



**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, 2023. The six entries can be a combination of photos or artwork from any of the categories and about Blount County. Or short video-clips - theme "Enjoy the River".
3. There is no entry fee.
4. Take a photo of each art entry and email those to [info@flfral.com](mailto:info@flfral.com)
5. Take art entries to: Oneonta Public Library or Blountsville Public Library.

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

There are 10 categories sponsored by Businesses:

- **Animals in Nature**, for example: armadillos, beavers, chipmunks, deer, foxes, otters, possums, rabbits, raccoons, skunks, squirrels, etc. [Locust Fork Family Dentistry](#)
- **Birds & Raptors**, for example: birds, eagles, hawks, owls, ospreys, etc. [Spring Valley Beach](#)
- **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. [Southern Vision Eye Care](#)
- **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. [Blount Oneonta Chamber of Commerce](#)
- **"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 [Black Warrior Riverkeeper](#)
- **Roots & Shoots**, ie: wildflowers, foliage, mushrooms, moss & trees in the wild. [Stifel Investments](#)
- **Sun-basking Creatures**, ie: frogs, lizards, snakes, toads, terrapins and turtles. [Huntsville Canoe Club](#)

Rules for ART Contest:

1. To submit artwork:
  - a. Register your name and information: Go to [FLFR.org](http://FLFR.org) and click on: 2023 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 your artwork and this completed form to: Oneonta Public Library or Blountsville Public Library.
2. Entries will be accepted April 1 - June 30, 2023.
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, 2023.
- Prizes will be awarded to each winning photographer 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](mailto:info@flfral.com) Or write: FLFR, PO Box 638, Cleveland, AL 35049

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 2021, 2022 or 2023.
- 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 \_\_\_\_\_