



## 2026 ARTIST GUIDE

### **What is ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival?**

ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival, presented by Tampa General Hospital, celebrating its 41st anniversary in 2026, is the premier fine art festival of the Palm Beaches. Ranked as one of the top art shows in the United States, ArtiGras showcases a unique juried exhibition with 200 fine artists from all over the country. The two-day event also features interactive art exhibits, children's activities, live music, and demonstrations that provide an art experience like no other in South Florida. ArtiGras is produced by the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce and is presented by Tampa General Hospital.

### **When**

**February 14th & 15th**

Saturday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Sunday 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

### **Where**

The Gardens North County District Park

5101 117 Court North

Palm Beach Gardens, FL

### **Ticket Information**

Advanced tickets are \$12 per day or \$20 for a two-day pass; children 12 and under are free. Advance tickets can be purchased online at [www.artigras.org](http://www.artigras.org) for a discount. Tickets will be sold both online and at the gates. Single day ticket prices increase to \$15 on the day of the festival.

Share promo code with your preferred customers. **ArtiGras Special Rate Code for artists' fans: Code: *artist26***

Discounts:

- 1-Day - \$2 off
- 2-Day: \$5 off

## **Attractions**

**Fine Arts Area:** Showcases the talents of 200+ national, regional and local fine artists. The show is noted for strong art sales and is rated "one of the top 100 shows in the nation" by Sunshine Artist Magazine. All artists are required to be present during the show. This allows the guests to meet and get to know the artists. Artists compete for more than \$15,000 in awards in the areas of ceramics, digital art, drawing/graphics/printmaking, fiber, glass, jewelry, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture and wood.

**The ArtiKids Zone:** Children of all ages can come and enjoy an art experience like no other at this year's ArtiKids Zone! There will be an onsite playground for children to play on, plus all their favorite ArtiKids vendors will be onsite handing out take-home art and crafts.

**Charitable Affiliations:** Schools and local charities benefit from ArtiGras. The 2026 beneficiaries include the Girl Scouts of Palm Beach County and approximately 60 local and private schools.

**Pets Policy:** No dogs or pets are allowed inside the gated festival, except service animals (emotional, support, or therapy dogs are not allowed).

**Cultural Council for Palm Beach County Emerging Artists:** This area of the festival will feature eight new artists from the surrounding area who are exhibiting at an outdoor art festival. These artists have been through a training program with ArtiGras event staff and other artist experts. Patrons will be able to enjoy and purchase art that has been created in their "own backyard."

**Music at The Gardens Mall Main Stage:** Varied musical entertainment will be featured throughout the day including jazz, R&B, and island music. The stage will be located in the center of the show at the east end of the soccer field.

**Palm Beach North Education Foundation Youth Art Competition:** Local public and private schools, grades K-12, are invited to create artworks and compete for money for their school's art department. Approximately one hundred finalists in this countywide competition will be on display at ArtiGras. The awards ceremony will be announced on Sunday afternoon and the finalists will be on display the entire weekend. The talent of these young people will amaze you!

## **Exhibitor Rules and Policies**

1. All artwork must be the original work of the displaying artist. **No proxy exhibitors, commercial dealers or agents are permitted.**
2. An artist may not exhibit in any other festival on the same dates as ArtiGras.
3. Artists may exhibit artwork only in the category in which they are accepted.
4. The work of only one exhibitor may be displayed in each assigned space, with the exception of artist teams or collaborators.
5. Artist teams and/or collaborators that produce a single product may qualify as a single exhibitor; however, such a team may not consist of more than two people. If you do enter as an artist team or collaboration, it must be clearly noted on the online application. **Both artists must be present throughout the entire show.** No work by apprentices or employees will be accepted. If an artist violates this rule, ArtiGras will suspend him/her from the festival for 2 years.
6. **Buy/sell vendors are strictly prohibited.**
7. Artwork will not be permitted if it is created from molds, kits or other commercial methods.
8. Artwork produced in studios involved in volume production will not be permitted, nor will work that is mass-produced in combination with items created from original handcrafted pieces. We reserve the right to remove any questionable, non-approved artwork from the show.
9. Art made from ready-made items like clothing, commercially dyed material or furniture with painted, dyed or batiked embellishments will not be accepted.
10. No work on display may be copies of masters, advertisements, or widely circulated photographs.
11. All developing and printing of images must be done by the artist or under the direct supervision of the artist.
12. **Booth images from jurying will be used to verify booth display presentation. Booth areas must look professional at all times.**

## **At The Event**

1. **The artist must be present all days of the festival.**
2. All artwork displayed must be for sale.
3. All two-dimensional work must be matted or framed.
4. **All artists are required to load in before 5:00 p.m. on Friday, February 13, 2026. A photo ID is required.** Assistants and employees may not check-in for the artist.
5. No animals are allowed in or around the artists' booths.
6. Displaying ribbons and awards from other shows is not allowed.
7. Artists must maintain the booth for the entire event. If items sell out, the artists can maintain the booth with one or more of the following: displaying portfolio pictures and/or showroom samples or retaining sold artwork for delivery after the event.

8. Any artists closing their booth prior to the end of the show will not be permitted to return the next day or in subsequent years.
9. Each exhibitor is responsible to collect and pay State of Florida seven percent sales tax. No commission on sales will be paid to event.

### **Reproduction Policy and Artist Statement**

1. Fine Art Reproductions of original paintings, pastels, drawings, collage or mixed media may be exhibited if they are limited editions, signed and numbered on the front of each piece.
2. Framed or unframed reproductions may be displayed in browse bins. Reproduction pieces must be clearly marked as "Reproduction" or "Limited Edition Reproduction" on the front of each piece. Reproductions may not be in the same browse bin as originals. The browse bin must also be labeled "Reproductions". ***Browse bins may not be placed in the middle of the street outside the booth.***
3. Framed reproductions may be displayed in browse bins and/or hung on one wall of the booth, not to exceed ten (10) linear feet. All unframed reproductions must be displayed in browse bins.
4. No laser prints or color photocopies will be permitted.
5. No posters, t-shirts, calendars, cards/postcards, or other personal merchandise that is a mass reproduction of an original piece of artwork will be permitted in exhibitor booths.
6. ***Artists must visibly post an artist's statement explaining the process and materials used in displayed works. Reproductions must also be disclosed in this statement. A photo of the artist must be included.***

### **Prize Money and Judging**

During ArtiGras, three judges will choose 12 award winners in the Fine Art Showcase and give out \$15,000 (\$1000 First Place awards for each of the 12 categories and \$3,000 for overall Best in Show) worth of prizes. Judging will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 14. Cash prizes and awards will be presented on Sunday morning, February 15.

### **Booth Space Description**

Most exhibit spaces are on grass and some are on asphalt. All booth spaces measure 10' x 11' (doubles are 10'x22'). Booth and display must be constructed to withstand crowds and wind. Booths may not anchor supports into the pavement or ground. Exhibitors should be prepared for inclement weather with rain covers, tie-downs, and weights. Exhibitors will be held liable for any damages made by their tents to surrounding asphalt, property, landscape, or irrigation. Each exhibitor is responsible for his/her own display in case of damage or loss. Space assignments are NOT interchangeable. Booth assignment requests will be accommodated to the best of

our ability. Weights for all tents are required by the city. Please place weights on tent after the tent is set up.

### **Artist Services**

We want your time with us to be not only profitable but also enjoyable. Artist Oasis will be located at the concession building located on the west end of the soccer field.

**The oasis is closed on Friday, bring your own water and food while setting up.**

During the festival, the following amenities are offered to all artists:

- Complimentary coffee, snacks, and water are available Saturday and Sunday at
- A continental breakfast of sorts each day will be provided for the registered artist.
- Booth sitters
  - ❖ 15-20 minute breaks for rest, meals and restrooms if unable to coordinate with neighboring artists or artist assistants.
  - ❖ Available from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Saturday and 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. on Sunday.
- Free artist parking within and around the festival site.
- Golf cart assistance to and from customer art pick-up area.

### **Registration and Set-Up**

Artists MUST check-in by Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 p.m. Registration and artist setup is available any time on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup> from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. At 5:00 p.m., unregistered artists will be treated as a "no-show." **Set up ends at 6pm** and the site is cleared and secured.

### **Insurance and Limitations of Liability**

Each exhibitor must ensure his or her own property. ArtiGras Fine Arts Festival and the Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce will not be liable to any exhibitor or person for any damage or loss. A Certificate of Insurance is required to participate in the festival. Name Palm Beach North Chamber of Commerce as additional insured. If you need a company, use this link for an affordable event policy.

<https://app.actinsurance.com/events/8269>. When using this site, a copy will be e-mailed to the chamber office. If you are providing a certificate through another company, email Brian directly at [Brian@pbnchamber.com](mailto:Brian@pbnchamber.com).

### **Security**

Uniformed and plain-clothed officers will be on-site daily during festival hours. Overnight security is also provided during non-festival hours on the festival dates. Artists are solely responsible for the security of their exhibits and equipment. Please use any precautions that you would normally take during other events. No exhibitor will be permitted to spend the night within their exhibit space.

## **Signs and Badges**

Each artist will receive an 8 1/2" x 11" sign bearing their name, space number, medium, and city/state. Please display the sign on your booth so that someone standing in front of your booth can easily see the sign. **Please display your artist statement describing your technique and reproduction technique information on your browse bin if you plan on bringing one.** Artist name badges, assistant badges, and one parking pass will be provided per booth. You will receive these at registration on Friday, February 14.

## **Taxes**

Florida state sales tax is applicable to all sales and the current rate is 6.5%. Each exhibitor is responsible for recording, collecting and paying sales tax. If you need any other tax information, you may contact (800) 365-3671 or (850) 922-4824. You may also download Florida Tax Forms by visiting [www.myflorida.com/dor](http://www.myflorida.com/dor).

## **ArtiGras Programs**

### **Art Pick-Up Area**

The Art Pick-Up area was created to help artists and patrons alike. This area is located outside the ORANGE gate and across the street at the roundabout of the elementary school. Artists will receive Art Pick Up Passes in their packet with more available at the Artist Oasis. Passes NEED to be given to patrons who purchase larger items of artwork at the time of purchase to allow them to get through security and follow directional signage to art pick up. Copy of the receipt must be attached to the piece and the patron must show proof of purchase or driver's license at the time of pickup.

### **Booth Sitters**

Booth sitters are available throughout the weekend to assist artists who need to leave their booth. Booth sitters will watch your booth while you take a restroom or lunch break. If you need a booth sitter or volunteer assistance, please call or text the ARTIST OASIS phone number located on the back of your artist name badge.

### **Lost & Found**

Lost and Found is located at the Central Information Booth at the Red Gate.

### **Load-In**

All exhibitors must pick up their registration packet from the Artist Registration tent in the paid parking lot. On the map, it is next to the "Blue Gate" entrance.

Once you have checked-in and been given your registration packet, you will be directed to the Red Gate (100s, 200s and 300s) or Blue Gate (400s) for entrance into the festival and then drive to your assigned booth. All vehicle traffic on site is one-way. Please do not do any U-turns. There will be clear signs directing where to exit and turn. (The artist and the collaborating artist must have a Photo ID.)

## **Directions to the Artist Registration Tent**

From I-95 exit PGA Blvd. and drive West to Shady Lakes Drive (2<sup>nd</sup> light after I-95); Turn right onto Shady Lakes Drive and follow signs to Artist Check-In; turn right and immediately turn left into the Gardens Parking lot and follow the signs. There will be a tent in the corner of the parking lot.

## **Parking**

A convenient location has been secured for artists' parking. Artists will park their vehicles near the Joseph Russo Athletic Complex outside the festival's gates. Art exhibitors will have reserved and secured areas for parking for the duration of the festival. There is LIMITED overnight parking for RV's in the RV Parking lot at Orange Gate. A parking pass with a map indicating these parking locations will be in your artist packet.

## **Load-Out**

Breakdown Instructions:

At the show's end (5pm), please drop any awnings on your tent. Start breakdown. After **EVERYTHING** is **completely** broken down, TAKE A PICTURE with your camera/phone.

Proceed to exit the site to get your vehicle. SHOW THE PICTURE to the ArtiGras Volunteer at the gate or walking around. Confirming you're **completely** broken down; they will give you a Load Out pass to re-enter the site to load out.

Generally, the site opens for vehicles around 6:30pm (once the site is clear of pedestrian traffic and vendor tents).

RVs, box trucks, oversized vehicles, etc., are asked to WAIT until at least 7:30 p.m. so cars, vans, trucks, and trailers can Load and Go!