

## **PACS – Annual Exhibition FAQs for rules and entry information**

**Can anyone enter?** No, you must be a member of the society fully subscribed by 31<sup>st</sup> May or if a junior a close relative of a member of the society (Budding Artist) who is entering. Please see our website for membership criteria.

### **Will I be expected to carry out any duties during the exhibition?**

Yes, it is a condition of entry that you make yourself available for covering at least three stewarding sessions or helping with handing in / collection of artworks after the event, helping on the sales desk, helping to set up/ dismantle the exhibition. A rota form will be issued shortly, to be returned by 14<sup>th</sup> July, requesting the dates you are available (normally in 3 hour am/pm time slots) and nature of work that you can help with. You are encouraged to offer as many dates and as wide a range of work categories as you can. Being oversubscribed is better than under, and we can spread the work out more effectively with higher volumes of helpers to work with.

**Are there any prizes?** There are awards given that have been donated to the society, but there are no cash prizes.

**Who attends the exhibition?** Anyone can attend the exhibition during the exhibition period. We are also part of Hampshire Open Studios.

**Can I exhibit items that I don't want to sell?** Yes of course, you can mark **ONE** item as NFS, there is an **£8 entry fee** for display of NFS.

**What is a Budding Artist?** A young person of 16 or less who has a member as a close relative that can manage the entry for them. You are limited to one item, there is no fee for the entry by a Budding Artist.

**If I am a junior member, do I qualify as a budding artist or full member?** For the exhibition, Junior members count as full members, and should complete their own entry form.

**As a junior member can I also enter a Budding Artist entry?** No

**Do I have to pay to enter?** A member does have to pay an entry fee and there will also be a commission on any items sold. The entry fee is non-refundable and is based on 5% of your sale price, capped at £8 per item (other than Box frames/Budding Artists). Entry fees are not refunded on items withdrawn or not accepted for the exhibition.

**Does a junior member pay the same entry fee/commission and a full member?** Yes.

**Why would an artwork not be accepted for the exhibition?** This is a very rare occurrence, but we must reserve the right to refuse if the item is not properly prepared for entry.

**How are the fees used?** They support the costs of the exhibition and the activities of the society for the benefit of the membership.

**What categories of entry are there?** There are Hanging items, Display items, Browser Items and Box Frames.

**What is a Box frame entry?** A box frame is a specific size hanging piece that are sold for a fixed amount (£35) and the entry is a fixed amount (£2). Box frames can be taken away as soon as sold by the buyer.

**What size is a Box Frame and where, do I get them from?** Box frames are 25cms square; details of where they can be purchased are on the front page of the Exhibition Rules

**Does a Box frame count as a hanging item, or are these extra and if so, how many can I submit?**

The maximum number of box frames you can enter is 4, they do not count towards your main hanging items, **they are a separate section on the entry form.**

**What is a Browser item?** A browser item is an unframed picture, mounted, not hung that is available for review and purchase by exhibition attendees.

**What is a hanging item?** An item (usually a framed artwork) that is suitable to be hung on the display panels.

**What is a display item?** Usually ceramics, craft, wood or sculpture, and other items to be presented on the display shelving available.

**Is there a limit on the size of the item I wish to submit to the exhibition?** Each member is allowed one hanging item of any size, and there are no limits on the sizes of display items. However, we do ask members to be reasonable, and if a proposed item is large, you are asked to contact Mike Wallace so that appropriate display arrangements can be made. There clearly is a limited amount of space available in the Festival Hall.

**Is there a limit to how many pieces I can enter?** Yes, if you are a full member and if you are entering a mix of hanging items and display items then the total is 9.

If you are just entering display items, the maximum number is 7. This is due to the space we have available.

In addition, you can enter a maximum of 4 box frames and 4 mounted artworks for the browser section. A budding artist is limited to one item.

Summarised as follows.

Category	Maximum items
Hanging or display items	9*
Mounted artwork for browsers	4
Box frames	4

\*Within the 9 items, up to 4 may be for hanging on walls or panels, and up to 7 may be for display on stands.

**When is the entry date?** You must have met the membership criteria and submitted your duty form by **14<sup>th</sup> July 2023 @5pm**. Your entry form must be in by **6<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, and entries paid.

**When is the handing in day?** Our handing in date this year is Sunday **20<sup>th</sup> August 2023**, between 1pm to 4pm.