

55th Annual Banner Exhibition and Competition

Lisa Zander-Campbell, Chair

Application Deadline, June 18, 2021

The Banner Competition is one of the signature events of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. The Festival is proud to display past and present banners annually. Our banners hang over the Festival route, adding color and movement to the festive atmosphere. Both individuals and groups may submit entries.

CHAIR

The chair of the 2021 Banner Competition is Lisa Zander-Campbell of Spring Mills.

Zander-Campbell has been sewing all her life, having been taught the craft by her mother. She sells her own recycled glass and found object sculptures at arts festivals regionally. She has served as a juror escort in the Festival's Sidewalk Sale and Exhibition.

CALENDAR

Banners entered in the competition must be delivered to the office of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts by 5:00 p.m., June 18, 2021. Banner Competition winners will be announced Saturday, July 10, 2021.

DESIGN and CONSTRUCTION CRITERIA

Design

When designing your banner, please remember that it will hang between 15 and 20 feet over the street. The design must be visible from both sides of the banner (identical or different). All components of the banner design and construction must be securely attached, or the banner will not be displayed. Banners with religious, partisan, or commercial messages will not be accepted. Banners commemorating community organizations are permitted.

Measurements

The banner must measure 72" long and 30" wide. It must be able to be rolled up for storage purposes. Its weight may not exceed 15 pounds.

Fabric

The banner must be constructed of heavy weight, colorfast, weather-resistant material. The following suggestions regarding materials will be helpful.

Fabric Materials

Sail cloth, duck, drill, canvas, heavy twill, cotton.

Fabric Properties

Durable, strong, color-fast, weather-resistant materials.

General Materials Needed

Approximately 4-5 yards fabric, thread, dowels.

Materials to Avoid

Burlap or felt, various types of net fabric, loosely woven fabric such as casement goods, see-through plastics, water soluble glues, or fragile adornments. **Please do not use glitter.**

Dowels and Weights

The banner must be hung from a 36" poplar dowel, either 5/8 or 3/4" in diameter. Please do not use an oak dowel or a metal rod since it is difficult to secure the banner to those materials. The dowel will extend 3" on each side of the banner. The banner must be weighted at the bottom. The weight must be completely enclosed and should be heavier than the top dowel. We recommend a heavy metal chain which can be sewn into place at several locations. Please be

sure the ends are also tacked in place. The weight on the bottom keeps the banner hanging vertically even in windy conditions.

Lettering or Printing

Lettering or printing on the banner should be easy to read, clear, simple and direct.

Identification

Please include the following information on your banner:

- Title
- Artist's name or group
- The year the banner was made

Use indelible markers, fabric paints or stitching by hand or machine.

JURORS

The 2021 Banner Competition jurors will be announced at a later date.

AWARDS

Banner entries are divided into three categories so that entrants are competing with their peers.

Professional

Individuals or groups who work as fiber artists.

- 1. First Prize - \$200**
- 2. Second Prize - \$125**
- 3. Honorable Mention - \$50**

General

Individuals or groups who are not working in the field of fiber arts.

- 1. First Prize - \$150**
- 2. Second Prize - \$75**
- 3. Honorable Mention - \$50**

Youth

All individuals and groups under 18 years of age.

- 1. First Prize - \$100**
- 2. Second Prize - \$75**
- 3. Honorable Mention - \$50**

SUBMISSION

Banners will be accepted at the office of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts, 403 South Allen Street, Suite 205A, until 5:00 p.m., June 18, 2021. Banners may be shipped or delivered by hand. Banners received after the deadline will not be considered.

Submitted banners become the property of the Central Pennsylvania Festival of the Arts. Should an artist request return of a banner, the banner will be neither juried nor hung at the Festival.

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