

The City of Slidell presents

SALAD DAYS 2026

St. Tammany Parish Student Juried Art Exhibition

March 27 - May 1, 2026 • George Dunbar Gallery in the Slidell Cultural Center
Opening Reception: Friday, March 27, 6-8 PM • (985) 646-4375 • MySlidell.com

Please print neatly. Gray boxes are for office use only.

Name _____ Daytime Phone _____

Address _____ Age _____ Age Category _____

City _____ Zip Code _____ School _____ Grade _____

E-mail _____

1. Title _____

Media _____ Size _____

Value* _____ ☐ For Sale ☐ Not For Sale ☐ Accepted ☐ Not Accepted

2. Title _____

Media _____ Size _____

Value* _____ ☐ For Sale ☐ Not For Sale ☐ Accepted ☐ Not Accepted

3. Title _____

Media _____ Size _____

Value* _____ ☐ For Sale ☐ Not For Sale ☐ Accepted ☐ Not Accepted

** Value is used to determine insurance value. Please include cost of artwork even if item is marked not for sale.*

I certify that the artwork which I am hereby submitting to *Salad Days* is my own creation:

Signature of artist

I hereby give my permission for the above named minor to enter *Salad Days* and to have his/her photograph taken and used in publicity material for the City of Slidell:

Signature of parent or guardian

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, MARCH 16, 2026

Deadline for Entry

All Salad Days entries (JPEGs of artwork and the entry form) must be received by 4 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026. Entry is only by high resolution color JPEGs. Digital submissions can be emailed to culturalaffairs@cityofslidell.org. Late entries will not be accepted.

THURSDAY, MARCH 19, 2026

Artist Notification Emailed

Artists will be notified by email of acceptance or non-acceptance. If you do not receive a notification email by Friday, March 20, please call our office at (985) 646-4375.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MARCH 23 & 24, 2026

Art Delivery Days

Artwork selected by the juror for entry into Salad Days must be delivered to the Slidell Cultural Center on Monday, March 23 from 1 to 6 p.m., or Tuesday, March 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery will be open only during these hours. No late entries will be accepted.

FRIDAY, MARCH 27, 2025

Opening Reception and Award Presentation

Artists, family and friends are invited to the opening reception, from 6 to 8 p.m., at the Slidell Cultural Center. Awards will be presented at 6:30 p.m.

MARCH 27 - MAY 1, 2026

Exhibit Open to the Public

Gallery hours are by appointment only, Monday - Thursday, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Same day viewings are available. Free admission.

MONDAY & TUESDAY, MAY 4 & 5, 2026

Art Pick Up Days

All artwork must be picked up on Monday, May 4, from 1 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery will be open only during these hours. *Work left 15 days past this deadline becomes the property of the City of Slidell.*

CALL FOR ENTRIES: The City of Slidell and its Commission on the Arts are sponsoring *Salad Days*, a juried exhibition of student artwork featuring St. Tammany Parish students. Young artists, between the ages 5 to 19, are encouraged to enter up to three pieces of artwork for consideration.

JUROR: This year's juror is Joshua B. Wichterich. He is an award-winning artist, illustrator, author, and founder of Blue Wing Press who has illustrated more than 60 children's books. His work has appeared in numerous City of Slidell exhibitions, including the 2024 exhibit *All in the Family*, which featured art by his sister and late grandfather. An advocate for artists, art, and children, he regularly dedicates his work to the Children's Museum of St. Tammany and collaborated with St. Tammany Parish art students on the butterfly art installation which debuted at the museum in 2025. He has been featured in *The Times-Picayune*, the *St. Tammany Farmer*, *Nola.com*, and *Social Northshore*, and he has twice been named "The Northshore's Best Artist of East St. Tammany Parish" by *Sophisticated Woman* magazine, and his artwork appeared on four covers of *Slidell Magazine*.

ELIGIBILITY: All K-12 students between the ages of 5 and 19 residing in or attending school in St. Tammany Parish are eligible (college students are not eligible). Each artist is limited to three entries. Work will be judged in the following four age categories: A - 5 to 8 years of age; B - 9 to 11 years of age; C - 12 to 14 years of age; D - 15 to 19 years of age. A \$50 prize will be awarded to the first place winner in each age category. Each artist who has work featured in the *Salad Days* exhibit will receive a certificate from the City of Slidell.

ENTRY: Entry in this exhibit is by high resolution color digital photographs only. Digital photographs will only be accepted in JPEG format and are not to exceed 300 dpi. All JPEGs must be submitted via email or a USB flash drive. The digital submission and entry form may be emailed to culturalaffairs@cityofslidell.org or mailed to Slidell Cultural Center at City Hall, P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA, 70459. Digital entries can also be delivered in person to the Dept. of Cultural & Public Affairs located at 250 Bouscaren, Suite 304, in the Slidell Technology and Cultural Arts Center. Entries must be received no later than 4 p.m. on Monday, March 16, 2026. Late entries will not be accepted.

Actual work submitted must be as depicted in the JPEG. Photos of physical artwork should not be altered in any way. No substitutions for accepted entries will be allowed. and no more than three entries per artist will be accepted. Submit one JPEG for each two-dimensional artwork and up to three JPEGs for each three-dimensional artwork. *The filename of each JPEG must be labeled with the title of work and the artist's name.* Be sure to type or neatly print all information on the entry form. Entry form must include value of each piece for insurance purposes. Work need not be for sale.

NOTIFICATION: Notification of acceptance/non-acceptance will be emailed by Thursday, March 19, 2026. Artists who have not received notification by Friday, March 20, should call (985) 646-4375.

ART DELIVERY DAYS: Artwork selected by the juror for entry into Salad Days must be delivered to the Slidell Cultural Center gallery, located at 2055 Second Street on the first floor of City Hall on Monday, March 23 from 1 to 6 p.m., or Tuesday, March 24, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Accepted work must remain in the gallery for the duration of the exhibit. The gallery will be open only during these hours. No late entries will be accepted. Special accommodations can be made for extenuating circumstances only with advance permission from the Dept. of Cultural & Public Affairs.

ART PICK-UP DAYS: At the close of the exhibit, artwork displayed in Salad Days must be picked up on Monday, May 4, from 1 to 6 p.m., or Tuesday, May 5, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The gallery will be open only during these hours. Work left 15 days past this deadline becomes the property of the City of Slidell.

IMPORTANT NOTE: This is a juried exhibit. Due to the volume of entries received, not all works will be selected for display. The City of Slidell reserves the right to choose not to display any piece of artwork presented for exhibition in *Salad Days*.

ARTWORK REQUIREMENTS: Artwork may be submitted in all media, including digital art and photography. Hanging work must not weigh more than 35 lbs. or exceed 48" in any direction. Work must be original, completed within the past two years, and not previously exhibited at the Slidell Cultural Center. All artwork must be delivered dry. All work must be labeled on the back of the artwork with title, artist's name, age, phone number and an indication of the top of the artwork. Glass must cover works on paper. Simple black framing is preferred. Works on canvas are not required to be framed.

HANGING REQUIREMENTS: The Slidell Cultural Center uses a wire system to display all works. Two-dimensional artwork must be prepared for hanging with a secured wire hanger - no claws, hooks or nails can be utilized. Wires or string glued or taped to the work for framing purposes will not be accepted. No work will be taped or glued to the walls. Two-dimensional work that does not meet these requirements will not be accepted. Three-dimensional work must be ready to exhibit. Installation pieces cannot be accepted.

LIABILITY: Entry in this exhibit indicates an agreement that the Lender will indemnify and hold harmless the Lendee against any and all claims Lender may have arising from the acts of third parties or acts of God.

QUESTIONS? Please call the Dept. of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375.