

Call For Artists: *Through the Eyes of a Monarch*

Deadline: July 28, 2023

Presented by Central Coast State Parks Association and The Bunker SLO

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In partnership with SLO County Arts, the Central Coast State Parks Association (CCSPA) and the Western Monarch Trail invite people of all ages to submit art inspired by the migration of the western monarch for the ***Through the Eyes of a Monarch*** art show. The exhibit will take place during the month of September at The Bunker SLO in support of the Central Coast State Parks Association and the Western Monarch Trail.

Through the Eyes of a Monarch seeks to highlight not only the beauty of the monarch but also to introduce the struggles the monarchs and many other pollinators face. Climate change, habitat loss and pesticides are affecting our smallest yet very important species on earth. You can tell the story of the monarch with your art “through the eyes/lens of a monarch” in whatever way speaks to you as an artist. Is it the beauty of the migration, in the midst of a cluster of monarchs? Or it may be the destruction they see to their habitat through climate change, fires and habitat loss. Perhaps you envision the future of increased habitat and returning numbers?

The western monarch butterfly population has declined more than 99% since the 1990s. They are at a greater risk of extinction than their eastern counterpart due to a variety of factors including increased development, vast farming areas, climate change and environmental variation, and the use of pesticides causing the loss of milkweed - essential to the monarch's survival - along migratory routes. The Central Coast hosts critically important overwintering locations for the western monarch. Historically, San Luis Obispo County alone has as many as 55 overwintering sites, including one of the largest populations of overwintering monarchs at the Pismo State Beach Monarch Grove.

This collection is inspired by The Coastal Awakening and sponsored by the Shanbrom Family Foundation. Coastal Awakening co-founders Robert Inchausti and Bob Shanbrom describe it, "The Coastal Awakening is the epoch in which we live, a time of rapid and critical transition from a world based on hierarchical structures toward interconnectedness and cooperation. It is marked not only by equitable regard among all humans, but a similar appreciation for all living things also striving for fulfillment. We are grateful for the artists' efforts to speak for Monarchs."

Submission Deadline

All applications are due by July 28, 2023

Guidelines

- Artists may submit up to five (5) works.
- Submissions must be original works in any two-dimensional fine art medium.
- Works must be complete when submitting your application. If selected for gallery display at The Bunker, works will need to be ready-to-hang (professionally framed/wired or gallery wrapped with painted sides). All work must be wired to hang, preferably 3" down from the top of the work.
- Works must not exceed dimensions of 6' x 6' due to wall height.
- All works must be made available for sale and not exhibited on the Central Coast within the last two years.

Entry Procedure

- To submit, please follow this application link: <https://form.jotform.com/231705826159056>
- Please title each file name with the artist's last name and title of work, separated with an underscore. Example: Smith_untitled3.jpeg.
- Applicants must complete a media release.
- There are no entry fees to apply

Jury Criteria

- Excellence and skill in the execution of works.
- Compelling and thoughtful artist statement that broadens audience perspective on the exhibition theme, *Through the Eyes of a Monarch*.
- High level of commitment to the process and creation of artwork.
- Timely completion of the application including professional-quality digital images of the artwork and a clear, concise artist statement.

Sales

The Bunker collects a 10% commission on all sales, and participating artists receive a 90% commission. Artists will have the opportunity to donate a portion of their sales to the Central Coast State Parks Association and the Western Monarch Trail if desired.

Transportation

If chosen for the show, artists are responsible for safe delivery to and timely pickup of work from The Bunker SLO. Confirmed artists will be contacted to arrange drop off at the venue.

Submission FAQ

- *What will the duration of the show be?* The show will be up for the month of September.
- *Where will my art be available for purchase?* All artwork will be available for purchase in-person and online.
- *I've never priced my art before - how much do I charge?* We suggest that amateur artists price their work at 75 cents per square inch and up, in addition to the cost of materials and time.

- *Who will make up the jury that is selecting the work?* The jury will be made up of artists, stakeholders, and arts patrons in the community.

Contact

If you have any questions regarding this show, please contact:

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