



Focus on Book Arts

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Where We Live

a virtual, juried exhibition
of contemporary artists' book works.
July 15 - August 30, 2021

Prospectus

We invite submissions of artist's books for a juried exhibit on the theme "Where We Live." We welcome literal and figurative interpretations of "Where We Live," which might include musings on or responses to:

- A physical residence (like your house, studio, city/state/country)
- An environment (like woods/forest, beach, desert, city, museum, library, gallery, studio, work)
- Any location where you feel centered, creative, challenged, energized, relaxed, or positive
- Where you live in your imagination (if you weren't limited by reality, where you'd want to be and what you'd want to be doing); consider memories of childhood, family, or friends; show us where you escape to in your fantasies

Eligibility and Media

This exhibition is open to any artist 18 years of age or older.

Eligible are any hand-crafted book-works. Works may be editioned or unique, traditionally bound or sculptural.

Maximum of 2 works may be submitted per artist.

Selections will be made in a blind jury process by Laura Russell and Erin Mickelson.

**Online submissions will be accepted from
February 15 - May 17, 2021**

Early submissions are appreciated

Fees/Submission

Fee for this exhibit is \$15 per artwork (not per artist)

You needn't enter your submissions all at the same time. Submission for this exhibition is by file upload only.

Submission fees are non-refundable.

Each book submission must include 2-4 images.

To upload your entries please visit this link:
focusonbookarts.org/2021exhibition

Please note that you will not be able to change any information submitted at time of entry after the submission process.

Catalogs

There will be an online catalog which will remain online through August 30. A print catalog will be available for purchase during and after the exhibition.

Awards

The jurors will select four artworks to be discussed with their creators during a virtual reception held on July 15, 5-6pm PST.

The award winning artists will each receive one copy of the print catalog. Those four artworks will also be included in the FOBA 2022 Conference Exhibition in July 2022.

Agreement

Submission of entry constitutes agreement to all conditions in this prospectus.

The artist agrees that images of selected artwork and the submitted text can be used by Focus on Book Arts for promotions and publications.

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Timeline

MAY 17, 2021- Deadline for submissions & payment to be received.

MAY 31, 2021 - Announcement of accepted works via e-mail.

MAY 31, 2021- Award winners notified via e-mail.

JULY 15, 2021 - Exhibit on view at FocusonBookArts.org

AUGUST 30, 2021 -Last day to view online exhibit

SUMMER 2022 - AWARD WINNER'S WORKS ON DISPLAY AT FOBA 2022 CONFERENCE EXHIBITION.

About the Jurors:

Laura Russell is a photographer and book artist who creates hand-bound, limited-edition artist books that incorporate photographs of our urban landscape and tell a story about our culture and our communities.

She has participated in national and international book arts and fine art exhibitions. Her books are collected by individual collectors and are in major collections at museums, libraries, universities and corporations. Currently splitting her time between Tucson and Portland, Laura is also the founder of 23 Sandy Gallery.

Erin Mickelson is a book artist operating under the imprint Broken Cloud Press. Her work is held in public and private collections and includes artist books, printmaking, and new & mixed media. Erin is also the owner of 23 Sandy Gallery, a gallery featuring unique and limited edition artist books.

About image preparation:

Please send gallery quality images without background clutter or text. DO NOT send composite images or images with embedded text. If your work is accepted for exhibition, the images you submit, along with the text you provide will be used for print & digital publicity.

Please rename your image files prior to submission as follows:

First Initial-Last Name-First word of title-Second word of title-number.jpg

Please use hyphens between words as indicated e.g.. J-Doe-My-Book-1.jpg, J-Doe-My-Book-2.jpg

Laura Russell has published a series of blogs specifically addressing photographing artists' books.

Here's the links:

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/photographing-your-artist-books-checklist>

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/photographing-your-book-power-entry-tip-1>

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/make-it-straight>

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/photographing-your-book-power-entry-tip-3-sharpening>

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/photographing-your-artist-books-tip-4-cropping>

<https://23sandy.com/blogs/blog-postings/sizing-your-photos>