



Call for Entries

Library of Virginia First Fridays Exhibitions – Virginia Stories

The Library of Virginia was created by the General Assembly in 1823 to organize, care for, and manage the state's growing collection of books and official records. The Library houses the most comprehensive collection of materials on Virginia government, history, and culture available anywhere.

VISION: The Library of Virginia will inspire learning, ignite imagination, create possibilities, encourage understanding, and engage Virginia's past to empower its future.

We are proud to announce the Open Call for Entries for the quarterly 2024 First Friday exhibitions - *Virginia Stories*.

Virginia Stories invites you to explore your experiences, observations, communities, and culture. All Virginia artists, regardless of age or skill level, are eligible to enter 1 to 4 original pieces of 2D art and its story (+/-250 words) for consideration. The first review date will be December 31, 2023 but the call remains open through October 10, 2024. Regular Reviews will occur by the Selection Committee.

Please note that unfinished or wet artwork is not eligible for entry and will not be displayed. Participants are required to have their 2D artwork framed for display with the exception of stretched canvases. Artwork must be ready to hang with a wire and screw hooks or D-rings for heavier pieces (weight limit 35 lbs.), **no sawtooth hangers** or other hanging hardware. Maximum dimensions, **including frame**, up to 65" width, 60" height. Artists should label all artwork with name, address, and telephone number.

Exhibition Calendar for 2024

Your selected artwork will be assigned to one or more of these exhibition dates. If you have a preference for any of the dates below, please indicate this in your submission. We will accommodate your wishes as we are able. Exhibition receptions will occur from 5 to 8 pm on the following First Fridays.

Feb 2: Portraits (submissions due by Jan. 20)

May 3: Indigenous Community (submissions due by April 10)

Sept 6: Underground Art (submissions due by August 10)

Nov 1: Architecture (submissions due by October 20)

This exhibition is free to enter. The Library of Virginia is an inclusive, family friendly public space. The LVA Selection Committee reserves the right to select or reject any submitted work. The committee will notify the artists of exhibit approval, date assigned, and installation information. Artists must adhere to scheduled dates for hanging and removing shows. No work is to be removed before the show is over. Each exhibition hangs for 30 calendar days and must be removed by the 37th day or will be disposed of.

Each exhibiting artist is to provide labels for each piece of artwork with title, artist's name, medium, price, and contact information for customers. Labels should be 2 x 3.5" (business card size). Labels should be affixed to the back of the frame to hang below the picture frame during exhibition. Please contribute a paragraph (maximum 250 words) conveying the Virginia story told by the artwork. This story must be included in your application and the Library will publish via QR code and/or print, if the artwork is selected.

We suggest that the exhibiting artists send out invitations and be present to greet and talk with visitors to the First Fridays Exhibition. All sales are handled solely by the artist. It is the artist's responsibility to provide contact information for sales to the public.

Please contact nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov with questions for additional assistance.

2024 First Fridays Exhibition Application

The Library of Virginia, 800 East Broad Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219-8000

Please complete this form and email it as an attachment, with images of your submissions, to Nan Carmack at nan.carmack@lva.virginia.gov. You will receive an acknowledgement of your submission within 7 days. Image attachments should be named as follows: first and last name and artwork title (ex. JohnDoeUntitled1)

Name (First and Last)	
E-mail	
Phone number (including area code)	

Street Address	Apartment #
City, State	Zip code

Artwork Submission 1

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/- 250 words)	

Artwork Submission 2 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	

Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/- 250 words)	

Artwork Submission 3 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	
Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/- 250 words)	

Artwork Submission 4 (optional)

Title:	
Medium:	
Dimensions in INCHES including frame (maximum 65" width, 60" height)	
Weight (maximum 35 lbs.)	
Price (if not for sale, please type NFS)	

Virginia Stories Paragraph Submission (+/- 250 words)	
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Disclaimer and Signature

I have read and understand the Open Call for Entry Guidelines for the 2024 First Fridays Exhibitions, The Library of Virginia, and agree to abide by its provisions.
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Signature		Date	
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