

CAC Member Artists Biennial Exhibition

August 28 – October 17, 2026

Contemporary Art Center of Peoria's Artist Member Group Exhibition
at Contemporary Art Center's Preston Jackson Gallery

Exhibition Prospectus (2 pages)

Criteria: **Eligibility:** The exhibition will be open to all artists currently enrolled in an Artist membership, level of \$50/year or any membership of a higher level with the Contemporary Art Center of Peoria (CAC). There is no additional fee except for a current membership.

Subject Matter: Subject matter for this exhibition is left to the discretion of the artist. CAC Executive Director William Butler may choose to reject work if it is not suitable for the gallery.

Media: Original two or three-dimensional artworks of various media will be accepted. Video may be shown as long as the artist provides necessary means to show it. No reproductions or AI generated art allowed. Artworks that are intended to hang on a wall must utilize a wire hanger and be ready for hanging. Sculpture that is not stable will be rejected.

Entries: Artwork must have been created in the last three years and not been displayed at a prior CAC Artist Group Membership Group Exhibit. Artwork must remain on display throughout the exhibit dates. Artwork that is for sale is preferred. Since exhibition space is limited, **exhibitors are limited to one entry per artist. Artwork for the wall, including the frame, must not exceed 48 inches in width.**

Judge and Awards: While the exhibit is not juried, a qualified judge will select ribbons and monetary prizes for awards from works presented by participating artists. The judge will choose five awards. Each award will come with a ribbon and cash prize, as follows:

Best of Show:	\$200 + ribbon
1 st Place:	\$100 + ribbon
2 nd Place:	\$50 + ribbon
3 rd Place:	\$25 + ribbon
Honorable Mention:	ribbon

Registration: An **Exhibitor Registration Form** must be digitally submitted via the online form at <https://peoriacac.org/registration-form/>. An **Identification Tag** must be filled out online, printed out and accompany / attached to artwork when dropped off. Registration for group exhibits is now by digital means only. Contact Contemporary Art Center staff if there are obstacles to submitting online.

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- Registration Deadline:** All online registrations must be received no later than the deadline of **Friday, August 21 by midnight.**
- Artwork Delivery:** Friday, August 14 – 11-8:00; Saturday, August 15 – 11-5:00; Tuesday, August 18 11-8:00, Wednesday, August 19 – 11-5:00, August 20-22 – 11-8:00; Contact Contemporary Art Center staff for additional drop off times if necessary.
Artwork arriving later than August 22 may not be displayed.
- Identification Tag:** An identification tag **must** accompany / be attached to artwork. Tags will also be available at CAC when dropping off work.
- Sales:** Contemporary Art Center will retain 30% commission on the sale of artwork. All sales will be deferred to and managed by Contemporary Art Center. Commission checks are mailed to artists within 30 days following sale and payment being received. Sold artwork will remain on display until the end of the exhibit.
- Publicity:** Submission to the exhibit constitutes permission for CAC to use images of the artist's work for advertising and publicity purposes, in print and on its website, including but not limited to traditional and social media and including the right to archive images, without further consideration.
- Art Reception:** **Saturday, September 19**, 6:30pm – 8:30pm with snacks and drinks. Award winners will be acknowledged. The event will also honor the exhibiting artist in Gallery 3R. The event is free and open to the public.
- 1st Fridays:** Another opportunity for evening viewing is 1st Fridays occurring on **Friday, September 4 and October 2**, 5:00pm – 8:00pm. Exhibiting artists will be encouraged to speak briefly about their work on either date. When registering, share if and on what date you would like to talk about your artwork in a group artist talk.
- Viewing Hours:** Regular viewing hours are Tuesday-Saturday 11-5:00, during evening events and during 1st Friday events 5-8:00pm.
- Gallery Closed:** The 2nd floor gallery will be closed for floor renovation **September 5-14**. Artwork will be removed and stored securely during this time period. The 3rd floor gallery will be open as usual. CAC staff may not be available at times.
- Artwork Retrieval:** Artwork may be retrieved starting Tuesday, October 20, 11-8:00 and continuing October 21-22, 11-5:00, October 23-24, 11-6:00. Contact Contemporary Art Center staff for additional retrieval times if needed.
- Questions:** Contact William or Darlene at Contemporary Art Center of Peoria via email cac@peoriacac.org or text/call 309-674-6822 or come in during business hours Tuesday-Saturday 11-5:00.