

EMERGING ARTISTS *open show*

September 5 – October 3, 2026

Calling all emerging artists! This is the perfect opportunity for students, art enthusiasts, and/or artists earlier in their career to exhibit at the historic North Shore Arts Association. With its expansive harbor-side galleries, North Shore Arts Association has occupied one of the most unique and historic settings in New England since it was established in 1922. **Located at 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester, MA.** Visit our website: www.nsarts.org or call (978) 283-1857.

IMPORTANT DATES:

- **Submission Deadline:** August 5 by 11:59 PM: <https://client.smarterentry.com/nsarts>
- **Notice of Acceptance by:** August 14
- **Artwork Dropoff / Due by:**
 - Saturday, August 29, 10AM - 4 PM
 - Sunday, August 30, 12PM - 4 PM
- **Exhibit Opens:** Saturday, September 5, 10 AM
- **Reception & Awards Celebration:** Saturday, September 12 (1 – 3 PM)
- **Exhibit Closes:** October 3, 2026
- **Artwork Pickup:** October 4 (12PM – 4PM) & October 6 – 7 (10 AM – 4 PM)

Please see attached submission criteria, artwork requirements & more information.

JUROR OF SELECTION & AWARDS

Sarah Milton

NSAA Gallery Director and Juried Artist, www.sarahlilmilton.com

Sarah acquired a Bachelor of Fine Arts from Montserrat College of Art, and a Masters in Museum Studies from Harvard University. In 2009, she was selected as the Bowery Gallery's Invitational artist, and was awarded her first solo show in New York City. Her most recent accomplishments include assisting with the creation and realization of the Mesopotamian relief exhibit "From Stone to Silicone" at the Museum of the Ancient Near East in Cambridge, MA. Currently Sarah is exhibiting artwork in Boston and Cape Ann art galleries.

SUBMISSION CRITERIA:

- Applicants must be 18 years of age or older
- All artworks must be for sale
- Prices cannot be changed from those stated at submission
- Art may not be withdrawn before the end of the exhibit unless sold.
- Artwork submissions are limited to two images per applicant. Artists may submit up to two works of art. Sculptors may submit up to two sculptures, with three different views each.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS:

- Accepted media: painting, drawing, mixed media, and sculpture.
- No photography or giclee prints
- 2D Artwork accepted for exhibiting cannot exceed 24 x 30 inches, including the frame.
- 3D Sculpture not to exceed 50 lbs. or 6' in any dimension.
- All sculptures must have a stable and secure base.
- Works on paper must be matted, framed and covered with Acrylic or Plexiglas.
- Gallery-wrapped canvas is allowed but must be painted on all sides.
- Entries must be properly wired for hanging in the upper third of the painting.
- No saw-tooth hangers.

ENTRY FEE:

- Non-members of NSAA should log into Smarter Entry:
<https://client.smarterentry.com/nsarts>
- \$25.00 for up to two artwork submissions.
- \$25.00 for up to two sculpture submissions with 3 to 5 views each
- Fees are non-refundable
- Entry does not guarantee acceptance.

SUBMITTING IMAGES:

- Submit digital jpeg images to <https://client.smarterentry.com/nsarts> August 5 by 11:59 PM:
- Jpeg should be a minimum of 1920 pixels on the longest side and no more than 8MB
- Image quality is critical and may affect acceptance by the jurors.
- Don't photograph your painting behind glass.
- Crop images to remove the frame, mat, and background and straighten if possible.
- Make sure the lighting is as uniform as possible - outdoors with bright overcast is best.

SALES:

- NSAA will receive a 40 % commission on all sales from the exhibit.
- Artists should expect 60% payment within four weeks after the close of the exhibit.
- All sales are final.

PROMOTION:

- Promotion will be handled by the NSAA, but we encourage artists to promote their work.
- If participants provide the email address of their local newspaper to sarahmilton@nsarts.org, NSAA will email the press release to them.

DEADLINE FOR SHIPPED ARTWORK:

- Work that is being shipped to North Shore Arts Association must arrive no later than **August 30 by 5 PM**
- All artworks must be prepaid and arrive with a paid return-shipping label.

- NSAA recommends using a professional shipping container with a removable foam core.
- NSAA will store artist's boxes and packing material.
- Please, NO Styrofoam peanuts, shredded paper, or loose shreds of plastic!
- Shipping address: North Shore Arts Association, Attn: Sarah Milton, 11 Pirates Lane, Gloucester, MA 01930, (978) 283-1857.

RELEASE OF LIABILITY:

By entering North Shore Arts Association's "Emerging Artists Show" the artist acknowledges that all reasonable care will be taken to safeguard the artwork(s) and the premises. Said person accepts that NSAA and its agents, directors, officers and volunteers will not be responsible if any damage, injury, liability, loss or theft should any occur. Insurance for artwork entered in this exhibit is each individual artist's responsibility.

REPRODUCTION OF ARTWORK:

Any artwork entered in this exhibit may be reproduced for advertising, marketing, and promotional purposes for the "Emerging Artists Show" or future exhibits without consent from or notification to the artist or the artist's agent.

EXHIBIT CONTACT:

If you have questions, please email NSAA at arts@nsarts.org or call (978) 283-1857.

Thank you!