



# Huntsville Museum of Art

November 13, 2023

**MEMORANDUM:**

TO: Art Teachers  
(Huntsville City, Madison City, Madison County, Athens City, Limestone County,  
Decatur City and Scottsboro City District V and Home Schools)

FROM: Laura E. Smith, Director of Education/Museum Academy

RE: **YAM 2024: Youth Art Month** exhibition  
**Guidelines Attached**

This year marks the 37<sup>th</sup> annual **Youth Art Month (YAM)** exhibition of K-12 student artwork at the Huntsville Museum of Art. The **YAM** and **Congressional Art Competition** winning entry (**CAC**) exhibitions will be on view **February 25 – March 31, 2024** while **Visual Arts Achievement Program (VAA)** exhibition will be on view **February 25, 2024**. The YAM opening and the VAA and Congressional Art Competition awards presentation will take place on **Sunday, February 25, 2024**.

This exhibition not only showcases the exuberance and vitality of children's art, but also underscores the importance of art as an essential subject in a students' curriculum. Great art teachers are dedicated to educating students about art history, art criticism, aesthetics, and studio production and ensuring that students are exposed to a variety of art techniques, artists, and materials. A qualified, certified art teacher is an essential component in providing that all students receive the best art education possible.

All Homeschool organizations K-12 artwork will undergo a jury process to determine selection for exhibition.

The National Art Education Association (NAEA), Alabama Art Education Association (AAEA), Alabama State Department of Education, Alabama Arts Alliance (AAA), and the Huntsville-Madison County Art Education Association (HMCAEA) all endorse **Youth Art Month** in recognition of quality student artwork inspired by certified art teachers in the classroom.

Attached you find the **YAM/VAA/CAC 2024 GUIDELINES**. PLEASE REVIEW THE ATTACHED SCHEDULE TO MAKE SURE THAT YOU **DO NOT MISS ANY IMPORTANT DEADLINE DATES!**

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Huntsville Museum of Art  
**2024 SCHEDULE**  
**YOUTH ART MONTH (YAM)/VISUAL ARTS ACHIEVEMENT (VAA)/**  
**CONGRESSIONAL ART COMPETITION (CAC)/**  
**EXHIBITIONS**

Monday, January 29	<b><u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u></b> YAM/VAA/CAC and Middle/High School entries accepted (private, public city, and designated counties)(Huntsville City/Madison City/Madison County (Public and Private Schools); Decatur City/Athens City/Limestone County/Scottsboro City (Public Schools); All Homeschool organizations Elementary, Middle and High School Artwork Due: K-12 (Huntsville City/Madison City/Madison County Decatur City/Athens City/Limestone County/Scottsboro City)
Tuesday, January 30	<b><u>10:00 am-12:00 pm: Location – Judy &amp; Oscar Maxwell Hall</u></b> <b><u>Jurying of VAA (District V Schools: Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, Jackson, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Limestone, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Morgan, St. Clair, &amp; Winston counties) and 5th Congressional District Art Competition and Homeschool organizations' Artwork K-12</u></b>
Wednesday, January 31	<b><u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u></b> YAM Elementary entries accepted (private, public city and designated counties)(Huntsville City/Madison City/Madison County (Public and Private Schools); Decatur City/Athens City/Limestone County/Scottsboro City (Public Schools)
Friday, February 2	Notification of VAA/CAC winners to art teachers
Wednesday, February 14 & Thursday, February 15	<b><u>8:30 am- 5:00 pm: Location – Museum Academy Studio I</u></b> Pick-up for non-selected artwork: Middle/High School YAM/VAA/CAC entries (private, city, county and home schools)
Sunday, February 25	<b>YAM/VAA/Congressional Art Competition Exhibitions Open</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ <b>2:00 pm:</b> awards presentation for VAA/CAC participants – Great Hall</li></ul>
Sunday, February 25	Last day of VAA 2024 and CAC 2024 Honorable Mentions exhibitions
Sunday, March 31	Last day of YAM/CAC Winner exhibitions
Wednesday, April 3 thru Friday, April 5	<b><u>8:30 am-5:00 pm: Museum Academy Studio I</u></b> Artwork Pick-up: YAM

Thank you for making the *Youth Art Month (YAM)* K-12 exhibition  
a joyous celebration of student artwork!

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YAM 2024 GUIDELINES  
FOR  
HOMESCHOOLS & DISTRICT V  
ELEMENTARY, MIDDLE & HIGH SCHOOLS  
HUNTSVILLE CITY, MADISON CITY, MADISON COUNTY,  
DECATUR CITY, ATHENS CITY, LIMESTONE COUNTY, AND  
SCOTTSBORO CITY

Each art teacher may submit **1** work for the **jurying process** for the homeschools and District V. All school entries should be kept together and presented in a portfolio or box. **Please attach entry form to the back of the artwork.**

1. **Entries may be two-dimensional (Maximum 20"x 24")** or **three-dimensional to fit on a pedestal.**
2. Work should be selected based on quality, creativity, and presentation. Entries not meeting these standards will not be accepted.
3. **No Xerox, ditto, copied, or traced works will be accepted for exhibition in YAM 2024.**  
*(Defined as a work of art that is copied from a published photograph, magazine, book illustration, we site, other artwork, or by another person.)*  
As the art teacher, I further give my permission for publication of my student's work for publicity and archival purposes only, both in print and on-line. The Huntsville Museum of Art is not responsible for loss, damage or breakage.
4. **No group works** will be accepted.
5. Artwork **will not contain organic materials** (i.e. food products).

Works will be accepted here at the Museum Academy Studio I located on the pondside at Big Spring Park on **Monday, January 29, 2024 from 8:30 a.m.-5:00 p.m.** Look for directional signs. **No entries will be accepted after these times.** (You may also submit your entries early by dropping them off at our Admissions Desk in the Museum Lobby.)

**If you have any questions or need additional information, please call Laura E. Smith, Director of Education/Museum Academy at 256.535.6372/e-mail: [lsmith@hsvmuseum.org](mailto:lsmith@hsvmuseum.org).**

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**YAM 2024 Elementary, Middle and High School Homeschool Entry Form  
Visual Arts Achievement (VAA) and/or Congressional Art Competition (CAC) Entry Form  
District 5**

Blount, Calhoun, Cherokee, Cleburne, Colbert, Cullman, DeKalb, Etowah, Franklin, \***Jackson**, \***Lauderdale**,  
\***Lawrence**, \***Limestone**, \***Madison**, Marion, Marshall,  
\***Morgan** (Hartselle), St. Clair, & Winston counties  
(\***bold/underline** counties in the Alabama Congressional District 5)

**Please PRINT or TYPE. COMPLETE ALL LINES.**

**Circle the following:**

**YAM (Grades K-12)                      VAA (Grades 6-12)                      CAC (Grades 9-12)**  
**Homeschool                                  District V for VAA/CAC/Homeschool**

**Student Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Grade:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Student Address/City/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ **Home Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Address/City/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**School Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ **School Fax:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Art Teacher Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Art Teacher (Full Name):** \_\_\_\_\_ **Principal (Full Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School System Superintendent (Full Name):** \_\_\_\_\_

**School System Address/City/Zip Code:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Artwork:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medium:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Process:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Please mark one category:**

\_\_\_\_\_ Paintings      \_\_\_\_\_ Drawings      \_\_\_\_\_ Computer Generated Art  
\_\_\_\_\_ Mixed Media      \_\_\_\_\_ Collage      \_\_\_\_\_ Photography      \_\_\_\_\_ Prints

**MUST BE signed and dated below.**

**AUTHENTICITY VERIFICATION & DISCLAIMER**

**I hereby certify that this is my original work, and that it is not copied from a published photograph, magazine, or book illustration, or other artwork. I understand that the District Coordinator (Huntsville Museum of Art) and Alabama's 5<sup>th</sup> Congressional District Office are not responsible for loss, damage, or breakage.**

**Student's Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Teacher Approval:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

Please keep a copy for your records