

Hope Lives: Art for ALS Prospectus & Invitation

Theme: Life is a Gift. Love is the Point.

Melissa Stephens and the ALS Therapy Development Institute (ALS TDI) are uniting their efforts to raise awareness and funding for ALS research. They are collaborating to extend their outreach for the **3rd annual Hope Lives: Art for ALS exhibition**. They extend an invitation to people living with ALS to participate in an exhibition that keeps hope alive and strengthens compassion through education and beauty.

This opportunity looks to involve artists/people with ALS and those who have discovered artwork as a way of visually expressing their journey through the disease. The theme of this exhibition is *Life is a Gift. Love is the Point*. This is a juried exhibit, prizes will be awarded and all accepted artwork will be exhibited at the San Francisco Women Artists Gallery in San Francisco, CA in May, which is ALS Awareness Month.

The San Francisco Women Artists (SFWA) is a historic nonprofit arts organization located in the vibrant Sunset neighborhood. Located on 8th Street and Irving, the gallery is located one block from a popular Golden Gate Park entrance. Committed to a core belief in the transformative power of art, SFWA serves a community that is a diverse blend of talents and backgrounds, cultures and ethnicities.

If your work is selected, this exhibition will increase your visibility in the San Francisco art scene. Your artwork will help to educate the community about what ALS is and how the public can make a difference in the world of ALS. 30% or more of all sales will be donated to ALS TDI. This exhibition is unique because visitors will be inspired knowing that when they buy the artwork they love, they are also helping others.

ALS TDI is the world's foremost drug discovery lab focused solely on ALS. As a nonprofit biotech they operate without regard to profit or politics. Led by drug development experts and people with ALS, their Watertown, Massachusetts based lab is funded by a global network of supporters unified to end ALS. Their mission is to discover and develop effective treatments for ALS.

Eligibility:

Artists/people with ALS who are 18 years and older are invited to submit up to 3 pieces of original artwork for jury consideration. Work must be ready to hang. D-rings or screw eyes and wire, preferred for 2D artwork. Two-dimensional artworks may not exceed 20 x 20 inches (including the frame) in any direction. Three-dimensional works must not exceed 20 inches in depth and may not weigh more than 40 pounds.

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Artwork in all media, except AI art; from any time in the course of an artist's/person's diagnosis is acceptable. Artists/people with ALS throughout the nation are invited to participate. We do not accept online images to the jurying process; only tangible work(s) will be considered. No artwork generated from AI will be accepted.

The application process is free, but this is a curated exhibition, so please note that not all artwork submitted will be included in the exhibition. Artists agree to donate 30% or more of their sales to ALS TDI. The remaining percentage goes directly to the artist/person with ALS, or the artist's/person's family.

The gallery will not take a commission on artwork. Purchased artwork that requires shipping will be paid by the purchaser; all shipping arrangements will be made by the gallery or Melissa Stephens.

Several events taking place during the exhibition include: Opening Reception, Artist Presentations, Ekphrastic Poetry and Wine Tasting.

A Little History:

Hope Lives: Art for ALS developed out of a sister's love. Melissa Stephens, an artist in Northern California, started Hope Lives in the spirit of her sister's fierce determination to advocate for herself and others struggling with this disease. Stephens explains, "I want to do something meaningful for my sister and others with ALS. This exhibition is my effort to raise awareness, which in turn will help fund studies to more effectively diagnose, treat, manage, and eventually prevent ALS. Art is empowering, so as an artist, I am leaning into my craft, and collaborating with others to educate and build better awareness about ALS."

Melissa's sister, Lynn Giovannelli, recently passed away on November 28, 2023, 3 ½ years after her diagnosis. The theme of this exhibition relates to her sister's phrase, "Life is a Gift. Love is the Point." You will find a video with this title on the Hope Lives: Art for ALS Website.

Directions for Submitting:

- Submit up to 3 images of your artwork, in jpg format
- Each file should be set between 72 - 300 dpi and images no larger than 4 MB (Well focused and cropped iPhone photographs are ok)
- Number corresponding to the list (attached) and label each image as:
#LastNameFirstName_ArtworkTitle.jpg

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- Photograph or crop the image only, do not include frame or background.
- Fill out the [attached form](#) to correspond with your images and email to: melissa.stephens1016@gmail.com
- 2D artwork must not exceed 20 x 20 inches, including the frame. 3D work must not exceed 20 inches in depth. Nothing may weigh more than 40 pounds.
- All 2D artwork must be ready to hang with wire and D-rings. No sawtooth hangers or other special installation materials.
- Accepted entries may not be withdrawn or sold outside of the exhibition prior to the closing date.
- Artists may hand deliver or ship accepted artwork to: *Melissa Stephens, 1812 Newcastle Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595*. Shipping is the responsibility of the artist. Prepaid label from FedEx or UPS (No US Mail) for return of artwork. No packing peanuts.

Juror of Selections & Awards: Melissa Stephens has been practicing art for over 30 years. She is an encaustic painting instructor, working artist, curator and advocate for the arts in Walnut Creek, California. Stephens has participated in numerous shows in the United States, Ireland and Turkey. She currently serves as: President and Social Media Director at Valley Art Gallery in Walnut Creek, CA; President of NorCAL Wax; and Director of Membership and Chapters at the International Encaustic Artists organization (IEA). She is the founder of and has adjudicated all of the Hope Lives: Art for ALS exhibitions, and served on the granting boards for the International Encaustic Artists, Minneapolis Art Commissions and Minnesota State Arts Board.

Lynn Giovannelli Excellence in Arts Awards: In honor of Melissa Stephens' sister who was diagnosed with ALS in July 2020, the following awards will be designated during the Artists Gallery Opening on Saturday, May 11, 2024: *Best in Show (\$300), Second Place (\$150) and Third Place (\$75), honorable mentions at the discretion of the juror.*

Important Dates:

Application deadline: Email applications to melissa.stephens1016@gmail.com by 5:00pm PST on Saturday, February 24, 2024.

Notifications: Results will be sent by 5pm PST on Saturday, March 2, 2024

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Shipping & Hand Delivery Location: Please email or call or text Melissa Stephens to make arrangements for artwork delivery to: 1812 Newcastle Court, Walnut Creek, CA 94595

Phone: (321) 806-0993 **Email Address:** melissa.stephens1016@gmail.com

Hand Delivery Only Location: Artwork may be hand delivered to the San Francisco Women Artists Gallery on Saturday, May 4th between 10:30 am - 2 pm. Please email, call or text Melissa Stephens to make arrangements for artwork delivery to: 647 Irving Street & 8th Avenue, San Francisco, CA 94122.

Shipping & Hand Delivery Deadlines: All work must be delivered to the above address by Saturday, April 27, 2024. Please identify your work by placing a clearly written label on the back or bottom with your name, title, and price, or "NFS" - if not for sale.

Exhibition Dates: May 7 – 31, 2024

Opening Reception & Awards: Saturday, May 11, 2024 (2 - 4 pm)

Wine Tasting & Ekphrastic Poetry Event: Saturday, May 18, 2024 (2 - 4 pm)

Artists Talk: TBD

See next page for list of entries.

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YOUR INFORMATION

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____

Email Address: _____

Home Address: _____

ARTWORK - Please match description number to artwork submitted

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Title: _____

Size (H X W X D): _____

Medium: _____

Price: _____

2

Title: _____

Size (H X W X D): _____

Medium: _____

Price: _____

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Title: _____

Size (H X W X D): _____

Medium: _____

Price: _____

Please let me know if you have any questions or concerns regarding this form or the exhibition. I look forward to hearing from you soon.

All My Best,

Melissa Stephens

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