

## 2024 Benefit Online Auction Challenge

### *The Enticing World of Plants!*



**Deadline: September 15, 2024 at 11:59 PM PST**

The Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts **Open Call for Art** for our Benefit Art Auction returns this year for the first time since 2013! We invite visual, embroidery and textile artists to submit works to be included in our 2024 Auction. A portion of the work will be on exhibition at the International Quilt and Fiber Art show in Everett October 3-6, and the full body of work will be available to see in person at an Open House at the Center and online at <https://gailcreativestudies.com>.

#### **ABOUT THE AUCTION**

The Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts Auction is a fundraising event bringing together artists, community members, our students, collectors, donors, and friends, while supporting the activities of the Center to share educational opportunities within our community. This is a wonderful way to have collectors and fellow students see and be able to obtain your work. All proceeds will go to benefit the Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts.

**SUBMISSIONS ARE OPEN FROM JULY 15 – SEPTEMBER 15, 2024**

#### **Parameters for Submission:**

##### **Theme: The Enticing World of Plants!**

Think of the beauty of our natural world and everything green and growing. Or maybe you're fascinated with the concepts of entropy and decay and want to explore skeletal leaf forms. Do you like to magnify and look at things close-up? Or would you rather do a scene of an entire garden? Whatever stage of plant life excites you, we want to see it in your artwork!



Here are some words and phrases which might inspire you (or you can choose your own):

- Burgeoning, growing
- Germinate, sprout
- Climbing, twining
- Tree of Life
- Exuberant
- Elegant
- Tangled
- Fantastical
- Imaginary plant forms
- Winter plants
- Seasons
- Life cycles
- Humid, arid
- Edible
- Poisonous
- Herbal
- Botanical
- First sign(s) of spring
- Leaves
- Seeds
- Branches
- Dimensional
- Burls
- Roots, bulbs, rhizomes
- Stamen, Pistil, Anther, Petal
- Jungle
- Tropical
- Desert
- Aquatic
- Elegant
- Tangled
- Fantastical
- Flourishing
- Imaginary plant forms
- Dormant
- Entropy, decaying



**Size:** All artwork to be 5" x7" finished size (either horizontal or vertical orientation).

**Finishing:** You can have finished, zigzagged, or raw edges. Please do NOT frame or mat.

**Number of Allowed Submissions:** No limit on how many pieces you submit/donate.

**Mediums and Techniques:** 2-D Art, design, and stitch using any art medium and any substrate. (Not accepting 3-D pieces.) Suggestions:

- Textile art
- Collage (paper or textile)
- Embroidery
- Paper with paint, felt pens, crayons
- Textures from mediums/papers/silk paper/ flower petals or leaves
- Natural dye pieces or botanical printmaking on either cloth or paper
- Stitched photographs (printed on paper or fabric)
- Hand-made block prints
- Beaded artwork
- Let your imagination go wild!



**Color Scheme:** Any that fits the theme and your image.

**Labeling:** Please label your artwork on the back side– 1. Name of artwork (give it a name e.g. underwater lilies), 2. your name, 3. Materials and methods/techniques used in the piece.

**Entry Form:** Please submit an entry form with your submissions (see last page). Feel free to add additional sheet for more than 3 entries.

**Delivery: Please send or arrange to drop off artwork to:**

**Mail:** Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts  
PO Box 1000  
La Conner, WA 98257

**Drop Off either in La Conner or Bellevue:**

Email [Gail@gailcreativestudies.com](mailto:Gail@gailcreativestudies.com) to drop off at the Center (503 Morris St., La Conner)

Email [Christina@christinaerickson.com](mailto:Christina@christinaerickson.com) to drop off in Bellevue – 13220 NE 55<sup>th</sup> Pl., Bellevue WA 98005



## Online Auction Information:



All pieces will be displayed online for the online auction. There will be a follow-up sale of any pieces that are not sold during the auction. The auction will be run before the Winter holidays. More information to come soon!

You can see the pieces from our “Red, White, and Black” auction at [Gallery- Black, White & Red Exhibition – Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts](#)

You can see the pieces from our “Joy of Circles” auction at [Gallery – The Joy of Circles – Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts](#)

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Entry Form**



**Your Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City** \_\_\_\_\_ **State/Province** \_\_\_\_\_

**Zip code / Postal Code** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone#** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artwork 1 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials and methods/techniques used:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artwork 2 Name** \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials and methods/techniques used:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**Artwork 3 Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Materials and methods/techniques used:** \_\_\_\_\_

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**I agree to have my artwork displayed by the Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts and for the proceeds of its sale to benefit the Gail Harker Center for Creative Arts.**

\_\_\_\_\_  
**Signature**

(You can add an additional sheet for more than 3 entries).