



2026

Blount County is Awesome by Nature

Art Contest - General information:

1. The Art Contest is open to adults and teens (13-19 years old).
2. Six entries per person will be accepted April 1 - June 30, 2026. The six entries can be a combination of photos or artwork or short video-clips or poetry from any of the categories and about Blount County.
3. There is no entry fee.
4. Take a photo of each art entry (before putting frame or glass cover on) and email those to photo@flfral.com
5. Take art entries to: Oneonta Public Library or Blountsville Public Library.

Prizes	1st	2nd	3rd
Adult Art	\$200	\$150	\$100
Teen Art (13-19 years old)	\$100	\$50	\$25

There are 11 categories sponsored by Businesses:

- **Animals in Nature**, for example: armadillos, beavers, chipmunks, deer, foxes, otters, possums, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, frogs, lizards, snakes, toads, terrapins, turtles etc. **Locust Fork Family Dentistry**
- **Birds & Raptors**, for example: birds, eagles, hawks, owls, ospreys, etc. **Spring Valley Beach**
- **Blount County Adventures**. Capture the spirit of exploration! From scenic hikes and river runs to covered bridges, farms, festivals, events, attractions and family fun, this category celebrates the exciting experiences that make Blount County unforgettable. **Blount County Tourism**
- **Bugs, Butterflies & Spiders**, ie: bees, centipedes, dragonflies, spiders, etc. **Locust Fork Pharmacy**
- **Farm Life & Animals** ie: chickens, cows, ducks, goats, horses, rabbits, sheep, people working, celebrating and enjoying life at a farm, grazing grasses, fields, etc. **Stifel Investments**
- **FLFR Activities**, ie: KDoR, landscaping at the Grand Staircase, planting seedlings at the nursery, cleaning up riverbanks, water testing at the river, painting murals, etc. **The Blount Countian**
- **Habitat & Seasons**: covered bridges, landscapes in spring, summer, fall or winter, cliffs, rocks, caves, clouds, sky, sunsets and sunrises, frozen fog, frost, snow, rain, etc. **Oneonta Dental Center**
- **Locust Fork River or Its Tributaries, Lakes & Waterfalls**, Blackburn Fork of Little Warrior, Calvert Prong of Little Warrior, Dry Creek, Graves Creek, Gurley Creek, Sand Valley Creek, Inland Lake, Highland Lake, McKay Lake, Mountain Lake and Sugarland Lake, natural and man-made ponds. **Black Warrior Riverkeeper**

- **"Paddle Splash"** - people paddling in the river or a pond or lake, can be in a kayak or canoe or even on a home-made raft. [Alabama Scenic River Trail](#)
- **PIN - People and/or Pets in Nature:** activities along the river, lakes, its tributaries, waterfalls, or woods: bicycling, swimming, jumping, kayaking, canoeing, fishing, hiking or walking, camping, picnicking, etc. [Blount Oneonta Chamber of Commerce](#)
- **Roots & Shoots.** ie: wildflowers, foliage, mushrooms, moss & trees in the wild. **TBD**

Rules for ART Contest:

1. To submit artwork:
 - a. Register your name and information: Go to FLFR.org and click on: 2026 Art, Photo & Video Contest. Upon registration, you will be assigned a transaction ID#.
 - b. Write artist's name, age & transaction ID # on the back of the art entry. Submitted artwork should not have a visible name (or cover with masking tape).
 - c. Print and sign this form (below).
 - d. Take a photo of each art entry (before putting frame or glass cover on) and email those to photo@flfral.com Please mention your age if you are a Teen.
 - e. Take your artwork and this completed form to: Oneonta Public Library or Blountsville Public Library.
2. Entries will be accepted April 1 - June 30, 2026.
3. Each person may submit up to 6 entries. Details at the top under General Information, #2.
4. Submissions can include any form of flat work: oil, acrylic, watercolor, charcoal, pencil, colored pencils, pastels, textured collages, mixed media, glass. If traced, only from a photo taken by the submitter; submit that photo with the artwork. Any size is acceptable. Non-eligible include: paint-by-number, nudes or any obscenity.
5. Submissions may be any style, for example: fine art, realistic, abstract, surrealism, etc.
6. If you win you agree to be recorded for a short video clip about yourself that will be uploaded to FLFR's Youtube channel, Facebook and Instagram.

Judging:

- Judges will make selections based on 1) originality, 2) technical excellence, 3) outstanding representation of subject, 4) composition and 5) the story the artwork tells.
- All submissions will be numbered & judged anonymously.
- Judges will select, FROM ALL CATEGORIES, ONE 1st, 2nd and 3rd artwork for adults, the same for teens, and may select honorable mentions at their discretion.

Notification & Award Ceremony:

- Winners will be notified by email no later than August 31, 2026.
- Prizes will be awarded to each winning artist at the Awards Ceremony in the fall.

Traveling Exhibit:

The winning artworks will be displayed at various locations in Blount County.

If you have any questions email info@flfral.com Or write: FLFR, PO Box 638, Cleveland, AL 35049

Only print this page and attach it to the back of your artwork.

Art Contest participants agree and certify the following:

- Art is original and was made solely by the submitter.
- Art represents one of the categories as seen in Blount County, Alabama.
- Art was made during 2023, 2024, 2025 or 2026.
- If your entry wins 1st, 2nd or 3rd place, you agree that your photo and a selfie will be printed on banners and displayed at various locations in Blount County.
- FLFR volunteers will handle your artwork with care, but cannot take responsibility for any damage.

Name _____ Adult () Teen () Age:_____

Registration at FLFR.org - Transaction ID# _____

Signature _____ Date_____