

YANKTON AREA ARTS

America the Beautiful

July 3 – August 4, 2026 · G.A.R. Hall, 508 Douglas Street, Yankton SD 57078

The America the Beautiful exhibition is an open art competition celebrating the diverse landscapes, cultures, people, and stories that shape the United States. Hosted by Yankton Area Arts at G.A.R. Hall, the show is open to artists of all experience levels working in any medium. Artists are encouraged to interpret the theme broadly and personally — from sweeping natural vistas to intimate moments of everyday life.

ELIGIBILITY

- Open to all artists of all ages and experience levels.
- All artistic media, techniques, and styles are accepted, including painting, drawing, photography, printmaking, sculpture, ceramics, fiber art, digital art, mixed media, and installation.
- Work must be **original** and created by the submitting artist.

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

- Work must reflect the theme: **America the Beautiful**.
- Artists must complete and submit the official entry form (enclosed or at YanktonAreaArts.org).
- Artists may enter up to **three (3) works** in the competition.
- All 2D entries must be **ready for hanging** on a heavy classic hook (wire strongly preferred) and must be labeled.
 - Label must include: artist's name, title of work, and sale price (if not for sale, list value with NFS in parentheses).
 - Artists are encouraged to visit G.A.R. Hall to confirm proper hardware before drop-off.
 - Work not ready to hang or unable to be displayed safely may be rejected or accepted conditionally pending proper hardware.
- Accepted works **may not be withdrawn** from the exhibition before the show closes.
- Exhibiting artists are encouraged to attend the Opening Reception on **July 3, 2026 at 5:00 PM**.
- Any work not meeting all requirements will be disqualified from the competition.
- Submitting works to this event gives Yankton Area Arts the right to photograph accepted works for publicity and promotional purposes.

DELIVERY OF WORK

Entries are to be delivered to G.A.R. Hall Art Gallery, 508 Douglas Street, Yankton SD 57078.

- **Drop-off window:** June 1 – June 19, 2026, Monday–Friday, 1:00–5:00 PM, or by appointment.
- **Artwork pick-up:** After August 4, 2026. Artists will be notified of specific pick-up dates.

SALES

Sales of work in the exhibit are encouraged by Yankton Area Arts. All artwork must be available for sale unless otherwise noted as NFS. Sales are subject to a **30% commission**; prices should be set accordingly. Artists will be paid for any sales by September 15, 2026.

JUDGING & AWARDS

- All works will be subject to an initial jury process based on submission requirements. Any work not meeting all requirements will be disqualified and not displayed.
- Accepted works will be rated by judges on: **Theme, Composition, Technique, Originality, and Overall Presentation**.

SHOW TIMELINE

Date	Event
June 1 – June 19	Artwork drop-off accepted (Monday–Friday, 1–5 PM)
June 25	Submission deadline for entry forms
June 26	Notification of acceptance
June 26 – July 2	Exhibit installation
July 3	Exhibit opens · Opening Reception, 5:00 PM
July 3 – July 10	Works judged
August 4	Exhibit closes (5:00 PM)
After August 4	Artwork pick-up (dates TBD — artists will be notified)
September 15	Artists paid for any sales

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