PORT ARANSAS FERRY ART CONTEST 2013 GUIDELINES

Open to everyone – general public, professional artist, hobbyist, students and children. No residency or citizenship requirements.

All submissions must be original works from the artist. Works must be owned and in the possession of the artist at the time of submission and throughout the duration of the contest. Submission of reproductions or pieces owned by a third party shall be disqualified from the contest. Photographic works are not eligible for consideration in the contest. Original art works shall be returned to the submitting artist upon completion of the contest.

Limit of three submissions per adult artist (19 and older) and one submission for youth (18 and younger).

The art should strive to depict people, places, plants, animals, environment, scenes, settings, events or activities relevant to Port Aransas and/or the Texas Department of Transportation ferry system. Images or depictions not relevant to Port Aransas and/or the ferry system shall be disqualified from the contest.

Media may be oil, acrylic, watercolors, pastels, pencil, pen and ink, charcoal or some combination of those media and may be on paper, canvas or other flat surface. Boards or other surfaces are discouraged due to difficulty with reproduction. Framed works must be able to be removed in order to be reproduced. TxDOT is not responsible for loss or damage to frames, glass, wire or other elements not original to the art work.

Dimensions of the original work shall not exceed 18 inches tall by 30 inches wide. Works must be formatted in the landscape/horizontal position**. Portrait/vertical formats and three-dimensional art are ineligible to be entered in the contest** because they cannot be affixed to the ferry tower.

Entrants and winners acknowledge and agree that their Entries become the sole property of TxDOT, which thereby has the right to edit, adapt, modify, reproduce, promote and otherwise use Entries in any way it sees fit. By entering, the Entrants agree to waive any and all rights, including intellectual property rights, to their Entries.

Any Entry that contains the following materials will be disqualified:

- obscene, lewd, profane, defamatory or inappropriate images or text, including nudity, acts of violence or acts that appear to cause harm;
- any third-party materials; that violate or infringe (or may infringe) on any copyright, trademark, logo or other mark that identifies a brand, entity or other

proprietary right of any person living or deceased (including but not limited to rights of privacy or publicity or portrayal in a false light);
- other material deemed objectionable by TxDOT in its sole discretion.
- use of brand names, company names, and company or brand logos in the original art work.

Employees of the Texas Department of Transportation, Texas Turnpike Authority, suppliers, distributors or their respective employees, shareholders, directors, officers, members and agents and their immediate family members and/or those living in the same household of each listed entity are not eligible to participate or win.

All entries MUST be accompanied by a CD or flash drive containing a high resolution .jpg, .tif or .psd of the original art work. The image must measure 8 inches by 10 inches at 300 dots per inch (dpi), or higher resolution. The CD or flash drive will remain in the possession of TxDOT for the duration of the contest and for the required records retention period required by law and rule. The CD or flash drive will not be returned to the submitting artist.

All works must have the title, artist's name and telephone number on the back. All entries must be accompanied by a release and submission form which includes the artist's name, address, city, state, zip code, phone number, e-mail address (if applicable), the title of the work, and the category in which the work is being entered. In the event of a dispute as to the identity of an Entrant, the name appearing on the entry form will be deemed to be the Entrant.

All entries may be used by the Texas Department of Transportation for the promotion or marketing of the Port Aransas ferry system. In addition to placement on the ferry towers, entries may be used in displays, websites, printed materials or social media to encourage use and enjoyment of the Port Aransas ferry system.

Categories:
- Adult (age 19 and older)
- Youth (18 and younger)

Copyright Protection
Under United States law, the author of a book, the artist who creates a painting or the creator of any other work, is protected by copyright law so that others cannot use those works without the creator's permission. Entrants must be certain not to use the work of others. An entry that uses a work that is covered by copyright without first obtaining a release will cause the entry to be disqualified from the contest.

Deadlines:
All entries must be received at the Port Aransas Ferry Operations office, 619 W. Cotter Ave., Port Aransas, Texas 78373 (Attention: Ferry Art Contest 2013). Entries may also be dropped off at the Port Aransas Ferry Operations by *5 p.m. Central Standard Time on December 27, 2013*. Entries postmarked by the deadline, but physically received after the entry deadline, but before judging, are eligible for consideration. Entries postmarked after the entry deadline shall be ineligible for consideration and be returned immediately to the submitting artist.

Contest Judging:
TxDOT reserves the right to determine whether entries are not accepted or disqualified. For the purposes of this contest, “not accepted” shall be defined as an invalid entry that the Entrant must correct to be considered valid, such as missing application information. “Disqualified” shall be defined as an entry that fails to meet the contest criteria described above. Disqualified entrants are not eligible to re-enter the contest. TxDOT will select a panel of judges (Judges) to review, evaluate and score the original art works in each category. Each Judge will independently evaluate and score each entry and the sum of all scores will be tallied by TxDOT. In the event of a tie, a TxDOT jury will make an executive decision.

Judging Criteria
All projects will be judged based on: Relevance, Creativity, and Overall impression. Up to 50 points total (Relevance 25 pts., Creativity 15 pts., Overall Impression 10 pts.).

A TxDOT jury will consider the scores of the Judges and make the final decision of selected pieces to be displayed on the ferry towers.

Criteria:
1. Relevance refers to the degree of relevance the art work has to the ferry boats, the ferry system, the Port Aransas community, the area or region, and environment.
2. Creativity refers to the originality of the design, the use of color, light, materials, styles, artistic techniques, and artistic interpretations.
3. Overall impression addresses the project as a whole, and is often based on the first glimpse of the finished piece. Without regard to the other criterion, does it stand on its own as a good and complete work of art?

Adult Artist Release & Submission Form

Release for use of original art work in return for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which I acknowledge, I hereby grant to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), its clients and any other persons or entities with whom it may contract for the use of such works, the unlimited right and permission to use the original art work described below (the "Art"): I further grant TxDOT the right to crop, edit, and otherwise alter the Art and to combine it with other art work or graphic elements. I waive my right to inspect the Art or any version of them, or any finished advertisement or printed or other materials into which they may be incorporated. I further understand that by signing this release I waive any claim I might otherwise have for invasion of privacy due to the publication of the Art and I hereby consent to their publication in any form, medium, periodical or other publication, alone or in conjunction with any printed matter which may be published with them. I warrant that I have reached the age of majority and have every right to grant the permissions herein granted. Further, I represent that I have read this document before signing it and understand its provisions.

Title of Submission: _____

Medium: _____

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____**City:** _____

State: _____ **Zip Code**: _____

Phone Number: (_____**)** _____ ☐ **Home;** ☐ **Work;** ☐ **Cell**

E-mail Address: _____

Select Entry Category: ☐ **Youth (age 18 and younger)** ☐ **Adult (older than age 18)**

Date of Birth (month/date/year): _____/_____/_____

Adult Artist's Signature _____

Youth Artist Release & Submission Form

Release for use of original art work in return for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which I acknowledge, I hereby grant to the Texas Department of Transportation (TxDOT), its clients and any other persons or entities with whom it may contract for the use of such works, the unlimited right and permission to use the original art work described below (the "Art"):,_____ parent/guardian of _____ (youth artist) warrant that I have reached the age of majority and have every right to grant the permissions herein granted. Further, I represent that I have read this document before signing it and understand its provisions. I further grant TxDOT the right to crop, edit, and otherwise alter the Art and to combine it with other art work or graphic elements. I waive my right to inspect the Art or any version of them, or any finished advertisement or printed or other materials into which they may be incorporated. I further understand that by signing this release I waive any claim I might otherwise have for invasion of privacy due to the publication of the Art and I hereby consent to their publication in any form, medium, periodical or other publication, alone or in conjunction with any printed matter which may be published with them. Further, I represent that I have read this document before signing it and understand its provisions.

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