

FASCINATION: ART AND CURIOSITY

An open call exhibit hosted by the Quincy Art Center

March 20 - May 16, 2026

Opening Reception: Friday, March 20, 2026



What are you drawn to? What captures your interest, raises questions, or invites a closer look? This open call exhibit seeks artwork inspired by the fascinations, ideas, objects, questions, and fixations that pull us in and refuse to let go. Submissions may investigate the things that captivate attention, spark wonder, or provoke inquiry through varied artistic ways. From illustrated or painted still life studies to alluring sculptures, carefully curated curio cabinets to wildly interpretive innovations, with explorations ranging from playful to mysterious, deeply researched to completely fabricated, this exhibit is sure to strike intrigue.

Entrance Fee and Requirements:

Artists may enter up to 3 works. Submissions are free. Artworks must be original and not exceed 4 feet in any direction and not exceed a weight of 40 lbs. Curio cabinets or assembled works, must have pieces fixed within their display. All mediums accepted. Artworks must be ready for exhibition.

Presentation and Content:

All artworks must be dry, free of fumes, and ready for display. All artworks must be clean and free of damage. Wall-hung pieces require secure wire hanging devices; avoid sawtooth or plate hangers. Pedestals are available for 3D works. Digital presentations need their own viewing devices. The Art Center reserves the right to install works in any manner deemed necessary for exhibition or security reasons. The Art Center is designed to support artistic freedom while fostering a respectful environment for our wide variety of visitors. All entries must be appropriate for viewing by all ages. The curator is responsible for assessing works and reserves the right to decline to exhibit any artworks that do not meet The Art Center's presentation and content standards or do not fit with the theme of the exhibit.

Delivery and Pick-up:

All entries must be delivered and picked up by the artist or proxy during the times listed. Artworks that arrive after the exhibits installation will not be accepted.

Artwork Drop-off: Tue - Sat; March 3 - 7, 2026; 11 am - 5pm

Artwork Pick-Up: Tue - Sat; May 19 - 23, 2026; 11 am - 5pm

Artworks left two months past the pick-up date, May 23, 2026, may be disposed of at The Art Center's discretion.

Sales:

Sales to the public are encouraged. The Art Center will retain a 30% commission per artwork. The sales price must reflect this commission.

Opening Reception:

All are encouraged to attend the opening reception in conjunction with "Fascination: Art and Curiosity" at The Art Center on Friday, March 20, 2026. This event is free and open to the public.



Sharon D. Shaw, Mermaid's Cache, 2023, oil

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Artist Name:		Phone:
E-mail:		
Street Address:	City:	
State:	County:	Zip:

1. Artwork Title:		Medium:
Artwork for sale? YES \$_____ or NO		Value (required):
		Year:
2. Artwork Title:		Medium:
Artwork for sale? YES \$_____ or NO		Value (required):
		Year:
3. Artwork Title:		Medium:
Artwork for sale? YES \$_____ or NO		Value (required):
		Year:

Double check that information is clear and easy to read, that all fields are filled out, accurate, and spelling is correct. This information will be used to create labels. Email will be the main form of communication.

Signature: _____ Date: _____

Entry forms received without signature will not be accepted. By signing this form, I confirm that I am either the artist or proxy. I have reviewed the prospectus and ensure that this entry complies with all the guidelines. I acknowledge that the Quincy Art Center has the authority to reject any entry that does not meet these guidelines. Entry forms lacking a signature will not be considered. My signature indicates my acceptance of all the conditions outlined in the prospectus.

Please attach a label below to the back of artwork entries. Double check that information matches what is above.

2026 Fascination: Art and Curiosity	
Artist Name:	Artwork Title:
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