

The City of Slidell presents

Mixed Media 2026

May 8 - June 26, 2026 • George Dunbar Gallery in the Slidell Cultural Center

Mixed Media 2026 Juror – Nina L. Dunbar

Opening Reception: Friday, May 8, 6–8 PM • 985.646.4375 • MySlidell.com

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

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Daytime Phone (____)____-____ Other Phone (____)____-____

1. Title _____

Media* _____ Size _____

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

2. Title _____

Media* _____ Size _____

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3. Title _____

Media* _____ Size _____

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

* Works with less than two media will not be accepted. ** Please include value even if item is marked not for sale.

DATES TO REMEMBER

MONDAY, APRIL 27, 2026

Deadline for Entry

The JPEGs, entry form and fee may be hand delivered to our office at 250 Bouscaren, Suite 304, or may be mailed to:

**City of Slidell
Cultural Affairs
P.O. Box 828
Slidell, LA 70459**

JPEGs and entry forms can also be emailed to:

culturalaffairs@cityofslidell.org

THURSDAY, APRIL 30, 2026

Artist Notification

A notification form indicating works accepted or not accepted status will be emailed by April 30.

**MONDAY, MAY 4 OR
TUESDAY, MAY 5, 2026**

Art Delivery Days

All accepted artwork must be delivered to the George Dunbar Gallery at the Slidell Cultural Center, located at 2055 Second Street on the first floor of City Hall, 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 not be staffed outside of drop-off times.***

FRIDAY, MAY 8, 2026

Opening Reception and Award Presentation

6 to 8 p.m. at the Slidell Cultural Center at City Hall. Awards will be presented at 6:30 PM.

MONDAY, MAY 11, 2026

Exhibit Opens

Hours are Monday - Thursday, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. by appointment only. Call (985) 646-4375 to schedule a viewing. Same day appointments are available.

**MONDAY, JUNE 29 OR
TUESDAY, JUNE 30, 2026**

Art Pick Up Days

All art work must be picked up on Monday, June 29, from 1 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, June 30, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Artwork left 15 days past this deadline will become part of the City of Slidell's Public Art Collection.

CALL FOR ENTRIES

The City of Slidell is pleased to announce the 34th annual Mixed Media competition sponsored by the city and its Commission on the Arts. The exhibit will display in the George Dunbar Gallery in the Slidell Cultural Center at City Hall. Past exhibits displayed have included works by local, regional, national and international artists, as well as exhibitions from the New Orleans Museum of Art, the Smithsonian Institution Traveling Exhibition Service, the Southern Arts Federation and other nationally recognized presenters.

MIXED MEDIA 2026 JUROR - NINA L. DUNBAR

Nina Dunbar grew up in Slidell, Louisiana, and received her MA in Arts Management from the University of New Orleans and a BFA in Painting and Art Education from Temple University's Tyler School of Art. She has been a nonprofit executive, fundraiser, and arts advocate for municipal and nonprofit organizations in California, Arizona, and Louisiana for more than 30 years. She is currently Deputy General Director of Opera Santa Barbara and principal of Change | Practice | Play, a consultancy for nonprofits focused on strategic planning, development, and grant writing. Dunbar previously served as Director of Development & Communications for the Santa Barbara Botanic Garden and as Executive Director of The Arts Fund of Santa Barbara. Before moving to Santa Barbara, Dunbar oversaw the planning and commissioning of award-winning public art and infrastructure projects for the Phoenix Office of Cultural Affairs and the San Francisco Arts Commission. As a founding partner of AMPS / Arts Management for Public Spaces, she consulted on public art planning, policy, and project management for government and private-sector clients across the U.S. and in Vancouver, BC. She has served on the boards of Contemporary Forum (Phoenix Art Museum) and Santa Barbara Beautiful and was a member of the City of Santa Barbara's Art Advisory Committee.

ELIGIBILITY

All artists 18 years or older are eligible. Each artist is limited to three entries. Each work must be composed of two or more media. While computer and/or digital manipulation may be applied to artwork, the use of either of these technologies is not considered separate media. As such, digital artwork (such as digital photography) must be enhanced with a non-digital medium to constitute "mixed media." Work must be original and completed within the past two years and not previously exhibited in the George Dunbar Gallery.

AWARDS

A total of \$600 in awards will be presented: \$300 Award for Best of Show, \$200 Award for Second Place and \$100 Award for Third Place. Honorable Mentions may be awarded at the juror's discretion.

ENTRY

An entry fee of \$25 per artist must accompany the entry form. Make checks payable to City of Slidell. Entry in this exhibit is by high resolution color digital photographs only. Digital pictures will only be accepted in JPEG format and are not to exceed 5 x 7 and 300 dpi. Actual work submitted must be as depicted in the JPEG. Photos of the 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 entry form. Entry form must include value of each piece. Work need not be for sale. All JPEGs must be submitted on a USB drive or via email. The USB drive, entry form and entry fee may be mailed to: Slidell Cultural Center at City Hall, P.O. Box 828, Slidell, LA, 70459 or delivered to the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs, 250 Bouscaren Street, Suite 304. JPEGs and entry forms can also be emailed to culturalaffairs@cityofslidell.org. Entries must be received no later than Monday, April 27, 2026. Notification of artwork accepted or not accepted for the exhibit will be sent via email by Thursday, April 30, 2026. The Commission on the Arts reserves the right to choose not to display artwork presented for exhibition in the George Dunbar Gallery.

SIZE & HANGING REQUIREMENTS

All work must be delivered dry and prepared to display. All hanging work must be wired to hang securely, and if framed, must meet professional standards. Each work must have the artist's name, telephone number and address displayed on the back of each piece. All hanging artwork must not exceed a total weight of 40 pounds. Additionally, the maximum size for all artwork is 40" wide by 60" high, including mat and frame. Freestanding work must not exceed 6' high or 36" wide. Due to the hanging system, installation pieces cannot be accepted.

DELIVERY & PICK-UP REQUIREMENTS

All artwork picked by the juror to be displayed in Mixed Media must be delivered to the George Dunbar Gallery at the Slidell Cultural Center, located on the first floor of City Hall, 2055 Second Street, on Monday, May 4, 2026, from 1 p.m. to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, May 5, 2026 from 8 a.m. to 1 pm. All art work must be picked up on Monday, June 29, 2026, from 1 to 6 p.m. or Tuesday, June 30, 2026, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m.

All entries must be available to display in the George Dunbar Gallery for the full duration of this exhibit. If an entry is selected for the exhibit, but the artist chooses not to display the artwork, then the artist will be disqualified from exhibiting any works. By entering artwork in this exhibit, the artist is agreeing to allow their work to be photographed for the purpose of promoting the City of Slidell's Mixed Media exhibits and other events. Entry in this exhibit establishes an agreement on the part of the artist to all of these conditions.

QUESTIONS? Please call the Department of Cultural & Public Affairs at (985) 646-4375, send an email to culturalaffairs@cityofslidell.org, or visit our website at www.MySlidell.com.