

Patterns and Repetitions: New Abstraction Works by 2019 VACI Members

August 1 - August 21st Opening Reception August 1st 3:00-5:00 pm

This summer we are happy to be hosting a thematic exhibition on "Abstraction" open to all VACI exhibiting members. We look forward to seeing new work, based on repetition and pattern. We have planned this exhibition in contrast to our other exhibitions to explore what abstraction is and means today. What does pattern signify in your life? How does an artist express meaning through abstraction? These are questions we hope will be answered in the works submitted. Given that we are concentrating on abstraction for this exhibition, please note that no representational images on any of the pieces will be accepted. We are also requesting that each artist submit a statement limited to 300 words about their work, describing how they approached this theme, attempting to answer the questions above and what their work means to them. We will include all of these statements in a book available to the public. .

Working within the parameters of this theme, the show is open to all living artists 18 years of age or older who are active VACI members. Also new this season there will be two awards available to artists totaling \$1000. These awards will be selected by the public during the first week of the show and announced on Friday August 9th!

Each member may submit up to **2** original pieces (no giclees), with a size restriction of no more than 42 x 42". One piece will be shown by each member. All works on paper must be framed, and white or off-white matts used to float images. Plain, neutral, contemporary frames would be desirable.

Drop off of work will be accepted at the Fowler Kellogg Center from 11am – 5pm, July 13 to July 28 (11 - 5:00 Mon - Fri and 1 - 5:00 pm Saturdays and Sundays). As we will do our best to promote your work, **all** work must be for sale and never been shown in any of the previous Members Open Exhibitions. The gallery receives a **50%** commission on all sold work.

ALL work **MUST** be picked up from the Fowler Kellogg Art Center on Thursday August 22 or Friday August 23 from 9:00am – 3:00 pm. If you are unable to pick up your work, please provide a **prepaid** box with packing materials and we will ship the work back to you. The gallery will be closed for the season after August 24, 2019. If an artist fails to pick up their work, it will remain in the gallery until the following summer, and the artist may pick it up during the regular 2019 season. The gallery and Chautauqua Institution will not be responsible for any damage occurring during the winter months.

Please be so kind as to affix labels to the back of your entries. If you have any questions, please call 716-357-6460 after June 1, 2019.

Thank you! We look forward to receiving your work!

Name _____ Phone _____
Email address: _____
Website: _____

1 Title of Work _____
Medium _____
Price _____

Name _____ Phone _____
Email address: _____
Website: _____

#2 Title of Work _____
Medium _____
Price _____

Statement (no longer than 300 words):