

SCHWA & THE SHOW

CALL FOR ENTRIES



Entries due: August 15, 2026
Exhibition: October 2-31, 2026
Juror: Holly Garriott

Emerge Gallery & Art Center
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Introduction

The Schwa Show is a national juried competition recognizing excellence in fine arts and crafts.

Eligibility

This exhibition is open to artists in any media and subject matter. Artists must be age 18 and up. All work must have been completed in the past 3 years and never previously exhibited at Emerge Gallery. All pieces must fit through our exterior door (36" x 80"). Work must be available for entire exhibition. Video entries are accepted, but special equipment must be provided. Work must be ready to hang or will not be eligible.

Entries and Fees

All entries are to be submitted digitally through www.callforentry.org (CaFÉ). Each artist may submit up to 5 entries. Artists are required to submit 3 entries for a fee of \$20, with the option to submit 2 additional entries at \$5 each. There is a limit of 5 entries per artist.

Eligibility requirements and full details on how to submit entries can be found at emergegallery.com/artists/artist-opportunities.

Application deadline is 11:59pm MDT on August 15, 2026. Notifications will be emailed on August 31, 2026.

Accepted work sent via shipping must be received by the end of day on Wednesday, September 23. Hand delivered work must be received between September 22 – 25, 2026 between 10:00am – 8:00pm, unless other arrangements have been made.

Exhibited work must be picked up on either Sunday, November 1 between 1:00pm - 3:00pm or Tuesday, November 3 between 10:00am – 8:00pm. Shipped artwork must have a prepaid mailing label for return shipping. Prepaid labels are required. Work left after the pick-up date (November 3) will become property of Emerge Gallery unless other arrangements are made.

Commission

It is assumed that all work is for sale unless noted with an insurance value. Emerge will retain a 30% commission, if work is sold. If work is not for sale, an insurance value must be given and NFS stated, or work will not be insured. Payment will be mailed by the 15th of the following month.

Insurance and Liability

Emerge Gallery will provide insurance for accepted work during the exhibition dates only. Work will not be insured after Tuesday, November 3, 2026. Work will be insured only for the artist's portion of the sales price, 70% of the sales price, and maximum of \$5,000. Insurance value must be a realistic value and may be questioned. Proof of similar sales will be requested, if necessary.

Consent to reproduce for publicity, catalog, or entry constitutes agreement to all conditions.

Exhibition Dates

October 2 - 31, 2026

The opening reception will be held on Friday, October 2, from 5:00pm – 8:00pm.

Awards

There will be the following cash awards:
Best in Show: \$1000, Best in 2D: \$500,
Best in 3D: \$500, Honorable Mention: \$100 (3)

Questions

E-mail sarah@emergegallery.com
or call (252) 551-6947

Summer Gallery Hours:

Tuesday-Thursday: 9am-9pm,

Monday and Friday: 9am-4pm,

Saturday: 10am-4pm

Sunday: Closed

Juror Holly Garriott

Holly Garriott is the Executive Director of Emerge Gallery & Art Center, Home of the Pitt County Arts Council and an Associate Teaching Professor at the School of Art and Design at East Carolina University. Holly founded Emerge Gallery in Greenville, NC in 2000, when she was a graduate student in ceramics at ECU. In 2009, Emerge became the designated partner to the North Carolina Arts Council as the Local Arts Agency. For 25 years, Holly has helped build the arts community in Pitt County and has assisted with the revitalization of the Downtown Greenville District.

Holly received a B.S. in Art from James Madison University focusing on printmaking and ceramics, where she was also on the 1994 Division 1 National Championship Field Hockey team. She then received a B.F.A. and M.F.A. in ceramics from East Carolina University.

About Emerge Gallery & Art Center

Emerge Gallery & Art Center, Home of the Pitt County Arts Council, is a non-profit arts organization dedicated to enhancing the quality of life in Pitt County by promoting artists and arts organizations, educating through the arts, and making the arts accessible to the entire community. Emerge Gallery & Art Center also offers a variety of workshops and classes for youth and adults in pottery, metal design/jewelry, painting, drawing, and much more. The facility has two galleries with rotating exhibitions and a sales gallery featuring local art. Two Outreach Programs are offered, the Youth Public Arts Project and Art is Good Medicine.

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