St. Michaels Art League
2026 Banner Program Rules

Banner Program Rules:

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

2. **Production Costs: $85.** 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 2027 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 19, 2026. 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 **Thursday, February 12** (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 2026 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 2026 tourist season, the banners are taken off the poles by the Choptank Electric Cooperative. The banners will be separated in early spring of 2027 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.