

ETHEL M. WEYMOUTH ART EXHIBIT POLICY

The Ethel M. Weymouth Exhibit space provides an opportunity for the public to appreciate the arts in a manner that reflects the Library's mission of lifelong learning and in the spirit of community service. Maine artists from Wells and surrounding communities are encouraged and permitted to exhibit. Normally, exhibits run for a one to three month period.

The Library will endeavor to include a broad spectrum of art and a variety of viewpoints in Library-initiated programs and exhibits. The library promotes the free and open exchange of ideas. The Library does not attempt to control or be responsible for the content of art shows, however, the Director of the Library or his/her designee has the final responsibility in making appropriate selections, ensuring that the art is acceptable to normative community standards for all ages. Opinions expressed by individuals and groups presenting the art do not constitute or imply an endorsement or a reflection of its policies, beliefs, or program by any library personnel or by the Wells Public Library Board of Trustees or the Friends of the Wells Public Library, or by the Town of Wells.

Art will be scheduled on a first come first serve basis. All artwork must be framed or otherwise mounted and ready to be hung in accordance with the exhibit guidelines. The hanging of the art is the responsibility of the artist and is to occur during open library hours at a time and date agreed to in advance with the Director or his/her designee.

The Library will not be involved in the sale of any item exhibited.

If the artist would like promotion and/or publicity, they must provide the Library with the proper materials as outlined in the Art Exhibit Guidelines. A complete list of artwork and value of each piece must also be provided. Opening receptions are at the discretion of the artist, and must comply with the guidelines and be scheduled through the Director or his/her designee.

A volunteer will be responsible for recommending potential exhibitors who may be interested in displaying their work to the Library Director. This member is typically appointed by the Friends of the Library and approved by the Wells Public Library Board of Trustees. The Library Director will approve all materials that have the Wells Public Library name on it and sign all exhibit applications before any hangings can be scheduled.

The artist must fill out and sign the Ethel M. Weymouth Exhibit Application Form. This form includes a waiver of liability and a statement that they have read and will abide by this Wells Public Library Art Exhibit Policy and the attached Art Exhibit Guidelines.

All items exhibited are done so at the owner's risk. The Library assumes no responsibility for security against theft or damage of any displayed material. Exhibitors, who must sign a release form to this effect, are asked to check their own insurance policies regarding theft or damage.

*Local art determined to be the Wells Community or those communities bordering Wells such as Kennebunk, Ogunquit, Sanford, and North Berwick.

Right of Appeal:

Appeals to this policy may be made according to the "Policy on Appeals of Library Decisions Involving Library Policies."

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