

# callforartists 2 0 1 7

The City of Federal Way Arts Commission in partnership with the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden (RSBG) and the Pacific Bonsai Museum announces a Call for Artists for the annual event *Blue Poppy Day – Art in Bloom* to be held on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at RSBG. The City, RSBG and the Pacific Bonsai Museum will promote the event and feature select artist information on their websites.



Artists are encouraged to sell artwork and keep 100% of their sales. Sales are handled privately between the artist and the buyer by accepting their preferred method(s) of payment and delivering sold works to their buyers. Note – there is no access to electricity. The City of Federal Way, RSBG and the Pacific Bonsai Museum do not provide insurance coverage for work exhibited. Work is shown at the artist's own risk.

The goal of *Blue Poppy Day – Art in Bloom* is to celebrate the mystical Himalayan Blue Poppy, *Meconopsis*, and the world of art.

## featuredartist

Each year a Featured Artist for the following year's event is selected from the artists exhibiting during *Blue Poppy Day – Art in Bloom*. The artist's work must include Blue Poppies or the artist must be willing to create a piece showcasing the Blue Poppy. The Featured Artist for 2017 is Nirvan Hope. The Featured Artist will receive the following:

- Premier placement at *Blue Poppy Day – Art in Bloom*
- Bragging rights as the Featured Artist
- Artwork will be used in all promotional collateral for the event including print, social media, website, etc.
- One year membership in RSBG
- Gallery space at Knutzen Family Theatre located at Dumas Bay Centre for approximately 4 months (exhibit date to be mutually agreed upon with artist and Federal Way Arts Commission)

## selectionprocess

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The Selection Panel is composed of members of the Federal Way Arts Commission and community volunteers with an interest in the arts. Selection of artists is based on artistic merit with consideration given to achieving exhibit diversity. Submissions that include Blue Poppies are strongly encouraged and will be given first consideration.

## exhibitinformation

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- Space provided will be no more than 10' x 10'	- Most exhibit space will be outside
- Artist must provide own walls, table(s), chair(s), etc. Exhibit set-up must be pre-approved	- Location of artist's display will be determined by the Arts Commission, RSBG and the Pacific Bonsai Museum
- Artist will receive listing in event program	

## categories

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Metal	Mixed Media	Glass
Fiber Art	Ceramics	Painting
Photography	Sculpture	Wood
Drawing/Pastels	Printmaking	Digital Art

## acceptancecriteria

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- Reproduction aids such as molds used in ceramics must be created by the applying artist	- Artist's work, exhibit design and application will be juried for quality, authenticity, uniqueness, salability, presentation	- Artist must be present with their work throughout the event
- Artist must be the maker, designer, creator and producer of work	- Original work must make up most of the artist's display	- Not eligible for entry are mass-produced items, items made from kits
- Artists whose work includes Blue Poppies will be given first consideration	- Eligibility is limited to studio artists, artist teams and independent artists	

## application information

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Prior to the show, the artist must submit a list of art works and their value (see Artist Application). The Arts Commission reserves the right to suggest or require adjustments to an exhibit after it is in place.

To apply – send an email to [cody.geddes@cityoffederalway.com](mailto:cody.geddes@cityoffederalway.com)

In the body of the email please include:

- Name	- Exhibit Name	- Category
- Address	- Phone (day & evening)	- Email

Attach to the email the following:

- A <b>brief</b> resume listing professional experience i.e. exhibition experience (include where and when), residencies, lectures; honors, awards or grants; visual arts training and/or education	- At least three (3) but no more than five (5) digital images of work that best illustrates qualifications (Jpeg files only). File set up should be 500 pixels on the longest side at 72dpi, 300 KB each (saved)
- The Artist Application Form	- An artist biography for potential media release (only to be used if artist is accepted). Not to exceed 400 characters.

## application deadline

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Applications must be received on or before April 3, 2017 by 4:00 p.m. Unless notified otherwise, applications after this date will not be considered.

**Visit our Facebook page at <https://www.facebook.com/BluePoppyDay> and don't forget to Like us!**

## artist fee

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Selected artists will pay a \$25 fee to participate in the show, which will be used for advertising the event. After selection notification, directions will be provided on where to send payment.

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