CUMBERLAND VALLEY

Photographers

EXHIBITION

CALL FOR ENTRIES

Entry Submissions

April 1 through **April 30, 2026 (11:59pm)**

Exhibition at the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts

Photographers exhibition: June 20, 2026 through October 11,

IN HONOR OF THE SEMIQUINCENTENNIAL, or 250th anniversary of the U.S., the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts is planning its 2026 Cumberland Valley exhibitions around national themes. This exhibition will require submissions to be in line with four specific themes of national significance, some of which have been established by the American Association for State and Local History. Artists dealing with these themes through abstraction are welcome.

1. Unfinished Revolutions

2. The Power of Place

3. Tell Everyone's Story

4. American Experiment

To learn more about these themes see: https://download.aaslh.org/Making+History+at+250+Field+Guide.pdf

Who may enter:
Open to artists in MD, VA, WV, PA, DC

Entering

- Each artist may submit up to four works.
- All work must have been completed **in the last two years**.
- **All entries are submitted online at http://www.smarterentry.com/CallsForEntry.**
- No artwork previously shown at the museum will be accepted.
- Submit digital images not to exceed 8 MB.
- Upload 1 image for each 2D object or up to 3 photos for sculpture. Use
- "Additional Notes" to enter descriptive information about medium (Mixed media – paper, paint, found object, etc...).

Calendar

Submissions Open:	**Wednesday, April 1, 2026**
Submissions Close:	**Thursday, April 30, 2025, 11:59pm**
Notice of acceptance:	Friday, May 8, 2026
Exhibition on view:	June 20, 2026 through October 11, 2026

Fees

Museum members: $12.50 per entry – promo code to use in Smarter Entry is "member"

Non-members: $15.00 per entry.

To join the museum, visit wcmfa.org and find "JOIN & SUPPORT" in the top bar.
All fees are paid online via Smarter Entry.

Guidelines for accepted works

- All framed entries must be ready to hang with our wire system.
- No picture wire, please. (wire that interferes with the museum's hanging system and will be removed).
- Works of art **must not exceed 72 inches in any direction**, including frame.
- Exhibition design and layout is at the discretion of museum staff.
- **Artists statement** cannot exceed 300 word count and should talk about the work, its tie in to the competition themes, why you chose that subject, etc.
- Accepted submissions must stay on view for the duration of the exhibition.
- Items accepted into the exhibition cannot be changed out with substitutions.

Delivery and return

Artists should plan to deliver their works to the museum the week of **May 18, 2026**. At this time, you will be given a loan agreement to sign.

Deliver artwork to museum: **Monday, May 18 through Friday, May 22, 2026**
9 a.m. -3 p.m.

Any works not picked up within 90 (Ninety) days following October 11, 2026, will become the property of the Washington County Museum of Fine Arts and may be disposed of in a manner at its sole discretion.

Works can be picked up on the following days: **Monday October 12–Saturday October 17, 2026**

Shipping: If needed, artists are responsible for all shipping/delivery costs before and at the conclusion of the exhibition. Please call Sarah Wolfe, manager of exhibitions and collections at (301) 739-5727 x 112, or via email at swolfe@wcmfa.org if shipping.

Privacy: Washington County Museum of Fine Arts will not sell, rent or exchange your contact information.

Liability: Although all possible care will be taken with work submitted, the museum is not responsible for loss or damage. Artists should insure their own work.

Publicity: Unless otherwise stated in writing, the exhibitor's permission to use images for publicity purposes is presumed including detail images of the Artist's work.

Cash prizes Contact the museum with questions at 301-739-5727 or swolfe@wcmfa.org.
More than $3,000 in awards distributed.

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