

SKAGIT VALLEY TULIP FESTIVAL'S 2026 ART EXHIBIT

Big changes are blooming for the 2026 Skagit Valley Tulip Festival Art Exhibit! Instead of revisiting past posters, we'll showcase original tulip-themed pieces created by local artists from nearby counties. The exhibit will run throughout April 2026 across two different cities in Skagit County, giving selected artists maximum exposure and a chance to share and even sell their work. One artist and their work will be chosen as the 2027 Tulip Festival Poster and receive a \$1,000 prize, and a \$200 People's Choice Award will go to the crowd favorite during the exhibit.

HOW IT WORKS

We're looking to showcase tulip-inspired artwork created by talented local artists from the surrounding counties of Northwest Washington in our 2026 Tulip Festival Art Exhibit.

A committee of local community members will review all submissions and select 25–30 pieces to be displayed throughout April 2026. One artist will also be selected to become the 2027 Official Poster Artist. They will be notified privately, and their artwork will be announced to the public at a later date (not included in the exhibit), as well as reproduced for festival merchandise.

All selected pieces may be offered for sale during the exhibit (optional), with 70% of proceeds going to the artist and 30% to the festival. Sold pieces will remain on display until the exhibit concludes.

Festival visitors will also vote for their favorite piece, with the People's Choice Award winner announced at the end of the exhibit.

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS:

- Eligibility: Open to artists 16 years or older
- Residency: Must reside in Skagit, Whatcom, Island, San Juan, or Snohomish County
- Mediums Accepted: 2D original artwork only (e.g. painting, drawing, printmaking, collage, mixed media)
- Tulip-Themed: Submitted work must be inspired by tulips & Skagit Valley
- Size requirement: No smaller than 16x20 and no larger than 24x36. No orientation preference.
- Entry Fee: \$25 for up to two (2) pieces
- Email a digital copy of your artwork(s) to info@tulipfestival.org by the deadline.
- Selected artists will need to be available during the month of April for any potential exhibit opening nights within Skagit County. Exact locations and dates will be shared at a later time.
- Artwork Sales: Pieces may be sold during the exhibit (artist receives 70%, festival retains 30%). Prices are set by the artist at time of submission and cannot be altered after.



TIMELINE

- **Submission Deadline:** December 1, 2025
- **Selected Artists Notification:** January 2026
- **Artwork Drop-Off:** Mid-March 2026 (at Tulip Festival office in Mount Vernon; details provided upon selection)
- **Exhibit Dates:** April 2026 (exact dates TBA)

SUBMISSION CHECKLIST

- ☐ Email digital copy of original tulip artwork
- ☐ \$25 entry for up to 2 pieces of art
- ☐ Completed submission form & artist bio

SUBMISSION FORM:

Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

County:

☐ Skagit

☐ San Juan

☐ Whatcom

☐ Snohomish

☐ Island

Entry #1:

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Price*: _____

*70% of sale price goes to artist, 30% goes to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

Entry #2 (optional):

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Price*: _____

*70% of sale price goes to artist, 30% goes to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival

When submitting your entry form, please include a 150–200 word artist bio. If your artwork is selected for the exhibit, this bio may be displayed alongside your piece to help visitors learn more about you and your creative background.

Please Note: Entries are not considered complete until payment is received. The \$25 entry fee is payable to Skagit Valley Tulip Festival by cash, check or credit card.

- Cash & checks can be dropped off in person at our office in Downtown Mount Vernon or mailed to: Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, P.O. Box 1784, Mount Vernon, WA 98273
- Credit card payments can be made in person at our office or over the phone.

By submitting artwork for consideration, the artist agrees to allow the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival to display the selected work in the 2026 Tulip Festival Art Exhibit. Additionally, the artist grants permission for the artwork to be photographed and shared online or in promotional materials related to the exhibit and festival. All rights to the original artwork remain with the artist, unless selected as the 2027 Official Poster Artist. If selected as the 2027 Poster Artist, the artist agrees to sign over all rights to the selected artwork to the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival, including but not limited to reproduction, marketing, and merchandise use.

Signature: _____

Date: _____