

CALL FOR SUBMISSIONS – OUTDOOR SCULPTURE 2023 Oeno Gallery’s Sculpture Garden at Huff Estates

Oeno Gallery’s Sculpture Garden at Huff Estates opened on June 25, 2011 as a place dedicated to the exhibition of world class outdoor sculpture. The 4 acre garden has become a prized feature of the property and has received thousands of visitors to date.

The gallery invites artists to submit proposals for the garden’s 11th exhibition year. The property offers a wide variety of sites for placement. Areas to consider include the sculpture garden proper, the outdoor area by the winery, the zone immediately surrounding the gallery, and the pond (limestone quarry). Proposals will be reviewed and selected by the gallery.

Sculptures must be original, durable, and safe for viewing by the public in an unsupervised natural area. They must be able to withstand extreme year-round weather conditions and tolerate strong winds. This includes, rain, snow wind and salty air. The work must also be available for sale. The artist is responsible for the transportation, installation and removal of their work in the event it does not sell.

Interested artists are to submit proposals to:

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Proposals must include:

- 1. Contact Information: Name, Address, Phone Number, E-mail, Website**
- 2. Artist Statement/Bio**
- 3. CV**
- 4. Artwork statement – Include Title, Year, Medium and Size for the proposed work(s)** and describe how this work will relate to/expand on current themes in your work in a single word document
- 5. Create one folder of High res Images of the sculpture(s) you are proposing** (Minimum of 300 dpi, 1500 pixels wide), **sketches and support images.** Clearly title the .jpegs with the Title of the piece.
- 6. Description of the project and plan for installation. Please consider all aspects of transporting the work to the garden site in Prince Edward County, Ontario and installing the piece in the garden.** Onsite forklift available upon prior request
- 7. Estimated retail price of the work.**
- 8. Photo of artist**
- 9. Other examples of existing work should be labelled as Other Examples and sent in a separate folder for review**

Deadline:

Interested artists should submit their proposals by [Monday, Feb 6th, 2023 at 12 noon.](#) Accepted proposals must be ready for installation by early May 2023 (TBD) and must

be on display for a minimum one year. The gallery may ask to extend the display for a longer period of time if the work does not sell within that time frame.

Please read the Oeno Gallery Sculpture Garden FAQ page and view the Sculpture Garden Map before submitting your proposal.

Thank you!

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About Oeno Gallery

Oeno Gallery is a commercial art gallery specializing in contemporary fine art. The gallery is located in Prince Edward County – 2 hours east of Toronto and 1 hour west of Kingston by car. The gallery and 4 acre sculpture garden are situated on Huff Estates Winery – voted as one of the top 20 wineries in Canada. The property also has an Inn, a seasonal patio restaurant, and is host to many events and concerts.

Recently named Best Contemporary Retail Gallery destination in Ontario by a prestigious tourist association, the gallery is one of the most popular stops on Prince Edward County's Wine, Taste, and Arts Trails. More than 30 000 visitors come to the site throughout the year.

The gallery has actively pursued relationships with landscape architects, designers and clients who are interested in outdoor sculpture. Previously sold sculptures have ranged in price from \$2000 to \$100,000.

For more information, please visit our website:

www.oenogallery.com

Oeno Gallery Outdoor Sculpture Garden FAQ

Who is eligible to submit artwork?

Any professional sculptor is welcome to apply.

How are artists selected?

A selection committee is formed to assess proposals and projects. Consideration is given to the sculptor's exhibition history, along with the artwork's originality, durability, technical execution, and retail potential. The work must also meet the Gallery's safety and logistic requirements. Approximately 20-30 works will be selected each year. The Gallery has a modern and contemporary focus and represents professional artists who have achieved considerable recognition. Selected works will fit into this mandate.

What materials and sizes are acceptable for consideration?

There are no limitations on choice of materials or sizes. However, works must be of sufficient scale to suit the acreage, be structurally sound and able to handle weather conditions of all types and seasons. The Sculpture Garden does not supply power, independent solar power will have to be designed for work requiring electricity.

Safety

Sculptures are required to be safely exhibited in a public and unsupervised environment, visited year-round by individuals of all ages. Sculptures must be securely installed due to high winds and potentially severe winter weather. All sculptures are offered to our collectors for sale globally, so keep in mind moisture, ice, salt air and future transport considerations.

Exhibition options

The site features various exhibition areas: the exterior walls and immediate surroundings of the Gallery, a large hill, a wild meadow, groves, perennial gardens, a pond, walking paths and a number of intimate sitting areas. Some sculpture pads, both concrete and stone, are available. In addition to the Garden, there are sites available by the Vineyard, the Winery and the Inn. The pond offers some interesting options that we hope artists may utilize.

Is the Gallery buying the work from the artist to put on display?

No. Any artwork selected for the Sculpture Garden will be on consignment for a minimum of one year. All works must be original (or in a limited edition signed series) and available for sale to our residential and commercial clients.

What is Oeno's commission structure?

Depending on the cost to fabricate the sculpture(s), artist commission range from 50/50 to 60/40 (Artist/Gallery). Commission paid to artist upon sale of sculpture. All costs of creating, shipping, installing your sculpture in the Sculpture Garden are the responsibility of the artist. Please arrive at a suggested retail price for each of your sculptures before submitting the proposal.

Transport and installation?

Artists are responsible for transporting and installing their work in the Sculpture Garden. Costs will be built into the retail price. Once sold, the Gallery is responsible for arranging transport of the work to the client's location. If not sold, the artist is responsible for removing the work from the Sculpture Garden after one year. Please feel free to discuss individual plans with the Gallery.

Term of exhibition

The work must be available for exhibition for a minimum of one year. The Gallery may ask to extend the display for a longer period of time.

Is there an artist's fee for exhibiting in the Garden?

No, yet the artist is responsible for all transportation, installation and removal expenses in the Garden. Installation of all sculpture is projected for mid-May. The Gallery and the Winery are responsible for grounds maintenance costs.

Advertising

The Gallery will promote and advertise the Garden and is responsible for promotional costs. The Gallery advertises in a number of local, regional and national outlet – both on-line and in print. All works will be on our website. There will be an official celebration of the Sculpture Garden in July. The Garden is also part of the award-winning Prince Edward County 'Arts Trail'. The Gallery was recently named Best Retail Commercial Gallery in Ontario by a prestigious tourist association and is promoted as a cultural destination by the Ontario Government. Most recently, the Gallery and Sculpture Garden was featured in Ottawa Life Magazine as a top place to visit in the County. Huff Estates also promotes the Gallery to its supporters and clientele. Each year it selects one sculpture to be featured on the label of a special wine release. Various tourism organizations also promote the Garden.

Security

Huff Estates has someone on the premises 24 hours a day and the property is fenced. The Gallery is open 360 days a year and is situated at the entry to the Garden. The Garden is monitored by a surveillance camera. Any vehicular access to the property must pass by the Inn. In 10 years, the only damage that has occurred has been caused by high winds blowing sculptures over and rust/ water damage. If your sculpture is not intended to rust, change patina, hold water or crack, please ensure to use the correct materials and fabricate accordingly or it will be ineligible from sale. The Gallery cannot assume any liability for damage incurred to the work while it is on site.

How much traffic does the Sculpture Garden get?

The Garden attracts about 30,000 visitors throughout the year.

Price range

The Gallery exhibits outdoor sculptures that range in price from approximately \$2,000 to \$100,000 (CDN).

Market

Purchasers of the Gallery's outdoor sculptures have included the Department of Foreign Affairs, universities, art collectors, golf courses, residential and commercial landscape architects, residential builders, and private homeowners. Many of our sculpture collectors are USA and International.

Deadlines

Proposals are received until **Monday, Feb 6 2023, 12 noon**. Accepted works will be installed in the spring of each year (usually early May).