

Stories They Tell

Prospectus

Main Gallery	January 23–March 28, 2026
Stories They Tell	Narrative art; remembrances; layers of myth and memories; images that bring depth to our sense of reality; images that connect us, entertain us and provide a framework for understanding our place in the world; way to pass on cultural traditions, express imagination, and change perspectives. Everyone has a story.
Intake	Sunday, January 18, 11 am–5 pm
Exhibit Opens	Friday, January 23
Opening Reception	Saturday, February 14, 3–5 pm
Mid-show Reception	Saturday, March 14, 3–5 pm
Exhibit Ends	Saturday, March 28
Pickup	Sunday, March 29, 11 am–5 pm
Who may apply?	Any artist may submit 2D, 3D and crafts for this exhibit. Content must be suitable for family viewing, including children.
How to Submit	Fill out the Inventory form, painting labels for 2D works and Artist Agreement Form. Bring these with the artworks to be submitted on receiving day, Sunday, January 18, 11 am–5 pm at the Frank Bette Center for the Arts, 1601 Paru St, Alameda, CA, 94501.
Entry Fees	Members: \$20 with unlimited entries. Non-members \$30 with a limit of 2 entries. A list of possible volunteer activities will be available on receiving day; help is appreciated.
Artist Commissions	Artists receive 60% commission, FBCA 40%. Price your works to accommodate the commission rate. Artists are paid within four weeks of the close of the exhibit for any works sold. Please note that the center has a refund policy. Buyers may return purchased art for a full refund within 7 days of purchase with a receipt, assuming the art is in original condition.
Selection Process	Frank Bette Center for the Arts (FBCA) will select artwork based on how well the pieces fit with the theme and all works as a whole in the salon style exhibit. Please call the center at 510-523-6957 on Friday, January 23, if you have not already been notified of work that should be picked up. All non-selected works must be picked up by Saturday, January 23, as we do not have extra storage space.
Opening Reception	Saturday, February 14, 3–5 pm. Please bring individually wrapped snacks or a beverage to share. Invite your friends, clients and family to the party. Note that there is a mid-show reception March 14, 1–3 pm.
Publicity	FBCA can do limited advertising. Postcards (hard copy) will be available and artists are expected to help distribute them to friends, family, and selected local businesses. Please help us advertise the show with your social media etc.
Pickup Day	Please pick up unsold work at the end of the show on Sunday, March 29, 11 am–5 pm. If you are unable to pick up at this time, please make arrangements