



**Saturday,
March 28, 2026**



ART IN THE PARK

including **READING IN THE PARK**

A FESTIVAL OF ART, HEART, AND YOUTH EMPOWERMENT

Call for Entries: Art in the Park Creative Showcase

This county-fair-style arts and crafts contest celebrates creativity, imagination, and artistic expression in our community. Artists of all ages are invited to participate.

Event Details

📍 Memorial Park, Sumter
📅 March 28, 2026
🕒 9:00 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.
Artwork will be displayed in a dedicated indoor exhibition space during the event.

Age Groups

- Up to Age 7
- Ages 8–11
- Ages 12–14
- Ages 15–18
- Adult

Judging & Awards

- Entries will be judged by local artists and educators.
- Judging criteria include creativity, craftsmanship, and overall impact.
- Awards will be presented for first, second, and third place in each category.
- Special awards may include the People's Choice and Optimist Spirit Award.

Entry Requirements

- **There will be a \$5 entry fee for adults. Youth entries are free.**
- Artwork must have been completed within the past year.
- Size limit: Must fit on a tabletop or easel (no larger than 24"x24" in any dimension).
- No offensive, explicit, or inappropriate content.
- Artists should label their artwork on the back or bottom (where it is not visible when displayed with the provided entry tag number, category, and age group).
- Artist names will be hidden during judging.

Liability

- Reasonable care will be taken to protect artwork; however, Art in the Park and the Palmetto Optimist Club are not responsible for loss or damage.
- By entering, artists grant permission for artwork images to be used for promotional purposes.

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Categories

Fine Art

- Drawing
- Painting
- Mixed Media
- Photography

Crafts

- Fiber Arts (crochet, knitting, sewing)
- Woodworking
- Jewelry
- Paper Crafts
- Recycled / Upcycled Art

Registration & Drop Off

- Advance registration is required via the official entry form at the QR code below..
- Artwork drop-off time will be Friday, March 27th at Memorial Park Meeting House.
- All entries must be picked up at 3:00 PM on March 28th.

