

Prized Possessions Rules and Regulations

“Prized Possessions” is our annual competitive exhibit, where we ask our Artist of the Year to judge each piece and award cash prizes. Artists are to submit their ONE BEST piece from the last year.

This exhibit’s purpose is to celebrate creativity from emerging artists who are learning and exploring their passions. This means that artists of varying levels and disciplines will likely be accepted to display and compete in this exhibit.

Please review the following rules and regulations before submitting. If you have any questions, please reach out to J.C. at jseig@noblesvillecreates.org.

Online Submission Form

1. Fill out the form completely. You may [click here](#) to access the form.
2. If you have difficulty with the online form or wish to fill out a physical form, please contact J.C. at jseig@noblesvillecreates.org or 317-452-3690.

Rules

1. The “Prized Possessions” competition is open to all current residents of Region 7 (Greater Indianapolis area) in Indiana. As defined by the Indiana Arts Commission, this region includes Boone, Hamilton, Hancock, Hendricks, Johnson, Marion, and Shelby counties.
2. All entries must be made within the last year, or within 365 days of Nov 1, 2025.
3. All entries must be the **original concept, composition, and execution of the artist**. No copies of paintings, drawings, or photographs by anyone other than the artist submitting the work will be accepted. Artists will be required to verify that their piece is original and that they control the copyright of the work and any image or photograph on which the composition is based. Studies of historic or famous paintings are **not eligible** for this competition.
4. All work must be ready to be professionally hung in our gallery, including any frames and/or hardware necessary to hang or display the item. Items with unfinished edges will not be accepted. Items that show damage or wear to the edges or frame or which have dirty frames or glass may not be accepted. We reserve the right to reject any piece due to its condition or framing.
5. No further work can be done on a piece once it is accepted. The piece will not be accepted at the time of drop off if it is different from the original image submitted.
6. Due to space limitations, **we are only able to accept fifty pieces total with no work being no more than forty inches tall or wide**. All entries will be juried in by Noblesville Creates to ensure they meet qualifications. If for any reason an entry is not eligible, the Artist Liaison will communicate with the artist for next steps.

Juror

Noblesville Creates' *Artist of the Year*

[Amanda Russo](#)

Amanda's art journey began in her grandparents' breezeway, constructing condos for all of their new barnyard kittens. The cardboard box structures were lovingly decorated using Mr. Sketch scented markers, complete with hand-sewn pillows, blankets, and even curtains for the windows. Her grandmother was her biggest champion, especially when it became evident art-making was going to play a big part of her life.

Amanda earned a Bachelor's degree in Visual Arts Education from Ball State University, taking a variety of studio courses, but honed in on her passion for drawing, painting, and printmaking. She earned a Master's degree in Art Education from Eastern Illinois University, focusing her research on therapeutic art-making practices. Sharing her passion for creativity, discovery, self-expression, and risk-taking, she has taught elementary and middle school art since 2006.

As her two daughters become more independent, Amanda has found more time and inspiration for creating her own artwork. Always eager to learn, she has studied with artists through in-person and virtual workshops. At this point in her artistic journey, she is interested in portraying the human face and figure with nods to the Impressionism and Art Nouveau art movements. However, you might find a floral or landscape piece in the mix. With her experience using a variety of two-dimensional art media, she finds herself moving from oil, to watercolor and gouache, to charcoal and pastel frequently. Maybe, one day, we'll see the reemergence of the cardboard box in her work.

Awards (First, Second, and Third Places selected by Juror)

First Place: \$200.00

Second Place: \$150.00

Third Place: \$100.00

People's Choice: \$100

A "People's Choice Award" will be given to the person who receives the most in-person votes AND likes on Facebook. Details on how to vote will be provided to all artists accepted into the exhibit.

Sales

All sales will be conducted through Noblesville Creates, which will facilitate contact between the artist and the purchaser. Noblesville Creates requires each participating artist to have an up-to-date W9 on file. Noblesville Creates will retain a 20% commission from the sale and will charge, collect, and report sales tax.