

Call for Artists:

2026 Great Hollow Juried Painting and Photography Show

Sponsored by the Great Hollow Photographers Club
in cooperation with the Sherman Artists Association

Great Hollow Gate House Barn
Great Hollow Nature Preserve & Ecological Research Center,
225 State Route 37, New Fairfield, CT

*** PROSPECTUS ***

Opening Night Reception: Friday, May 15, 2026 from 6 pm to 8 pm
Open to the public. Free admission and refreshments.

Public Exhibition: May 16 and May 17, 2026, from 10 am to 4 pm daily

Online Exhibition: May 15 to June 30, 2024
www.ShermanArtists.org

The Great Hollow Juried Painting and Photography Show celebrates its ninth year in 2026. Over the past eight years this show has raised more than \$11,500 for Great Hollow Nature Preserve.

The 2026 Show will be held in person at the legendary Great Hollow Gate House Barn, as well as continue online for an additional six weeks, giving artists the opportunity for increased local and national exposure of their work.

Artists are invited to submit up to four digital images of two-dimensional work for the competition. Accepted media are photographs, paintings, collages, drawings and digitally augmented art.

No fee is required to submit. The hanging fee for the show is \$15 for each accepted work. The Great Hollow Photographers Club will retain a 25% commission on all works sold during the show. All works must be for sale because the profits from the show support Great Hollow Nature Preserve's mission of environmental education, research, and conservation.

The artwork should highlight the richness of rural nature in and around Great Hollow and the general New England area. Landscapes, wildlife, flowers, animal portraits and other themes are welcome. No beaches, people, or household pets, please.

The artwork will be judged by the following criteria:

Creativity: The artwork should demonstrate the artist's unique perspective, imagination and skillful use of the medium's tools and techniques.

Story-telling: The artwork should draw in the viewer and invite interpretation, discovery and, perhaps, be powerful enough to evoke an emotional response.

Skills: The artwork should convey the artists' understanding of composition, perspective, selective focus, figure-ground relationships, lighting, texture, structure, and contrast, as appropriate to the image.

Jurors for the artwork are Kelly Edwards for painting and Jane Haslam for photography. Prizes for first, second and third place for both painting and photography will be donations from local businesses.

Additionally, winners and honorable mentions will be invited to participate in a follow-up physical and virtual show at the Sherman Library in Sherman, CT later in the year.

The deadline to submit your images is midnight on **Wednesday, April 15, 2026** via the URL form.jotform.com/230583457295161, or this QR code:



You will be emailed whether your image is accepted by **Saturday, April 25, 2026**

Each accepted work must:

- 1) Pay the \$15 hanging fee by midnight on **Sunday, May 3, 2026** via the form you will receive after receiving your acceptance notice.
- 2) Be no larger than 30 inches on the longest side.
- 3) Be securely wired from side to side for hanging: i.e., **no saw-tooth hangers or hooks on cardboard**. Artwork which does not meet this requirement will not be exhibited, and the hanging fee will not be refunded.
- 4) Be delivered to the Gate House Barn at Great Hollow on either Wednesday, May 13 between 3 to 6 pm or Thursday, May 14 between 3 to 5 pm. The show will be hung Thursday night, May 14th; no deliveries are accepted after 5pm on Thursday, May 14.
- 5) Unless other arrangements are made in advance, all unsold work must be picked up on Sunday, May 17 between 4 to 6 pm.

The show will take reasonable precautions to secure the artwork. By submitting their artwork, each artist understands that Great Hollow Photographers Club does not provide insurance for loss or breakage and that the artist must provide this insurance if desired.

If you would like to volunteer to help us produce this event, please let us know by email to GHPhotoC@gmail.com. Exhibiting artists are requested to either bring refreshments for the opening, or gallery sit for three hours on either Saturday or Sunday.

Whether you are exhibiting or not, please join us and invite others to come to the **Opening Reception** in the Great Hollow Gate House Barn on **Friday, May 15, 2026, from 6:00 to 8:00 pm**

Also, encourage your friends and family to come to the show on Saturday, May 16 and Sunday, May 17, from 10am to 4pm daily.

Please direct any questions to: GHPhotoC@gmail.com