

# Seniors ART Competition & Exhibition

## Competition Categories

### Novice

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any new artists who have been making artwork for three years or less. If you have entered this competition or another in the past, you are not eligible for this award.

### Hobby

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any artist who does not sell or exhibit their work commercially. If you have an exhibition history in galleries, festivals, or juried shows (excluding the Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition) or teach art professionally, you are not eligible for this category.

### Open

(one winner, one honourable mention)

This category is open to any artist who has exhibited their work in galleries, festivals, or juried shows, or who teaches art professionally.

Winners for each award category will be selected according to the following criteria:

- Originality and response to the theme
- Overall composition and effective use of the elements of art
- Mastery of techniques and materials

## Opening Reception:

Tuesday, August 18, 2026  
at 2:30 pm

The Robert McLaughlin Gallery,  
Gallery A

## Exhibition:

August 14 to September 24, 2026

## Featured Theme:

*That Summer*



## Important Dates

- **Seniors Art Competition and Exhibition Information Session and Tour**  
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Tuesday / April 14 / 1-2 pm
- **Submission Drop-off:**  
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Tuesday / August 11 / 10 am-4 pm  
Please bring your artwork ready to hang (e.g. in a frame, or with hanging hardware) with your completed submission form.
- **Exhibition:**  
August 14 to September 24, 2026
- **Opening and Awards Reception:**  
Gallery A, The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Tuesday / August 18 / 2:30 pm  
Refreshments will be provided.
- **Submission Pick-up:**  
The Robert McLaughlin Gallery  
Friday / September 25 / 10 am-4 pm  
Please make arrangements to pick up your artwork from the gallery.



January 2026

## Eligibility Requirements

- We invite artists to submit 1 original artwork relating to the theme: *That Summer*.
  - Only artworks created in 2025 and 2026 are eligible.
  - 2D and 3D entries of any medium will be accepted (up to 4'x4'x4').
  - Participants must be 55+ and be a member of Oshawa Public Libraries, the Oshawa Senior Community Centres, or The Robert McLaughlin Gallery.
  - Staff members of Oshawa Public Libraries, the Oshawa Senior Community Centres, or The Robert McLaughlin Gallery are not eligible.
  - The RMG is responsible for demonstrating the utmost discretion regarding the presence of culturally appropriated content or potentially offensive subjects. We do not wish to censor your creative process. If you are concerned about your work's eligibility, please email Hannah Keating at [hkeating@rmg.on.ca](mailto:hkeating@rmg.on.ca).
- ☐ By checking this box, I affirm that I understand the competition categories and my entry meets the relevant eligibility requirements.

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## Registration Form (please print)

Name:

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Address:

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Telephone Number:

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E-mail Address:

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Title of Submission:

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Medium:

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Year Completed: 

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One sentence statement about work:

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I wish to be considered for the following category:

☐ Novice

☐ Hobby

☐ Open

I am a member of the:

☐ Oshawa Senior Community Centres

☐ Oshawa Public Libraries

☐ The Robert McLaughlin Gallery

Membership #

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