

## Call for Artists Art in Bloom 2023

Call for  
Artists:

The Gallery at Flat Rock is hosting its eighth annual Art in Bloom. This three-day event celebrates fine art and craft paired with professional floral design.

This call is open to all original 2D and 3D artwork (painting, photography, mixed media, sculpture, glass, wood, fiber, jewelry, etc.). All artwork must be original – no giclée prints.

**A floral theme in your artwork is NOT necessary, and in fact is discouraged.**

Here is a [link to a video](#) of our 2022 Art in Bloom show which will visually explain the concept.

Submission  
Guidelines:

**NOTE: Artists that were featured in the 2022 Art in Bloom exhibit should not apply this year to give others a chance to get in.**

Email a completed **2023 Art in Bloom Artist Application** with a maximum of **3 digital images** of your current work for review by the juror to: [info@galleryflatrock.com](mailto:info@galleryflatrock.com).

Submit the entry fee of \$30 total ([pay online](#) or mail a check payable to The Gallery at Flat Rock, 2702-A Greenville Highway, Flat Rock, NC 28731).

***All work submitted for jurying must be owned by the artist and available for sale.***  
**Key Dates:**

**July 30, 2023 (midnight)** — Deadline for application submission

**July 31, 2023** — Jury process

**August 2, 2023** — Jury results emailed

**August 20, 2023** — Drop off artwork at the gallery, 10am – 12pm

**September 1 - 3, 2023** — Art in Bloom show in progress

**September 5, 2023** — Pick up unsold artwork at the gallery, 11am -4pm

When:

Friday, September 1, 2023, 5pm to 8pm – Preview reception with exhibiting artists  
Saturday, September 2, 2023, 9am to 5pm, Open to the public  
Sunday, September 3, 2023, 9am to 5pm, Open to the public

Where:

The Gallery at Flat Rock  
Flat Rock Square  
2702-A Greenville Highway  
Flat Rock, NC 28731

Entry  
Accepted:

- Artwork must be available for sale.
- All work must be ready for display upon arrival. Wall-mounted pieces must have adequate hangers and/or wire. Three-dimensional work needs adequate installation instruction if it requires more than a standard pedestal.

**Shipping / Drop-off Address:**

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- Artwork that is mailed to the gallery **must arrive by Friday, August 18** and include an Artwork Inventory Form.
- The Gallery at Flat Rock will handle sales and retain a 50% commission. Artists will receive payment within two weeks after the event for any work sold at the show.
- The Gallery at Flat Rock insurance will cover up to 50% per piece while on exhibit. Any additional insurance, including while in transit, must be covered by the artist.

About the  
Show:

Twenty artists will be chosen by the jury committee to participate in this event, with one work chosen from each artist. Twenty invited floral artists will study the artwork and create floral designs to display next to the art – one floral work paired with each work of art.

Advertising and press releases are being sent out to all local and regional publications. The Gallery at Flat Rock has the right to use your artwork for advertising and promotion.

About the  
Jurors:

The jurors for **Art in Bloom 2023** are a dynamic creative couple, **Susan Casey and Stoney Lamar**—Susan in the culinary arts and Stoney as a renowned sculptor.

**Stoney** has contributed exceptional skill and vision to the world of wood turning for over 25 years. Stoney attended the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill for a short period before leaving and working as a conscientious objector to the Vietnam War for two years. He later attended the University of North Carolina at Asheville followed by Appalachian State University, where he graduated in 1979 with a B.S. in Industrial Arts. It was not until the mid-1980s that Stoney began to work on a lathe and fully explore its utility in realizing his own artistry.

Stoney's sculpture is created primarily through a unique approach to multi-axial lathe work, giving his pieces a distinct sense of line and movement unlike other works of turned wood. Often letting the shape, color and modeling of the wood determine a piece's finished appearance, he also employs paint and metal in his forms. Stoney's work can be found in both private and public collections around the country. He has used his knowledge in his field to teach and lecture, and has served on the boards of the American Craft Council, the Center for Craft, Creativity & Design, and the Southern Highland Craft Guild. Stoney is also a founder of the Association of American Woodturners.

[www.stoney-lamar.squarespace.com](http://www.stoney-lamar.squarespace.com)

**Susan's** experience in the kitchen began on a small produce and tobacco farm in eastern North Carolina cooking the midday meal for the family and tobacco crew. The majority of the ingredients were harvested from the farm often just prior to preparation. A variety of fresh vegetables, fruits and farm raised and smoked meats were available daily and afternoons not spent in the fields often included pickling, preserving, and making jams and jellies.

During her years as a student at Appalachian State pursuing a degree in Industrial Arts department in woodworking and drafting, Susan baked desserts, made soups for a local restaurant and supplied the local co-op with freshly made bagels.

Susan and Stoney moved to Saluda in 1980, where they shared a woodworking studio. However, Susan continued to cook at various restaurants in the area and in 1990 launched her own catering business—The Occasional Caterer—which she pursued until 1998, when she and her sister opened The Purple Onion in Saluda. The Purple Onion specializes in simply prepared foods with a focus on freshness. The menu is inspired by Mediterranean cuisine and the bountiful supply of fresh local ingredients available in western North Carolina.

Contact:

Help us make the eighth Art in Bloom a great event! If you have any questions please contact us at 828-698-7000 or [info@galleryflatrock.com](mailto:info@galleryflatrock.com).

## Artist Application Art in Bloom 2023

**Please Print:**

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Artist Submissions: ( 3 Maximum, Please Print)

Title	Dimensions	Medium/Materials /Technique	Retail Value
<i>Example: Winter Sunset</i>	<i>24" H x 30" W</i>	<i>Oil on canvas</i>	<i>\$800</i>
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	H      W		
	H      W		

Please email this application and up to 3 Hi-Res images (300 DPI) of your artwork to:  
[info@galleryflatrock.com](mailto:info@galleryflatrock.com). Make file names your "last name\_first name\_title."  
(i.e. Camarata\_Suzanne\_First View)

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Artist signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_