



2019 ART and WRITING SHOW General Information

LeadingAge Ohio was founded in 1937 to assist the state's not-for-profit providers of senior services focused on resident and client care. Traditionally concentrating on legislative advocacy efforts and educational programming, the association developed the LeadingAge Ohio Resident Forum in 1995 to share life-style enrichment opportunities with residents and clients of member providers. The Art and Writing Program was founded as an offshoot of the Forum and has organized the popular Regional Art and Writing Shows annually since the early 1990's. In 2013, more than 1,100 entries were displayed and judged at the district shows with more than 1,300 visitors in attendance.

Most entrants are recently committed creative explorers, with experienced writers and artists in the minority. Always, the overall quality of the pieces is so outstanding that State Show judges rave about the craftsmanship and ingenuity. Residents who do not enter the shows enthusiastically volunteer for set-up, welcoming, and staffing duties at the district events. Each year, many residents travel to Columbus specifically to visit the State Show held during Annual Conference. Nothing beats seeing one's own creation on display and hearing viewer compliments and praise!

All Residents of LeadingAge Ohio member facilities are invited to participate! Award winners from each District Exhibition will show their work at our Statewide Show to be held in conjunction with the LeadingAge Ohio Annual Conference at the **Hilton Columbus at Easton, August 27-29, 2019.**

View all District Show Schedules and Deadlines at:

www.LeadingAgeOhio.org. Under *Member Resources*, click on the link for *Resident Art & Writing Program*. Scroll to the bottom of the page to access schedules, contact information, and online entry.

Rules:

- Each Entrant may submit one entry in each category.
- Please complete one form **per entry**.
- Participant must currently be residing in or receiving services from a LeadingAge Ohio member.
- All work must have been completed within the past five years.
- Work cannot have been exhibited in a previous LeadingAge Ohio Art and Writing Show.
- Online Entry must be completed and submitted on time for work to be included and judged. Deadlines are posted.

- Winners from the district competitions will be displayed, August 28 & 29, 2019, at the LeadingAge Ohio Annual Conference in Columbus, Ohio.
- Each District Coordinator will be responsible for packing / transporting all winning district work to and from the LeadingAge Ohio State Art and Writing Show.
- **Each entry submitted to a District Show must be delivered with a label or 3" x 5" card affixed to the art object listing:** Artist's Name, Title of Work, Category, Facility Name, Contact Person, and Phone Number.
- If an entry is submitted in an incorrect category heading, the District Coordinator may place the piece under the appropriate heading for judging purposes.

Our Judges

Our show judges are volunteers from the community or surrounding area with a background in the arts. Professional artists, teachers, and "lovers of the arts" judge our shows using traditional criteria and guidelines. Because our show is unique in the field of aging, we also ask the judges to honor our not-for-profit values of encouragement, compassion, and commitment, value of each individual, humor and respect.