



Covenant Center Art Show



To provide artists and photographers of all ages, a place to display their talents through paintings, drawings and photographs. To encourage and allow growth of the talents to be seen and appreciated by the people that come to view their works. May all that chose to participate or those who chose to visit, both be enriched by the experience of being here.


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2026 DATES TO REMEMBER

- **Thursday, July 16th** -Deadline for applications
- **Sunday, July 26th** -Bring in Art/Photos to Covenant Center (11:30—2:00 PM)
- **Wednesday, July 29th** -Meet & Greet (6:00 pm) - Private show preview for all Exhibitors
- **Thursday, July 30th** - Start of Show along with Folk Festival
- **Sunday, August 2nd** - End of Show - Pick up Art/Photos from Covenant Center (5:00—6:00 PM)

ART SHOW TRIVIA 2025

Winners of People’s Choice Awards

- #30 “Hiding Lies” 
Guiseppe Mammano
(Cadogan)
- (Student) #82 “Tradition”
Leah Smith (Kittanning)

Show Statistics....

- 410 votes were cast for the People’s Choice Award
- 13 Different “show sitters”
- 275 show booklets printed
- \$193 Fishbowl donations

Exhibitor Breakdown...

- 23 Artists (including 2 students)
- 33 Photographers
- 218 total pieces



AWARDS

The art show is non-profit. Exhibitors’ fees are put back into the monied awards, as are the “fish bowl” donations given by visitors to the show. Monied awards for this 32nd show will total \$980.

SPONSORS

The art show has enjoyed community support by the sponsorship of special awards.

We thank the following for 2026!

- NexTier Bank** (The Joan Tatsak Memorial Award)
“Best of Show” \$100
- Kittanning Garden Club** (The Barb Pryde Memorial Award)
“Best Floral Picture” \$50
- First UMC** (Jean Elgin Memorial Award)
“Best Armstrong County Scene” \$50
- Olive Round Family** (Olive Round Memorial Award)
Best New Artist” ** \$50
- Armstrong County Arts Council**
“Best In Animals” \$50
“Best in Armstrong County History” \$50



The Covenant Center Art Show is also an art sale! Last year, 218 pieces were hung and of the 151 pieces priced “for sale”, 20 were sold.

Note: Covenant Center Art Show retains 15% of all sales.

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*** Best New Artist = First time displaying with the Covenant Center Art Show*

First United Methodist Church (Covenant Center- 332 N. Water St. Kittanning)

www.facebook.com/covenantcenterartshow for information and updates directly related to the Art Show.

www.facebook.com/firstchurchkittanning for Worship information (10:00 Sundays – also live streamed)

<https://firstchurchkittanning.com/Artshow> for online applications

HISTORY OF OUR ART SHOW

The **Kittanning Art Association** had its first art show in 1951. Their art shows were held at various sites in Kittanning until its 42nd show in 1993 at the Covenant Center. The Kittanning Art Association was disbanding and asked the First United Methodist Church to “take on” the art show as a project. Thus, the Covenant Center Art Show began!



The first **Covenant Center Art Show** in 1994 had 49 artists exhibiting 153 pieces of art. A Photography section was added in 1997.



As always, our exhibitors represent many communities in a large surrounding area.

Artists and Photographers at every skill level including students (grades 4-12) are invited and encouraged to share their talents!

2026 ART SHOW COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Penny Ashley
Melissa Bureau
Audrey Green
Sue Hankey
Diane Thomas
Lynn Toth

OUR BUILDING

The structure that houses the Covenant Center Art Show was built in 1954 and dedicated as the Synagogue of the Kneseth Israel Congregation. The rededication of this building, now known as the **First United Methodist Church Covenant Center** was held October 27, 1991.

OUR SYMBOL

The Covenant Center symbol



combines the Hebrew and the Christian traditions with The Star of David being placed at the base of the cross and flame to signify the growth of Christianity from the Hebrew tradition. This symbol was adopted as the symbol of the Covenant Center Art Show and can be found on all our ribbon awards.

AI Policy

All exhibited pieces must be “fundamentally human-authored, guided by individual vision, intention, and skill”, not generated by AI.

CHILDREN’S EXHIBIT

In conjunction with the Covenant Center Art Show, a Children’s Art Exhibit is in the main dining room area.

Children who attend the First United Methodist Church Vacation Bible School in June created these pictures. (We hope to see some of these as future exhibitors!)



NEWS & TIPS FOR EXHIBITORS

- Applications may be entered online <https://firstchurchkittanning.com/artshow>.
- 6 Entries are permitted – after 3 at the regular entry fee, the 4th entry is free
- Payment must be received via mail to be considered complete.
- Limit one artist per application.
- If exhibiting in both Art & Photo you must “check in/out” at both stations.
- **STUDENTS ONLY!** If you have difficulty with frames, we may have a couple “loaner” frames available. Please let us know early if you will need one.
- **NEW! ELEMENTARY** (grades 4-6) pay no entry fee and are exhibited for display only!

JUDGE INFORMATION

The chairperson of the committee has the duty of judge selection for each show. To assist in that process, we ask the current judge to provide us with 3 potential judges. This gives us a starting point in the search for next year’s show.

All past, current and future judges have and will be diverse in their education, backgrounds, and fields of expertise.