversary by creating art that speaks to the history and beauty of our great country. From our founding to the present day, what visions reflect either past or present themes that move us? What historical places and landmarks define us? From work to play, from mountains to the plains, to the sea, what gives you pause to say, that's my "Vision of America"?

We are looking for artwork in all media that captures your vision of America, past, or present.

Judge: To be announced

Deliver Art: **

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****Early entries accepted during Gallery Hours**

Public Reception Saturday June 27, 1-4 pm

Special events throughout with Awards Presented at 3 pm

Exhibit Dates: June 19 thru August 21, 2026

Hosted by

Southern Arts Society, Inc.

Kings Mountain, North Carolina

SOUTHERN
ARTS
SOCIETY

GIFT SHOP & GALLERY

P.O. BOX 334

301 N. PIEDMONT AVE. (NC 216)

KINGS MOUNTAIN, NC 28086

GALLERY HOURS:

WED - SAT, 10 A.M. - 3 P.M.

AND BY APPOINTMENT

ADMISSION IS FREE

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Pick up work August 22, 2026

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ELIGIBILITY: All work Must be Your Original Creation, not previously exhibited in a judged show at SASi, and completed within the last three years. *Artwork must remain for the duration of the exhibit.* This is a judged exhibit. All entries will be displayed unless they do not meet the specifications below.

WARRANTY: The artist warrants that their artwork is original, that they created it and possess an unencumbered title (copyright) to the artwork. While artists may use AI (Artificial Intelligence) tools to assist with brainstorming and generating ideas, the final artwork output must be the artists work and not generated by AI. The artwork should reflect the artist's individual creativity, style and effort. The use of AI generated content that replicates or closely mimics existing works is not allowed.

FEE: (non-refundable) \$25 members, \$30 non-members, for two entries. Additional entries \$5 each for members, \$10 each for non-members (4 total).

SALES and PRICING: **SASi will retain 30% Commission from all sales by Members, and 40% from all sales by Non-members.** Artists will be paid for work sold following the close of exhibition. Work may be listed not for sale (NFS). SASi encourages all entries to be for sale.

SPECIFICATIONS: Painting (oil, watercolor, acrylic, pastel), drawing, sculpture, printmaking, photography, mixed media, fiber, and fine crafts are eligible. **Two-dimensional work** – no restrictions in size. Watercolors, pastels, photographs, prints and drawings must be protected by glass or Plexiglas. All work must be properly framed, or gallery wrapped canvas and wired to hang. Mats should be clean and neutral. **Fiber art** must be ready to hang, with hanger supplied by the artist. **Three-dimensional work** is limited to 2'x2' of floor space, less than 6' tall and weigh less than 50 lbs. **Three-D** work must sit solidly on a flat surface or be properly mounted for hanging.

NOT ACCEPTED: **NO** wet paint, giclee's, photocopies or computer-generated art. **NO** clip frames, cardboard, string, or tape. **NO** side staples on canvas. **Work that is inadequately prepared may be declined.**

LIABILITY: **SASi** accepts no responsibility for any loss or damage of artwork. Concerned artists should provide their own insurance coverage. **SASi** reserves the right to decline any works that do not meet our standards or specifications and to withdraw any work from the exhibition at its discretion. **SASi** reserves the right to photograph, video, and reproduce any entry for educational, marketing, or publicity purposes. Entry in the exhibition constitutes agreement by the artist with all conditions set forth in this prospectus.

AWARDS: **First Place - \$400, Second Place - \$300, Third Place - \$200, Merit Award(s) - \$100 each**

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PICK UP ART: Sat Aug 22, 10 am – 3 pm Artwork must be picked up on the scheduled date. **Artwork left beyond 30 days will become property of SASi.**

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Phone: 704.739.5585 Email: southernartssociety@gmail.com

Inventory Card: Visions of America Member: Y__ N__

Please write clearly – Exhibit Labels are made from this card

Artist name _____

Address _____

City, St, Zip _____

Phone _____ / _____

Email _____

I have read, understand, and agree with all terms and requirements as stated in the prospectus

Signature: _____

Entry # filled out by SASi

Title 1 _____ **Entry #** _____

Medium _____ **Price** _____

Title 2 _____ **Entry #** _____

Medium _____ **Price** _____

Title 3 _____ **Entry #** _____

Medium _____ **Price** _____

Title 4 _____ **Entry #** _____

Medium _____ **Price** _____

Entry Fee total: _____ **Paid by:** cash check cc

LABELS for back of work available online or at SASi.