St. Michaels Art League
2025 Banner Program Rules

Banner Program Rules:

1. **Eligibility: Open to SMAL members who are current with their 2025 dues.**

2. **Production Costs: $80.** This covers the projected cost of the banner, which will remain the property of the artist. There is space for 36 participants (first registered**,** first selected). in addition to the High School students. Your banner will be returned to you following the 2025 tourist season. Only the registration fee for selected banners will be retained by SMAL.

3. **Subject matter:** Artists are encouraged to portray creative images (realistic or abstract) that depict any aspect of life in St. Michaels including, but not limited to, buildings, people, gardens, steetscapes, landscapes, still lifes, boats, the harbor, wildlife, etc.

4. **Currency:** Banner artwork must have been created during the previous 12 months.

5. **Copies:** All artwork must be the artist's original work (copies or photo references taken from works under the public domain and/or covered by copyright laws are prohibited.) The artwork should be signed.

6. ***Format: Original artwork images must be 18 x 18 inches.*** (Note: 18x18 canvases are being purchased in bulk and may be available for sale to interested artists.)

7. Type of media for image (See NOTE on Registration form.)

8. **Condition:** Art work must be completely dry and able to be easily handled when delivered.

9. **Ownership of the Original:** Original artwork and reproduction rights will remain the property of the artist.

10. Please include your name and the title and type of image with submission of the artwork. Indicate the top of your image with an arrow on the back side of your artwork. This assists our designer to properly position the piece on the banner.

11. The St. Michaels Art league and its assigns are not responsible for any loss or damage to your artwork.

12. A final selection of banners to be displayed is at the sole discretion of the banner committee.

Banner Program Schedule:

REGISTRATION FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY JANUARY 15. THERE IS NO ON-SITE REGISTRATION.

1. ***Original 18" X 18" artwork*** should be brought to Creative Xpressions, 204 S. Talbot St., St. Michaels, 21663 between 10 and 2 PM on **Tuesday, February 11** (unless the business is closed due to inclement weather). In addition, 300 DPI digital images (where required) should be provided at this time.

2. Artwork must not be framed. However, if paper, it must be taped to foam core, or the like, to protect it while scanning, etc.

3. Artwork will be scanned and digitized images will be formatted to the 2025 banner design during the week following submission. Artists will be notified when they can pick up their original artwork for framing.

4. Banners will be hung on Talbot Street at the beginning of April.

5. Following the 2025 tourist season, the banners are taken off the poles by the Choptank Electric Cooperative. The banners will be separated in early spring of 2025 and returned to the artist.

Poster Sales:

1. Posters will be offered for sale to the public exclusively through a St. Michaels business, Creative Xpressions.

2. Artists will receive $4.00 for each poster sold. Checks will be sent to the artist's address. ($25 poster cost, $4 artist commission, $2 to SMAL)

3. SMAL owns rights to the posters; artists may not sell posters on their own during the 2025 tourist season.

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Original Artwork Exhibit Participation:

1. All Banner program artists are eligible to exhibit their original Banner artwork in the Annual Banner Exhibit at The Blue Crab Coffee Shop.

NO ADDITIONAL REGISTRATION OR REGISTRATION FEE IS REQUIRED

2. Participating artists or their representatives shall drop off and pick up artwork on the specified day and during the specified time period. If an artist cannot be present during the drop-off or pick-up times, it is the responsibility of the artist to make alternative arrangements.

3. The Blue Crab Coffee Shop will handle sales and will issue a checks minus 10% commission.

4. All artwork must be labeled on the back. A tag will be prepared for the exhibit from the information provided on the Banner Program Registration form – for this reason no substitutions please.

5. SMAL will sponsor juried awards to be selected from the original banner images displayed at the Library show. These awards will honor the Best Graphic Design and Best Artistic Merit and will be presented at the SMAL meeting in April. Kevin Snelling from CreativeXpressions will again have a seperate award for "Best Depiction of St. Michaels."

6. Neither the St. Michaels Art League and its assigns or the Talbot County Free Library and its staff are responsible for any loss or damage to the artworks.

Artwork Standards:

1. Entries must be original works of the exhibiting artists in the original 18" X 18" format. "Original" means never having occurred or existed before and being invented or created solely by the exhibitor. Copies or photo references taken from works under the public domain and/or covered by copyright laws are prohibited.

2. Artwork must be in good condition, properly framed and WIRED for hanging.

3. SMAL reserves the right to request that artists remove any work not properly displayed or labeled.

4. Artwork must have been completed within the past year and must not have been previously exhibited in a SMAL–sponsored exhibit.

Labor Day Show:

1. Original banner images may be offered for sale.

2. Banners from previous years may be offered for sale.