



PHILADELPHIA CORPORATION FOR AGING

*Enriching lives, preserving dignity.™*

Dear Artist:

As the month of May approaches, Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (PCA) is pleased to invite you to enter an original work of art into our 24<sup>th</sup> annual Celebrate Arts & Aging exhibition, sponsored by PECO and Always Best Care Senior Services. Whether your work is painting, drawing or photography, we encourage you to submit a piece for inclusion in this year's event.

In addition to the virtual exhibition which will be available online, select pieces from the 2026 showcase will be displayed during Senior Center hours at the following locations throughout the month of May. Our long-time venue partner, the Parkway Central Branch of the Free Library of Philadelphia, is not available this year due to building construction.

- **Center on the Hill** - Artists' Reception: Thursday, May 28<sup>th</sup> @ 2-4 p.m.
- **South Philadelphia Older Adult Center** - Artists' Reception: Thursday, May 21<sup>st</sup> @ 2-4 p.m.
- **West Philadelphia Senior Community Center** - Artists' Reception: Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup> @ 2 – 4 p.m.

To submit your entry, please:

- **Review the enclosed art submission criteria.**
- **Complete the submission form - ALL requested information must be provided.**
- **Indicate if you prefer only the virtual art show for your work.**
- **Sign the waiver and release form.**
- **Email a screenshot or pdf of the form and a digital image of your work to Michael.Drzik@pcacares.org or via smartphone to 445-456-0741.**
  - **Digital image must be high resolution .jpeg or .mpeg for use in the show.**
  - **If you cannot take a digital photo of your work, you can choose to:**
    - **Contact Michael at Michael.Drzik@pcacares.org to setup a photo appointment OR**
    - **Send the form and a photo of your piece via US mail to the address listed on the submission form.**

**All completed entries (form and digital image) must be received by Tuesday, March 31, 2026.**

PCA's selection committee will review all submissions. Only **ONE** piece of artwork per artist will be accepted. If your work is selected, we will send you an acceptance letter with additional information about the exhibitions.

**PCA will respond to you by April 10, 2026**

We appreciate your interest in this year's edition of Celebrate Arts & Aging and encourage you to copy and share the letter and submission form with other artists who may be interested in participating.

Sincerely,

Michael Drzik  
Special Events Manager

## **ART SUBMISSION CRITERIA**

***Philadelphia Corporation for Aging's  
2026 Celebrate Arts & Aging  
Sponsored by PECO and Always Best Care Senior Services***

All submissions must be original art pieces (craft products will not be accepted), must have been created in the last four years, and may not have been submitted previously to Celebrate Arts & Aging.

**Artists must be 55+ to submit an entry.**

**All artwork in the in-person exhibits must be framed and wired.** In the attempt to include as many artists as possible, **we are asking that submitted pieces be a maximum of 24" x 24" in size.**

If artwork is not properly framed and wired, it may be denied a space in the exhibit. **If you only wish to be in the virtual art show, size and framing requirements will not apply.**

### **Two-Dimensional ONLY:**

- Painting
- Drawing
- Photography
- Print (paper, wood, metal, linocut)

### **Acceptance of your Entry:**

- **You will be notified by Friday, April 10, 2026, if your piece has been accepted and where it will be exhibited.**
- A letter of acceptance from PCA will be mailed to you with dates to deliver it to PCA and directions of how to view the virtual show in May. Emails will also be sent to those providing email addresses.
- **All accepted art will be in the virtual art show.**
- A link to the virtual art show will be emailed to all artists who provide email addresses.
- You can share the email and link to the show with friends and family.
- The virtual show will also be available on [www.pcaCares.org/Art](http://www.pcaCares.org/Art)

## ART SUBMISSION FORM

- All entries **MUST** meet the procedures outlined in “Art Submission Criteria” information that is attached.
- **Please print clearly** and indicate the type of artwork you are submitting. Include: Title or name of your entry, medium and price (if for sale).
- **READ CAREFULLY:** We need a digital image/photo of your work for the show.
  - If you are mailing the completed forms and signed release form, send them to:  
Michael Drzik, Special Events Manager  
Philadelphia Corporation for Aging  
642 North Broad Street  
Philadelphia, PA 19130-3409
- When emailing digital image, send entry to [Michael.Drzik@pcaCares.org](mailto:Michael.Drzik@pcaCares.org). Make sure to include your name and attach the completed submission and signed release forms. Release forms can be scanned pdfs or screenshots.
- **DEADLINE FOR ALL ENTRIES & FORMS: Tuesday, March 31, 2026**

## ARTIST INFORMATION

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Age: \_\_\_\_\_

Street Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

\*Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Senior Center name (if a member): \_\_\_\_\_

### Artwork Details:

Art Medium: \_\_\_\_\_

Dimensions: \_\_\_\_\_ x \_\_\_\_\_ (Maximum of 24” x 24”)

Title of Work: \_\_\_\_\_

Price for Work (if for sale): \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Please check this box If you prefer to be in the virtual art show **ONLY**.

**2026 CELEBRATE ARTS & AGING WAIVER AND RELEASE**

I understand that execution of this Waiver and Release is a prerequisite for my participation in the Philadelphia Corporation for Aging (“PCA”) “ Celebrate Arts & Aging” Exhibit to be held on May 1, 2026 through May 31, 2026 (the “Exhibit”) virtually on [www.pcaCares.org](http://www.pcaCares.org) and any additional venues if needed (collectively hereinafter referred to as “Venues”), and in exchange for the opportunity to participate in the Exhibit, I agree as follows:

1. I am voluntarily participating in the Exhibit.
2. I agree, for myself and my heirs, executors, personal representatives, assigns and anyone else entitled to act on my behalf, to waive and release PCA and the owners and operators of the Venues at which the artwork is displayed and their respective officers, directors, employees, agents, representatives, successors, and assigns from all claims and liabilities of any kind, whether present or future, known or unknown, arising from or in connection with my participation in the Exhibit, including, but not limited to, any claims for bodily or emotional injury of any kind, damage to or loss of any of my artwork or other personal property, regardless of whether the claims are alleged to arise from the negligent acts or omissions of PCA or the Venues.
3. I am 55 years of age or older and represent that the artwork that I am submitting for display in the Exhibit is original, was created by me within the last four years, and abides by the Submission Criteria.
4. I grant to PCA, and any persons or entities authorized thereby, permission to interview me about, and to photograph, videotape, and otherwise record my participation in the Exhibit. This grant of rights includes the right to use my name in connection with the interview, photograph(s), and/or other recordings, and to publish and reproduce the interview, photograph(s), and/or other recordings, in whole or in part, an unlimited number of times, in any formats or media, including all print and electronic media and any other media now known or hereinafter devised, for any lawful purpose. I hereby waive any claim of compensation, any right of approval, and all publicity rights, privacy rights, and all causes of action against PCA and any persons or entities authorized thereby, in connection with any use of such interview, photograph(s), and/or other recordings. I fully understand that, by consenting to the interview and to the taking of the photograph(s) and other recordings, my name, the interview, the photograph(s), and/or the other recordings may appear, among other places, anywhere PCA describes or publicizes its services.
5. The rights granted herein may be exercised by PCA at any time hereafter for perpetuity, without limitation.

I have read and intend to be legally bound by the terms of this Waiver and Release.

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**Signature**

**Date**

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**Printed Name**