Raptors of the Pacific Northwest Art Challenge and Exhibition
2026 SUBMISSION GUIDELINES
APPLICATIONS DUE: December 21, 2025

Cascades Raptor Center is proud to announce its second Raptors of the Pacific Northwest Art Challenge and Exhibition, a celebration of raptor-themed original art. This unique exhibition highlights raptors in our community and the Oregon landscape and provides Oregon artists the opportunity to exhibit their work.

Together, the exhibition will build creative avenues for the community to connect with birds of prey native to area, introduce a variety of artists spanning generations and mediums, invoke a sense of outdoor wonder, and inspire viewers to discover more about the raptors in Oregon.

Please carefully read our rules and procedures before applying.
- We welcome all artists residing in Oregon to enter (Submission is free)
- Artists must be 18 years or older to apply
- Artwork entries must include a theme of a raptor or raptors native to Oregon
- Limit to one artwork entry per artist
- **Artwork must be available for display January 31 – February 28, 2026**
- Optional artwork sales and donations – Artist can select to list their artwork for sale, not for sale, or as a donation to Cascades Raptor Center. Sales made during the exhibition in February will be completed through Emerald Art Center and will include a commission fee. More information will be provided regarding gallery sales and donation of artwork to Cascades Raptor Center.

ELIGIBILITY

The Raptor Arts Challenge is open to all Oregon artists 18 years of age or older. Artwork must demonstrate a raptor native to Oregon. A variety of media will be accepted (painting, drawing, photography, sculpture, digital, printmaking, fiber art, ceramics, and collage). At this time, we are unable to accept video and sound art.

HOW TO APPLY

- Fill out all required information on the electronic submission form. (link available on Cascades Raptor Center website) Due: **December 21, 2025**
- Upload a digital image onto the online form or submit your artwork digitally (up to 2.0 MB) via email to **Melissa Green – melissa@cascadesraptorcenter.org**

SUBMITTING IMAGES

- Artwork image should be labeled as: Last Name_Medium.jpg (Smith_Watercolor)
- Image size should be up to 2.0 MB in JPG format
- Only the artwork should be visible, clear and in focus. Please crop out any background images
- Images must be original work created by the artist

JURYING CRITERIA

Submitted artwork will be evaluated by a panel. The evaluation criteria include interpretation of the theme, creativity, originality and quality of art, overall design, demonstration of artistic ability, and usage of medium. A selection of artwork will be chosen for Cascades Raptor Center's Raptors of the Pacific Northwest exhibition.

EXHIBITION

All selected artists will receive recognition on Cascade Raptor Center's website, social media, and newsletter. Depending on the artwork media and size, selected artwork will be displayed at the Emerald Art Center in Springfield in February 2026. Artwork must be pre-prepared and ready for installation. Artwork must be dropped off and picked up on the dates scheduled. Cascades Raptor Center is unable to store artwork.

USAGE RIGHTS

By submitting the application, the artist agrees to allow Cascades Raptor Center (CRC) to: Use images for marketing, promotional, and display purposes on CRC's website, newsletter, and social media. Allow CRC to archive images as part of the exhibition available for public viewing on our website. CRC will make reasonable efforts to attribute the artist as the contributor of content where feasible and appropriate. Images will not be sold and artist shall retain copyrights of any image submitted to CRC.

KEY DATES

Digital applications: Due **December 21, 2025**
Artist selections announced: **January 20, 2026**
Artwork drop-off: **January 31** (Artist must arrange drop off on this date)
Exhibition: **February 3 – 27, 2026 (**Art Walk**: Friday, February 13, 5-7:30pm**)
Artwork pickup: **February 28, 2026** (Artist must arrange pickup. Artwork cannot be stored)