

# "Wonders of Nature"

MAPS 2017 Nature Photography Exhibit at "A Gallery of Nature"  
Located at the Wasco Nursery and Garden Center

## The Exhibit

We are excited to announce that once again MAPS will participate in the "Wonders of Nature" exhibit sponsored by Wasco Nursery and Garden Center. The exhibit will run from **Friday, August 18 to Monday, October 2**. It will be held at the Wasco Nursery and Garden Center, 41W781 Rt. 64, St. Charles, IL. The gallery space accommodates a total of 27 to 30 images. Any current MAPS member in good standing may enter. (2017 membership dues must have been paid.)

## Entry Fee

The Wasco Nursery and Garden Center requires a fee of \$5.00 per artist for up to 3 images as well as a signed contract (attached).

## Reception

A reception will be open to all MAPS members and their friends and family courtesy of Wasco Nursery and Garden Center on Saturday, August 26 from 3:00 to 5:00. Appetizers will be provided by The Lodge Restaurant in Wasco and pastries provided by the Blue Goose Market in St. Charles.

Important Dates	
Sunday, July 16 thru Wednesday, July 26	Submit images for exhibit
Thursday, July 27	Email notifications sent
Tuesday, August 15 11:00 to 1:00	Drop off image(s), \$5 fee, contract, and bin art (optional) to Wasco
Wednesday, August 18	Exhibit opens
Saturday, August 26 3:00 to 5:00	"Meet the Artists" Reception at Wasco
Monday, October 2	Exhibit closes
Tuesday, October 3 11:00 to 1:00	Pick up artwork at Wasco

## Submission of Images

There are 2 steps to enter the "Wonders of Nature" Wasco 2017 Exhibit.

**Step #1** involves a Google document that you fill out with artist and image information. If you have any questions, please contact anyone on the Exhibit Team and we will be glad to walk you through this process.

Click on the following link and fill out the form as directed. A form must be filled out for each image you are submitting.

*Wonders of Nature Wasco Exhibit Submission Form*

Or paste this link into your website's URL:

[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zc2kf8idc8OvJQZvbwlbY9ZDQ3NikdvGuXeJ5JfKlJI/viewform?edit\\_request=true](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/1zc2kf8idc8OvJQZvbwlbY9ZDQ3NikdvGuXeJ5JfKlJI/viewform?edit_request=true)

When naming your images, please keep in mind that the image named "SmithM01" will be considered the image you rank as your #1, the image named "SmithM02" will be considered your second most important image, and the image named "SmithM03" will be the least important.

When you fill out the Google submission form, you will see you have the option to include an image statement for each image submitted. It can be very simple, or as elaborate, as you like. However, it cannot exceed 40 words. Here is an example:

*"The number of horizontal lines in this scene caught my eye. The parallel lines of the sand, the water, the horizon and the cloud made this image the serene landscape it is."*

**Step #2** involves sending an email to [maps.exhibits@gmail.com](mailto:maps.exhibits@gmail.com) with all your ranked images attached. In the subject line of your email write: "YOUR NAME" – WASCO 2017 EXHIBIT IMAGES. Your image(s) should be a jpeg, sized 1,000 pixels on the longest side. Each image must be titled with last name, first initial and number: "SmithM01". A maximum of three (3) jpeg images may be submitted. Make sure your image name matches the image name you submitted on your Google form.

Wasco has room for approximately 30 pieces, so the number of images you will exhibit will depend on the number of people submitting. We will accept one image from each of the first 30 members who submit. At the end of the submission period if we have fewer than 30 members who have submitted, the Exhibits Team will select additional images that will provide a well-balanced exhibit of color and composition.

The Exhibit Team will send you an email confirming that we have received your jpeg image(s) and that all your necessary information has been included.

### **Photograph Criteria**

Artwork will remain hanging throughout the duration of the exhibit.

- Your image must be inspired by nature. Hand of man objects, surfaces, and backgrounds may be a part of the image but not the primary focus of the work. No domesticated animals; this includes pets and farm animals.
- Your piece (total size, including frame) must not exceed 30" on the longest edge.
- Images must be appropriately framed. No floating glass frames or easel-backed frames.
- Images printed on canvas or metal may be framed or non-framed; however, non-framed canvas prints must have wrap around treatments or black side edges. No faux canvas.
- All artwork must have wire hanging hardware. Saw-tooth hangers will not be accepted.
- Wires must be taut, not loose, and secured at a point 1/3 down from the top of the frame.
- Twisted wire ends must be wrapped with tape.
- Your name and image name should be taped to the back of your piece. We have provided labels for your convenience at the end of this document.

### **Bin Art**

Up to three pieces of bin art will be accepted from each artist that is accepted into the exhibit. All bin art must be in a plastic sleeve and labeled with your name, image name and price. Wasco Nursery will handle bin art sales. Labels may be found at the end of this document.

### **Sales**

Wasco Nursery will handle all sales transactions for artwork. After deducting a 30% commission and a 3% processing fee on *all* sales, a check will be issued to you from Wasco. Make sure you price your pieces accordingly. Wasco will issue checks to artists for their sales.

### **Contracts**

The Wasco Nursery requires every exhibiting artist to sign an individual contract. The contract outlines their guidelines for exhibiting in their gallery. All possible care will be taken to safeguard your works of art, but you will need to provide insurance for your artwork should you feel that is necessary. The Wasco Nursery and Garden Center is not responsible for your artwork. Please print the attached contract. Read, sign and bring the attached contract to Wasco along with your image(s) on the drop-off day.

If you have any questions, please email us at [maps.exhibits@gmail.com](mailto:maps.exhibits@gmail.com).

We look forward to seeing your submissions!

The MAPS Exhibits Team



# A Gallery of Nature™

Wasco Nursery and Garden Center

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[www.wasconursery.com](http://www.wasconursery.com)

## **2017 GROUP ART Exhibit – 2017 Individual Contract and Entry Form**

**Please complete and include with artwork at drop-off time**

GROUP NAME – **Morton Arboretum Photographic Society**

Title of exhibit – **“Wonders of Nature”**

Date \_\_\_\_\_ Artist Name (print) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Information for identification label (please add information to back of artwork)

Artist name - \_\_\_\_\_

1. Title of Artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

Medium of Artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

Price of Artwork - \_\_\_\_\_

2. Title of Artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

Medium of Artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

Price of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

3. Title of artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

Medium of Artwork \_\_\_\_\_

Price of Artwork- \_\_\_\_\_

List title, medium and price of artwork in bins.

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Guidelines –

- All artwork must have a nature-related theme (may include figures, urban, also abstract – with nature.)
- Entry registration form must be signed, and accompanied with a \$5. Non-refundable registration fee, made out directly to client – Wasco Nursery and Garden Center. Artist must also have signed contract and the \$5.00 registration fee at the designated drop-off date. (Or check made out to Wasco Nursery).
- All artwork submitted must be original, and clearly labeled on back with artists name, title of the piece, the medium, the selling price ( if not for sale, so labeled). Pieces should be appropriately framed, wired and ready to hang.
- Art will be curated and installed by CULTURAL CONNECTION
- Identification labels will be created and installed by CULTURAL CONNECTION.
- The artist authorizes client Wasco Nursery and Garden Center to retain a 30% commission on sold pieces. There is a 3% handling fee. -Wasco Nursery and Garden Center will send payment to artist at the end of the exhibit (within two weeks).
- To maximize marketing the exhibit, artists are encouraged to use the www.wasconursery.com website on their own website link, along with noting “a Cultural Connection event, culturalconnection@comcast.net”. Likewise, Wasco Nursery & Garden Center will provide exhibit information on their website. Also linking on Facebook and Twitter would increase visibility.
- Artists work may be reproduced for promoting the gallery and exhibit.
- All artwork will remain on site for the duration of the exhibit. (Only artwork sold on premise may be excluded)
- Agreed upon exhibit dates – drop off – **Tuesday, August 15, 11 – 1pm;** exhibit opens- **August 18, 2017, Reception date & time – Saturday, August 26, 3 - 5 pm, exhibit closes-October 2. Pick up-Tuesday, October 3, 11 – 1 pm.**
- Artist will be responsible for delivering artwork at the specific designated time, and pick up at the agreed upon time. Artwork must be picked up by artist unless signed documentation is provided. Any work left cannot be stored on site, and will be charged a fee of \$10 per day.
- Artists are responsible for their own insurance of the pieces. By signing this contract, the undersigned artist, agrees to forever discharge Wasco Nursery and Garden Center owners, operators, employees, and customers, and Cultural Connection business, owner, of all liability which may arise from responsibility, personal liability, claims, loss or damage whatsoever arising from use of its retail facility and personnel.

Signing this contract designates agreement with all above terms.

Artist signature - \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Wasco Nursery and Garden Center - \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

Cultural Connection (Sharon Schmidt) \_\_\_\_\_ date \_\_\_\_\_

A CULTURAL CONNECTION EVENT [culturalconnection@comcast.net](mailto:culturalconnection@comcast.net)

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*\*elevate\*appreciate\*inspire\** \*ART

**Wasco Exhibit Label**

Artist \_\_\_\_\_

Title \_\_\_\_\_

Price \$ \_\_\_\_\_ NFS \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

**Wasco Bin Art Label**

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

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