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BHS 25th Annual Winter Art Show
February 4 - March 1, 2026
VIRTUAL SHOW and LIVE EXHIBIT AT THE
BAY TERRACE SHOPPING CENTER
OPEN CALL TO ARTISTS

Bayside Historical Society's annual Winter Art Show features contemporary Queens artists working in all media. As in recent years, the 2026 show will be a combined virtual and live event.

How will this work?

- The show will open at 1:00pm on Wednesday, February 4, and close with an afternoon reception for all artists on Sunday, March 1, 2026
- Artists will submit photos of their work, which will be exhibited in virtual “galleries” on the BHS website
- We have once again been invited by The Bay Terrace Shopping Center to exhibit in their store windows. **This part of the show is voluntary.** Artists who choose to participate in the live portion of the exhibit will be required to drop off their own ready-to-hang works at Bay Terrace. The logistics will be announced by early January. Artists will remove their works from Bay Terrace at the close of the Sunday reception.

Eligibility

- Open to any artist **age 18 and older** who creates original two-dimensional works in oil, acrylic, pastel, watercolor, digital, multi-media, photography or three-dimensional works in stone, metal, ceramic, fiber, wood, etc.
- **Artists must either reside, work, or attend school in Queens**
- Works previously exhibited at BHS shows are not eligible
- Submissions must be recent works created within the past five (5) years
- We are unable to accommodate video submissions

General Registration and Submission Requirements

Please register by filling out our **Online Entry Form**, found on our Winter Art Show webpage at www.baysidehistorical.org/bhs-winter-art-show. This form allows you to provide your personal details and artwork information, upload digital files, include your Artist's Statement, and pay the entry fee — all in one convenient location.

Entry Guidelines

- Artists may exhibit up to **two works**. The entry fee is **\$20 per work**.
- **Deadline:** Submit digital images of artwork by **Monday, January 5, 2026**. Earlier submission is appreciated to facilitate creation of the online galleries.

Image Requirements

- Submit images via our Online Entry Form.
- Images may be submitted in any of these accepted file formats: **JPEG, PNG, GIF, or TIFF**. Files must be **high-resolution**, with a recommended minimum resolution of 300dpi.
- For **three-dimensional works**, you may submit up to **four (4) images** of the same piece from different angles in order to show it fully.
- Before uploading to the Online Entry Form, rename each image file using this format: **lastname-firstname-title-of-work**.
Example: smith-john-montauk-lighthouse-sunset

Payment

- Use our Online Entry Form to pay by PayPal or by credit card
- The entry fee is nonrefundable

Judging and Awards:

- Two judges will evaluate the works and determine awards
- All works submitted are eligible for judging, whether they are physically hung or digitally showcased
- The judges' commentary will be posted on the BHS website. Awards will be presented during the artists' reception on Sunday, March 1, 2026

Sales of artwork are encouraged. Please consider submitting works that are for sale. All sales must be facilitated by BHS on behalf of the artist. 20% of the proceeds will go to Bayside Historical Society.

Comments, questions, concerns? Please call the office at 718-352-1548 or email artshow@baysidehistorical.org. Do not submit inquiries related to the Winter Art Show to other BHS email addresses.

We hope you will join us in 2026 and we look forward to your participation!