

DATES TO REMEMBER

SEPTEMBER 30, 2024 – JANUARY 10, 2025

Entries Accepted

JANUARY 10, 2025 AT 4:00 PM

Entry Deadline

JANUARY 27– JANUARY 31, 2025

Artists Notified

FEBRUARY 3, 2025

Art drop off for finalists begins

FEBRUARY 14, 2025 AT 4 P.M.

Delivery Deadline for Finalist Artwork

FEBRUARY 24 - MARCH 14, 2025

Art Exhibition & Voting

MARCH 24, 2025

Best in Show, People's Choice, and Most Likable Awarded

MARCH 24 - APRIL 11, 2025

Unsold exhibited pieces may be picked up by the artist

All entry drop-offs and pick-ups shall be between the hours of 7:30 a.m. - 12 p.m. and 12:30 p.m. - 4 p.m., Monday through Friday (excluding holidays when the offices are closed).



Best in Show 2023: Doe and Fawn by Tana Tesdall

The City of Ames Water & Pollution Control Department invites your entries for the 8th Annual Public Art Contest & Exhibition.

Three honoraria will be awarded: \$400 for Best in Show, \$200 for People's Choice, and \$100 for Most Likable (our award given to the piece most liked on the Ames Water & Pollution Control Instagram page). In addition, each exhibited piece will be considered for purchase by the City for its permanent collection. This year, pieces purchased by the City will be displayed in the Water & Pollution Control Department facilities.

STATEMENT OF THEME

The purpose of the Ames Water & Pollution Control Public Art Contest is to showcase the vitally important role that water plays in our lives by displaying works of fine art that represent water in all of its many forms and functions. Whether its depiction is clever, witty, thought-provoking, or visually stunning, water should be the main protagonist of the piece. This year's theme is **Water in Nature**.

For full contest rules visit:
www.CityofAmes.org/ArtContest
or scan the QR code



For more information:

PHONE: 515.239.5150
EMAIL: ArtContest@cityofames.org
WEB: www.CityofAmes.org/ArtContest

2024-2025 CITY OF AMES WATER & POLLUTION CONTROL PUBLIC ART CONTEST

CALL FOR ENTRIES



People's Choice 2023: Not About Size by Deanna Skokan

ENTRIES ACCEPTED:
Monday, Sept. 30, 2024
ENTRY DEADLINE:
Friday, Jan. 10, 2025



**SPONSORED BY THE CITY OF AMES
WATER & POLLUTION CONTROL DEPT.**

ENTRIES

Artists may enter up to three two-dimensional pieces of art for the contest & exhibition. Although photography is an accepted form of media, this year, we encourage entries of other media. Each entry must be related to this year's theme, **Water in Nature**.

Entries must be a non-returnable, color photo or scan that is formatted to accurately represent the piece for judging. Acceptable file formats include: PDF, JPEG, GIF, and PNG. Entries are juried from photographs, so all submissions must be a high-resolution image, regardless of media.

Actual 2-D pieces should be no larger than 48" in any direction and no smaller than 8" x 10". Proper orientation of the piece shall be indicated in the artist's statement.

Entries must include the following:

- Completed Entry Form
- Rules Acknowledgment Form
- A clear, high-resolution photograph or scan of the art entry
- Artist's statement about each entry and how it relates to water

All work submitted must be original to the artist, suitable for public display (i.e.: pieces must not contain nudity, socially unacceptable imagery, imagery of illegal acts, vulgar language, etc.), and finished as represented. All entries submitted must be for sale. Artists must be 18 years old as of Sept. 1, 2024.

Entries may be submitted beginning Monday, Sept. 30, 2024. Submission deadline is Friday, Jan. 10, 2025 at 4 p.m.

Entries may be submitted via:

Email: ArtContest@CityofAmes.org

**Mail or In Person: Ames Water Treatment Plant,
1800 E. 13th Street, Ames**

INSURANCE

The City of Ames will insure art pieces up to a maximum of \$2,000 property loss after installation. The City retains the right to remove damaged art pieces in the absence of prompt and satisfactory repair in the interest of public safety.

JURORS & AWARDS

Water & Pollution Control staff will jury the entries from photos submitted. Artists whose work is selected for exhibition will be notified by Jan. 31, 2025.

Art selected for exhibition will be on display from February 24 - March 14. During that time, City of Ames staff and the public will be allowed to cast their vote for Best in Show and People's Choice. In addition, voting will be open on the City of Ames Water & Pollution Control Instagram page for the Most Likable award. Only one vote per person per piece will be allowed. Awards will be given as follows:

Best in Show - \$400

People's Choice - \$200

Most Likable - \$100

SALES

The City of Ames retains the right to the first-offer of purchase on each submission for its permanent art collection and display. For this reason, and for insurance purposes, all contest entries must be assigned value by the artist. The City will select pieces it wishes to purchase by March 24. Any other piece may then be sold for private purchase at the conclusion of the exhibition. The City will not charge commission for any private sales, so please price accordingly. Sale price will be considered final upon initial entry.

INSTALLATION

It is the responsibility of the artist to transport any piece of art selected for exhibition to and from the Ames Water Treatment Plant. Artists are responsible for installing appropriate hardware and framing for display. All art MUST be ready for hanging/display upon drop off.

Unsold exhibited pieces may be picked up by the artist or an agent of the artist beginning Mar. 24, 2025. Any piece not claimed by 4 p.m. on Apr. 11, 2025 will become property of the City of Ames.

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ENTRY FORM

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Entrants must have a current, valid email as all contact from the City will be made via email.

1. Title _____

Media _____

Dimensions (HxW, in inches) _____

Sale Price (including any framing) \$ _____

**Include a separate Artist's Statement*

2. Title _____

Media _____

Dimensions (HxW, in inches) _____

Sale Price (including any framing) \$ _____

**Include a separate Artist's Statement*

3. Title _____

Media _____

Dimensions (HxW, in inches) _____

Sale Price (including any framing) \$ _____

**Include a separate Artist's Statement*

Return this form with photos of each entry and the signed Rules Acknowledgment Form.