



Call for Artists

Arts at the Stone Church
First Congregational Church of Wareham, UCC
Annual Pride Celebration Art Show
June 28-30

The Arts at the Stone Church, a program of the First Congregational Church of Wareham UCC, is excited to announce a non-juried call for artists to celebrate Pride Month in our *Artful Pride* annual show. *Artful Pride* is more than an event; it's a manifestation of collective strength, resilience, unity, and the beauty of love. We believe art can inspire change, foster dialogue, and celebrate diversity. We invite you to participate in *Artful Pride* to showcase your talent and contribute to a meaningful celebration of LGBTQ+ pride.

We encourage artwork that reflects the vibrant spirit of the LGBTQ+ community and the resiliency of individuals in the community. We believe art builds bridges of respect, support, and friendship across cultural, social, and political boundaries. Artwork should convey messages of love, unity, diversity, and acceptance. We also welcome an examination of the barriers of discrimination, fear, or violence faced because of one's identity, particularly how the community of love offers healing and empowerment. We seek to provide a joy filled celebration of the strength and success of the LGBTQ+ community and how their efforts also heal the larger society.

EXHIBIT AND RECEPTION

The exhibit is in the Groezinger Room, First Congregational Church of Wareham UCC, 11 Gibbs Avenue, Wareham on Friday, June 28 and Saturday, June 29 from 11-7 and on Sunday, June 30, 11:30-1. A public opening reception will be held June 28 from 4-7pm. The exhibit and reception are open to everyone, so we encourage artists to invite family and friends. Entry is free.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

We welcome emerging and established artists regardless of race, ethnicity, gender, identity, sexual orientation, religious belief, or disability. We accept various mediums including pen/pencil, crayon, pastels, paint, marker, prints, mixed media, digital, photography collage. Please note: Contact us directly if you wish to display 3-D pieces. Artists can submit three works that will remain for the length of the exhibit. Each artwork must be mounted and ready for hanging. Framed art pieces must have hanging brackets on the back of the frame. We recommend D-rings and picture wire. Except for oil or acrylic paintings, work should be covered by an appropriate acrylic "glass". Oil or acrylic art does not need a frame if the painting continues to the sides. The maximum size is 16' x 20".

- The show is in the Groezinger Room, First Congregational Church of Wareham, UCC 11 Gibbs Avenue, Wareham, MA.
- Artists may submit three art pieces. Entry is free.
- Email a photo of you and/or your art piece to blueheronstudio@verizon.net with the subject line: "Pride Art Show Submission". In the body of the email include the title of each piece, artist name, medium, and description/artist statement for your attached art piece(s). Also, please attach this information on the back of each artwork.

- Artists are responsible for delivery and pick up of their artwork. For information on shipping, contact Katherine at blueheronstudio@verizon.net or 508-763-5654

IMPORTANT DATES:

- Submission information Deadline: Wednesday, June 12
- Art Drop off: Wednesday, June 26, 11am to 4pm
- Exhibit Opening Reception: Friday, June 28, 4-7pm
- Exhibit Dates: Friday, June 28 & Saturday, June 29, 11-7. Sunday, June 30, 11:30-1
- Art Pick up: June 30, 2-4 pm

SALES:

First Congregational Church of Wareham is unable to process sales. Artists who wish to offer their works for sale should indicate this on their submission email. Include contact information and the price of the piece. We will send the artist the contact information of anyone interested in purchasing; individual artists can then contact the potential buyer directly. Artists are also most welcome to conduct sales directly with clients during gallery hours.

LIABILITY:

Every reasonable precaution will be utilized in the handling, storage, and transportation of all works submitted for the exhibit. Neither the First Congregational Church of Wareham as an organization or individuals will be held liable for the loss or damage to paintings, however caused. You may carry independent insurance at your own expense. Your submission to this exhibition constitutes agreement with these terms.

For questions, contact Katherine Hanson at blueheronstudio@verizon.net or 917-710-6201.