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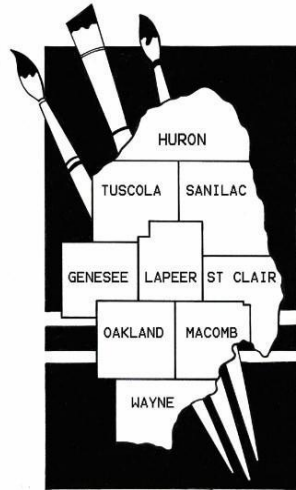
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# THE ROMEO GUILD OF ART

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## THUMB AREA ARTISTS' EXHIBIT August 27 – September 25, 2026



*A Juried Exhibit to be held at:*

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## THUMB AREA ARTISTS' EXHIBIT

Juror: **Anita Bates**

Dr. Anita Bates is a 2019 Kresge Arts Fellow and a native of Highland Park, MI. Ms. Bates holds both a PhD in Education and M.F.A. in Painting from Wayne State University (WSU). She also has an MA in Studio Art with a painting concentration from Eastern Michigan University.

Other accomplishments include a Fulbright Memorial Fellowship in Japanese education and a King, Chavez, Parks Future Faculty Fellowship from WSU. Currently she serves as an Associate Professor of Teaching and Program Coordinator for Visual Art Education at WSU. <https://www.anitabatestheartist.com/>

The exhibit will open on August 27th, with a reception and awards presentation to follow on Saturday, August 29<sup>th</sup>, Noon to 3PM at Starkweather Arts Center, 219 N. Main, Romeo, Michigan 48065.

Awards total over \$1,200

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### August 7 ENTRY DEADLINE

Entries must be submitted online by using CaFE at [www.CallForEntry.org](http://www.CallForEntry.org)

For questions, please email: [rgathumbshow@gmail.com](mailto:rgathumbshow@gmail.com)

### August 14 ARTIST NOTIFICATION

Artists are notified of their acceptance by Email from CaFE. Entrants can also view results via the online submission.

To facilitate the process, please add [contactcafe@callforentry.org](mailto:contactcafe@callforentry.org) to your contacts folder.

### August 21-22 ACCEPTED ART DELIVERY

Accepted artwork is to be dropped off at Starkweather Arts Center, 219 N. Main, Romeo  
Friday, Aug 21 10AM-1PM  
Saturday, Aug 22 10AM-3:30PM

### August 27 SHOW OPENS

Starkweather Hours Thurs-Sat 10-4

### August 29 OPENING RECEPTION

Artists, guests, and the public are welcome to attend the TAAE Opening Reception and Award Presentation on Saturday, Aug 29 Noon-3PM.

### September 25 LAST DAY OF EXHIBIT

### September 26 ART PICK UP

Artists must pick up their work on Saturday, September 26, between 10AM and 3:00PM at Starkweather Arts Center. For questions regarding pick up, please contact Starkweather at 586.752.5700

## ENTRY GUIDELINES

### ELIGIBILITY

\*Maximum 2 entries per artist, 1 image per entry  
\*Artists must be 18 years or older and reside in one of these counties: Genesee, Huron, Lapeer, Macomb, Oakland, Sanilac, St. Clair, Tuscola and Wayne.

\*Acceptable media: oil, acrylic, watercolor, pastel, drawing, graphics and sculpture (wood, metal etc.) *Fibers, photography, reproductions, class work, and computer-generated/AI art are not acceptable.*

\**Original work* completed within the last three years and not previously exhibited in the Thumb Area Artists Exhibition is eligible. Class work, prints & reproductions of copyrighted works are not accepted.

\*All entries must be for sale and priced.

\*30% commission will be taken by Starkweather Arts Center on all artwork sales.

\*Sold work remain in place until show ends.

\*No price/title changes once art is accepted.

\*Wall art must be wired to hang – No saw tooth hooks. No wet paintings.

\*Size limits: Artwork may not exceed 40” in height, width or depth (including frame). Artwork exceeding these limits will be refused.

\*Affix the title card provided to the back, bottom edge, of accepted work.

### PROCESS

\*Registration and Entry Fee: Online registration at CaFE at [www.CallForEntry.org](http://www.CallForEntry.org). “2026ThumbAreaArt Exhibit”

Entry fee is \$40; discount available to RGA members in good standing with coupon code.

CaFE is free for artists to sign up. Secure and safe entry fee payments are processed by PayPal or credit card.

Café knowledge is the responsibility of the artist.

Changes to submission cannot be made after submission.

### LIABILITY

Although great care will be taken, neither the Romeo Guild of Art nor Starkweather Arts Center will be held responsible for loss or damage to artwork entered in this show.

**Starkweather Arts Center**, opened in 1999, is a non-profit community arts center located in the historic home of Romeo art and drafting teacher Helen Starkweather. Our mission is to promote and foster appreciation of the arts and artists, and to support the preservation of the character and quality of life in the Historic Village of Romeo. Visit us at [www.starkweatherarts.com](http://www.starkweatherarts.com) or on facebook at Starkweather Arts Cente.

Visit the RGA on Facebook at Romeo Guild of Art Starkweather Hours are Thurs-Sat 10-4

We request that if your art is accepted, you follow through with delivering and displaying your art for this show. We want to be able to extend this opportunity to as many artists as we are able.

**TITLE CARDS: please use**

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