



NATIONAL OIL & ACRYLIC PAINTERS' SOCIETY
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PROSPECTUS BEST of America! 2011

**PLEASE READ PROSPECTUS CAREFULLY AND EARLY,
AS MANY RULES AND PROCEDURES FOR ENTRY HAVE
CHANGED.**

The National Oil and Acrylic Painters' Society is an alliance of exceptional artists showcasing outstanding works of art in oil and acrylic media. We welcome all patrons and artists. Membership this year includes the waiver of entry fees for 1 or 2 entries into the BEST of America! 2011. In addition to the waiver of entry fees, other benefits of membership include invitation to the opening ceremonies, a complimentary exhibition catalog, and periodic NOAPSociety newsletters. You are also invited to seminars and networking events. Eligible members are invited to the Signature Artists' Guild, a designation which identifies an elite sector of the artists in NOAPS, whose work has been recognized for consistent excellence.

The organization's goal is the expansion of public awareness, knowledge and appreciation of fine art. The NOAPSociety is designated by the Internal Revenue Service as a Sec. 501(c) (3) non-profit organization, eligible to receive tax exempt grants, gifts and donations. Artists and patrons are encouraged to join the organization and become a part of this cultural experience.

AWARDS JUDGE

Thomas Tierney, Co-Publisher of *Art of the West* magazine will be the Awards Judge.

AWARDS

Best of Show: \$3000.00
Best Landscape \$500.00
Best Still Life \$500.00
Best Portrait \$500.00
People's Choice \$500.00
Various Merit & Supplier Awards.

We will continue to add awards, so please check www.noaps.org for updated information. To sponsor an award, please email admin@noaps.org

ALL 2011 ENTRIES via
www.juriedartservices.com

Entry Deadline
Wednesday, *June 15*

Acceptance Notification
via email *July 1*

Accepted Work
Must arrive at the
Dunnegan Gallery of Art
by *August 24*

BEST of America! 2011
*Exhibit Opening and
Awards Reception*
Sunday, *Sept. 11*

Dunnegan Gallery of Art
Bolivar, Missouri

Exhibit open
Sept. 11 – Oct. 28,
Sunday, Monday,
Wednesday and Friday
1-4pm

ARTIST ELIGIBILITY

The competition is open to all living artists 18 years of age and older who create original art utilizing oil and/or acrylic media. A **United States return shipping address is required for any international entries.**

PAINTING SPECIFICATIONS

Each work of art entered must be original – an entirely unique, authentic, one-of-a-kind work of art; not copied from any published photo or print or work of another artist. Paintings must be the entering artist's original concept, design, style and fabrication, with the media limited to oil and/or acrylic paint, completed January 2008 or later, and not previously submitted for NOAPS national exhibition competition. The use of various materials for line drawing and under-painting is allowed, but mixed media is not acceptable. Paintings must be on a rigid support such as stretched canvas, board, etc. and framed and wired for hanging. Maximum acceptable size excluding frame is 1200 square inches (ex: 30" x 40" = 1200 square inches.)

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS – Deadline June 15

Artists will submit their entries via www.juriedartservices.com. This is new for NOAPS this year and we are very excited about utilizing this service. Images should be prepared at 300dpi and 1400 pixels on the longest side. This will be juried by a 'blind jury' and artist's signatures should be blurred in the images. Artists can create an account at www.juriedartservices.com for free and find specific details on how to prepare your images properly by clicking on their 'help' tab. In 2011, artists will be able to submit up to 5 entries (for additional fees – see below) however, a maximum of 2 paintings by one artist will be accepted into the show. All work submitted must be for sale. **Mailed entries will not be accepted.**

ENTRY FEES

Please read carefully as this has changed from previous years. Entry fees are paid upon checkout at www.juriedartservices.com and are as follows: \$50 for 1 or 2 entries, and an additional \$10 per entry up to 5 entries. Example: Entries -- \$50 for 1 or 2, \$60 for 3, \$70 for 4, or \$80 for 5. However, a maximum of 2 paintings by one artist will be accepted into the show. **The minimum \$50 entry fee also pays for your 2011 membership dues.** For those artists who have already paid their 2011 membership dues, and wish to enter, please contact admin@noaps.org for further instructions.

SALES AND LIABILITY

All entries must be for sale. Paintings of all price ranges are accepted. Entrants price their own work, and these prices must be closely representative of the established market value for that artist's work. The prices of accepted paintings will be the price set by the artist on the entry form, and may not be altered during the entire exhibition period. The NOAPSociety deducts as a donation twenty percent of the sale price for transactions attributed to the exhibition. Upon acceptance, images become the property of the NOAPSociety, which retains the right to reproduce the images, regardless of copyright, for promotional or education purposes. All reasonable care will be exercised with artwork. However, the NOAPSociety, hosting facility, and organizations or individuals assume no responsibility and shall not be held liable for damages of any kind which may occur while work is exhibited or in transit. Shipping companies and artists are responsible for the safety, payment, and clarification of various methods of shipment. The NOAPSociety continues referrals for up to one year after the closing date of the exhibition.

SELECTION

Entries are reviewed anonymously by a qualified, independent panel of artists, art collectors, educators, and patrons. Works are chosen on the basis of quality and individual artist's mastery of the medium and expression without preference toward any particular school, painting style, or technique. Artists are notified of acceptance, and upon selection, are given shipping instructions. There will be a \$25.00 handling charge per box, and a prepaid return shipping label will be required. Upon receipt of accepted paintings, NOAPSociety retains the right to refuse any painting for technical inaccuracy, misrepresentation, inadequate framing, or improper packaging. Artists are responsible for all shipping costs. Awards are selected by the Awards Judge, and his decision is final. Awards are announced at the Awards Reception, to which artists, members, and patrons are invited.

ADVERTISING OPPORTUNITY FOR ARTISTS

Many artists have asked for this, and NOAPS is happy to announce we will have a discounted advertising opportunity for artists. The details are not finalized, but artists will receive emails with the guidelines. The advertising timeframe will be short, but the deadline for ads is tentatively scheduled for the first week of July for September's issue.



Help us update our records. Please fill out and return this card
or you can e-mail the information to:

admin@noaps.org

Date: _____

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

Medium: Oil Acrylic Both

Suggestions: _____
