



Blue Poppy Day

A Festival of Art and Nature

2020 Featured Artist —Nirvan Hope www.nirvanhope.com

Call for Artists - 2020

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 – A Festival of Art and Nature to be held on Saturday, May 16, 2020 from 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. at RSBG.** The mission of *Blue Poppy Day – A Festival of Art and Nature* is to celebrate and feature: artistic talent from Puget Sound region, the connection between the complementary beauty art and nature, and the bloom of rare Himalayan Blue Poppies at the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden.

Selection Process

All applications will be reviewed by a Selection Panel. 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.

We are looking for a diverse array of artists in all media, including but not limited to: metal, mixed media, glass fiber art, ceramics, painting, photography, sculpture, jewelry, wood, drawing/illustrations, prints, digital art, paintings, and more.

How to Apply

To apply – send an email to cody.geddes@cityoffederalway.com that includes the information below.

- A completed Artist Application form (see below)	- An artist biography for potential media release (not to be used if artist is accepted). 2-5 sentences.
- A brief 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)

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.



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Vending Information

- Space provided will be no more than 10' x 10'	- Most exhibit spaces 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, the RSBG website, and the City of Federal Way's website.	-Sales are handled between the artist and the buyer. Artist must handle their own transactions. Note: vendors will not have access to electricity during the event.
-The City of Federal Way, the RSBG, and the Pacific Bonsai Museum do not provide insurance coverage for the property and/or artwork of the vendors.	- Artist will sell artwork between 10am and 4pm on Saturday, May 16, 2020 and keep 100% of their sales.

Acceptance Criteria

- 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
- Eligibility is limited to studio artists, artist teams and independent artists	-Special consideration given to artists from Federal Way and art with a nature/garden connection.	

Featured Artist

Each year, a Featured Artist is selected for the following year by visitor votes. The Featured Artist for 2020 is Nirvan Hope. The Featured Artist will receive the following:

- 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)
- Premier vendor 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 to the Rhododendron Species Botanical Garden



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Artist Fee

Selected artists are required to pay a \$30 fee to participate in the show (due April 30, 2020), which will be used for advertising the event. After notification of selection, directions will be provided on where to send payment.

Artists are encouraged to sell artwork and keep 100% of their sales. Sales are handled between the artist and the buyer by accepting their preferred method(s) of payment and delivering sold works to their buyers.

Application Deadline

Applications must be received on or before **April 6, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.** Unless notified otherwise, applications after this date will not be considered.

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Artist Application Form

Deadline – April 6, 2020 by 4:00 p.m.

To apply – send an email with the information below to cody.geddes@cityoffederalway.com

Please submit this Artist Application Form and the following supplemental information:

- Brief resume detailing any visual arts training and/or education and exhibition history
- An artist biography for potential media release – 2-5 sentences
- At least three (3) but no more than five (5) digital images of recent work that best illustrates your qualifications (Jpeg files only). File set up should be 500 pixels on the longest side at 72 dpi, 300 KB each (saved).
- Selected artists will sign a contract confirming event participation.

Note: Selected artists will pay a \$30 fee to participate in the show, which will be used for advertising the event.

APPLICATION INFORMATION – Please print (all fields required)			
Name:			
Address:			
City & State			Zip:
Daytime phone:		Evening Phone:	
Email:			

EXHIBIT/ART INFORMATION – Please print				
Artwork Title	Medium	Size	Year	Value
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