

Ninth Annual
Botanical Art Expo
at Claregalway Castle
Saturday 2 July – Sunday 3 July, 2022
Date and time of the Exhibition Opening TBA

CALL FOR ENTRIES

After a hiatus of two years due to the Covid pandemic, we are delighted once again to invite botanical artists to submit their entries for the 2022 Botanical Art Expo, which will be held during the weekend of the very popular **Galway Garden Festival**, which is held at the castle.

In addition to the botanical art exhibition, there will also be space for artists to display and sell related items, such as cards, calendars, prints etc with a botanical theme. A 20% commission will be charged on the sale of both art works and printed items.

A **People's Choice Award** will once again be provided by the Irish Society of Botanical Artists (ISBA) for the painting that gets the most votes from members of the public who visit the exhibition.

Notes on submission of work are listed below. For ease of administration, optimal times for delivery of work to Claregalway Castle have been given. However, there is a certain amount of flexibility, and inquiries about alternative arrangements can be made through the curator, Jane Stark (laragan.hall@gmail.com).

Notes

1. Up to four original pieces may be submitted by each artist. Please attach a **300 pixels per inch digital image of each piece** (*if the work is not completed by the **Friday 10 June deadline for entries**, images may be sent separately up until Wednesday 15 June*).
2. All work must be of a high artistic standard. A final selection of paintings will be made on the basis of the number of entries received, with preference given to those of highest artistic and botanical merit. We shall try to include as many works as possible. Any media is acceptable, but giclée prints will *not* be accepted for exhibition (these may, however, be sold along with other print merchandise).
3. Accepted works must be framed and ready to hang with fixings and **fully labelled on the back**, including the selling price.
4. Works up to 1 metre on the longest side (including frame) are eligible for consideration.
5. There will be a *non-refundable submission charge of €10 per painting (with a reduced fee of €25 for three or more works)* to help with hanging and printing costs. Fees can be paid by Bank Transfer, Cheque or Paypal.

CHEQUES: Please make payable to Jane Stark (curator) and forward with a copy of your entry form to: Jane Stark, 29 Bothar An Sleibhe, 1st floor apartment, Moycullen, Co. Galway, H91N6T7.

BANK TRANSFERS: Bank Transfers should be clearly marked with the code 'EXPO' followed by the **Artist's Name**. Bank Account Details: Bank of Ireland, Clifden, Co. Galway. Sort Code 90-37-79 Account Number 80677846 IBAN: IE98 BOFI 9037 7980 6778 46; BIC: BOFIE2D.

PAYPAL: If you have a Paypal account, you can send the payment from your account to laragan.hall@gmail.com. If you don't have a Paypal account, please email me and you will receive a Paypal 'request for payment' which will allow you to pay by this means.

6. Completed application form and jpeg images to laragan.hall@gmail.com by **Friday 10 June 2019** (images may be sent later as long as they are received by Wednesday 15 June).
7. Work accepted is to be delivered to Claregalway Castle, Claregalway, Co. Galway on **Wednesday, 29 June between 12.00hrs and 16:00hrs**. Please contact Jane Stark at laragan.hall@gmail.com if you have problems with delivery during those hours – we will try to accommodate any special requirements, but please do not drop off paintings to the castle without prior notice. Transport will be arranged for paintings exhibited at Bloom and *space allowing*, other artists in the Dublin area who are not exhibiting at Bloom may also be able to avail of this service. Details will be provided as soon as they are available.
9. Insurance for the duration of the exhibition and transport of works to and from the exhibition will be the **responsibility of the artist**. While utmost care will be taken of all works submitted for exhibition, neither Claregalway Castle nor the curator will be responsible for any damage, loss or destruction to any such works for any reason whatsoever. *Insurance should therefore be secured by each artist against all risks. Please make sure that paintings are adequately wrapped.*
10. 20% commission will apply to any sales. Sold works are not to be removed until after the exhibition closes. Artists should contact Jane Stark to make arrangements for picking up unsold pieces.
11. **There is a possibility that the exhibition may be extended for a few days either side of the Garden Festival, in which case all exhibitors will be notified ahead of time.**
12. Please make sure that all paintings are framed, ready to hang and labelled on the back with title of the painting, name of the artist and the price.

Print Items for Sale

Anyone wishing to display print items for sale during the exhibition should include this information on the entry form. A stand for this purpose will be set up in or near the exhibition space. In order to avoid confusion for those manning the stand, all items *must* be *individually* priced, and an *accurate inventory of the items* should be submitted at the time of delivery. A 20% commission will be charged on items sold. *If the artist is required to charge VAT, please include it in the price.*

Further details of the exhibition will be issued as they become available. Queries about any aspect of the exhibition are most welcome and should be directed to Jane Stark at laragan.hall@gmail.com.

Please include a short biographical note (100-150 words) about your work – biographical notes on all the artists, along with contact details, will be available to those viewing the exhibition. Please include only the contact details that you wish to share with the public (your full details should, however, be given on the entry form).

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ENTRY FORM

*This form should be completed and returned to Jane Stark at laragan.hall@gmail.com by **Friday 10 JUNE 2022** along with one image of each entry piece (see notes). Postal entries may be sent to Jane Stark, 29 Bothar An Sleibhe, 1st floor apt, Moycullen, County Galway H91 N6T7. Artists will receive confirmation of entry by email unless requested otherwise. In the event that any entry is not accepted for any reason, the artist will be notified directly by private email, and the information will not be made public.*

Name:	
Address:	
Phone:	
Email:	
Website:	

The title of each piece should include the name of the plant or plants depicted in Latin as well as the common name.

Title 1 Medium:	Size in cm. (height first)	Price
Title 2 Medium:	Size	Price
Title 3 Medium:	Size	Price
Title 4 Medium:	Size	Price

FEE PAYMENT WILL BE MADE BY: CHEQUE BANK TRANSFER PAYPAL