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This is a gallery exhibition. There are no prizes awarded. There is no charge to exhibit your artwork.

**** All art must remain on exhibit through May 3, no early pickups, no exceptions.****

General Guidelines

*Art must depict “**Flora of Michigan**”- flowers, trees, plants and mushrooms (fungi) - and can be portrayed in natural setting, botanical style picture, still life, etc. If a mammal, bird, insect or other wildlife is in the work, that will be accepted as long as the Flora is the focal point. NOT ACCEPTABLE are modern hybridized flora and/or tropical flora. Examples include oriental lilies, hybrid tea roses, non-native orchids, hibiscus, etc. EXCEPTION: Non-native Flora introduced by the French for medicinal and food purposes like the French Pear Tree may be submitted and exhibited. Please specify the non-native French flora if it is your focal species.

There are several good books for reference, including Wildflowers of Michigan Field Guide, Michigan Trees Field Guide, Mushrooms of Michigan Field Guide, Field Guide to Michigan Plants. Or, research online at sites such as www.michiganbackyardparadise.com and the like. Have fun exploring and learning about Michigan flora!

*Mediums: Oil, Acrylic, Watercolor, Ink, Pencil, Charcoal, Pastel, Scratch Board, Wood Burning, Wood Carving, Stained Glass, Sculpture, Pottery/Ceramics, and Photography. Other mediums may be accepted if prior authorization is obtained. Contact Darlene at dibelair@gmail.com if you have questions concerning other mediums.

*Original art only, no prints, posters, abstracts, or duplicated classroom art.
Exception: photography prints.

*Each artist may exhibit up to three (3) pieces of art.

*Maximum size 36 inches wide x 48 inches long, including the frame, if framed. Canvas paintings must be framed, or gallery wrapped. Saw tooth hangers are not acceptable, and art should be wired and ready to hang. Sculptures must be able to set on a table or free standing on the floor and easily moved by one person, without mechanical assistance (maximum weight 50 lbs.). Stained glass must set on a table or on a floor easel; if it needs a special easel please provide one. The Battlefield may have easels available for your use.

*Artwork deemed not suitable or not within guidelines may be rejected by the National Park Service or the curators.

*Artwork acceptance dates at the Education Center are Monday, March 23, through Friday, March 27. Hours are as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday - 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday - 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday - 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

*Artwork pick up dates are Monday, May 4 through Friday, May 8. Pick up days/times are same as the acceptance schedule listed immediately above.

*If you cannot drop off or pick up your art during these times, please call Park representative Shawna Mazur at 734-639-2345 ext. 120 during normal business hours to make alternate arrangements. Or, email Darlene Belair at dibelair10@gmail.com to discuss options during business and non-business hours.

Sales Related Information

*The **Flora of Michigan** exhibition catalog will be printed with an image or images of your work, your name, title of art, medium, name of Flora and price or NFS (not for sale). The price printed in the catalog will reflect a 15% added commission. The 15% commission will go to the Battlefield's Education Center. If the Battlefield Foundation (RRNBPF) purchases a piece of your art, they will pay the artist's price.

*If your art is sold during the run of the exhibition, the RRNBPF will handle the sales transaction(s). Buyers may pick up their purchased art at the conclusion of the exhibition between May 4 - May 8 and will be reminded by the curators (via email and/or phone.) If the artwork needs to be shipped the artist will be responsible for making arrangements with the buyer. Artists will be notified upon sale of their art (via email and/or phone) and a check will be issued to the artist by the end of the exhibition. The RRNBPF has first rights of purchase if art is for sale.

*Art purchased by the RRNBPF or the National Park Service will require releasing the rights of the artwork to be reproduced by the RRNBPF or the National Park Service for purposes of advancing the educational programming of the Battlefield.

*Artist contact information will not be published or otherwise given out without the permission of the artist.

Liability

*The River Raisin National Battlefield Park, the River Raisin National Battlefield Foundation and the curators will not be held liable for any damage to, loss of, or stolen artwork. Every precaution will be taken to secure and protect your art. We will not be responsible for inadequate wiring (for hanging) the artist has attached to their art. Please see Registration Form for additional information regarding liability.

Educational Programming at the River Raisin National Battlefield Park

We are grateful for the support from the artists and our community and its collective interest in being a part of "**Beautiful Bountiful Michigan**" exhibitions. We are busy working on educational programming such as student and adult art classes, demonstrations and student art displays.

Programs that the Battlefield have previously presented include calligraphy, punched tin, Native American crafts, flint knapping, corn husk dolls, and teaching about the way the settlers in Frenchtown lived. The craft programs directly reflect the way things were done and made in the Frenchtown Settlement in the early 1800's. The Wildlife art teaches what animals lived in Michigan, and the Flora art will teach what plants and trees thrived here, and how they were used for food, medicinal purposes, building and everyday survival. Additionally, through the Park's kayaking program, visitors may see some of the native wildlife and flora, and experience what the Frenchtown settlers did.

Last spring there were more than 3,000 students that came to the Park for field trips, and 11,000 over the course of the entire year, to learn about the Untold Story of the War of 1812!

We hope that through our art we can educate all about the animals, plant life and places in "**Beautiful Bountiful Michigan**." Thank you once more for joining us!

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“GRAND OPENING GALA”

Friday, April 3, from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

Advanced Tickets for the Gala are \$25.00 each Dress – Festive Attire

- Attendees receive two (2) complimentary beverage tickets (additional glasses of wine and soft drinks may be purchased)
- Complimentary hors d'oeuvres
- Complimentary coffee and water
- Live music for your entertainment
- Complimentary **Flora of Michigan** exhibition catalog
- Silent auction
- Artwork will be for sale beginning at the Gala
- All proceeds from the event will benefit the Battlefield's educational programs.

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Purchase Gala tickets online at www.battlefieldfoundation.org or in person at the Battlefield's Visitor Center. Advance tickets are \$25.00, on sale through April 2, or \$30.00 at the door.

Questions? Email Darlene Belair at dibelair10@gmail.com

Registration Form

3 ways to register: 1) complete a registration form and bring it with you when you check in your artwork, 2) register online at www.battlefieldfoundation.org, or 3) complete a registration form and mail to: River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation, Attn: Art Exhibition, 333 N. Dixie Hwy, Monroe, MI 48162

A 15% commission will be added to the artist price by the Battlefield Foundation. Commission from purchased art will go to the Battlefield's educational programs.

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Artist _____

Address _____

Phone # _____ Text _____ Email _____

*Title of art #1 _____ Name of Flora _____

Medium _____ Price _____ or write NFS (not for sale)

*Title of art #2 _____ Name of Flora _____

Medium _____ Price _____ or write NFS (not for sale)

*Title of art #3 _____ Name of Flora _____

Medium _____ Price _____ or write NFS (not for sale)

*Permission to give your contact information to purchasers, as needed.

Please sign _____ Date _____

*Liability: The River Raisin National Battlefield Park, the River Raisin National Battlefield Park Foundation, and the curators will not be held liable for any damage to, loss of, or stolen artwork. Every precaution will be taken to secure and protect your art. We will not be responsible for inadequate wiring (for hanging) that the artist has attached to their art. Any claims for liability arising out of National Park activities are governed by the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. § 2671-80.

Please sign _____ Date _____

*Artwork pick up dates are Monday, May 6, through Friday, May 10 and have the same times for drop off, as follows:

- Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday — 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
- Thursday — 2:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.
- Friday — 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.

If these times change, we will phone and/or email you. If your art has not been picked up by the close of business at 4:30 p.m. on Monday, May 11, or if arrangements for pickup have not been made with the RRNBP's Shawna Mazur at 734-639-2345 ext. 120, or Darlene Belair at dibelair10@gmail.com the art will be considered abandoned property. In accordance with 36 CFR §2.22, any artwork or property left after May 11 shall be considered unattended property and will be impounded by the National Park Service. Abandoned property shall be handled in accordance with title 41§102 of the code of the Federal Regulations.

Please sign _____ Date _____

*If the National Park Service or the RRNBPF purchases your art, you give permission and rights to reproduce your art in such formats as calendars, cards, post cards, posters, etc. for the purpose of raising money for the Park's educational programming. A portion of the proceeds may be used to promote "**Beautiful Bountiful Michigan**" art exhibitions, and/or for easels and display panels for this show. You may be asked to sign another release form used by the National Park Service or the RRNBPF.

The River Raisin National Battlefield Park is not asking for exclusive rights; the artist retains the rights to make prints, cards, etc.

Please sign _____ Date _____

Please fill out one form for each piece of art, and attach to the back of or include with your art. This form will also be available at check in. **PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY.**

Name _____

Title of Art _____

Medium _____ Name of Flora _____

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*******ADDITIONAL INFORMATION*******

ART EXHIBITION SERIES

BEAUTIFUL BOUNTIFUL MICHIGAN

1st — Wildlife of Michigan, held in 2019

2nd — Flora of Michigan, 2020

3rd — Water Wonderland of Michigan

4th — Scenic Michigan

5th — To be Determined