

# INVITATIONAL SHOWS

Each year, FAVA presents several invitational solo, two-person or small group shows showcasing new works by artists working in a variety of media and styles.

Interested artists or curators\* should send a proposal to the attention of the Gallery Coordinator by **December 15** to be considered by the Exhibitions Committee for the following year's season (Sept.-Aug.).

- **Cover letter**, with address and phone.
- **Current resumé**, with your background and exhibition experience.
- **15-20 professional-quality 35mm slides or high resolution digital images on a CD** of your recent work in a slide sheet: include additional slides as needed to show essential detail. Image should fill slide area; neutral background. Label each slide with your name, title of piece and slide number corresponding to slide list; indicate TOP of slide.
- **Slide list**: List each slide's number, title of work, medium and size (H"xW"xD").
- **Artist statement/exhibition concept**, with past reviews.
- **Large self-addressed, stamped envelope** for return of slides.

**Artists chosen to exhibit at FAVA will be asked to provide:**

- Several high quality color photographs of their work for show announcements and other publicity.
- Mailing labels from their mailing list for show announcements.
- Delivery and pickup of work (or pay shipping costs); inventory list. Ready-to-hang work is usually expected 7-10 days before the show opens.

**FAVA will:**

- Finalize arrangements with a contract.
- Produce postcard show announcements; bulk mail to FAVA members, area galleries, art organizations and artist's mailing list.
- Publicize the show widely.
- Design and install the exhibit.
- Produce wall tags and show signage.
- Produce a price list for show visitors.
- Present a public reception for the artists.
- Encourage sales; retain a 30% commission on sales.
- Insure artwork while it is at FAVA.

\* Curators wishing to propose a show concept are encouraged to consult the Gallery Coordinator as early as possible.

## JURIED SHOWS\*

Since 1980, FAVA's annual juried **Six-State Photography Show**, open to residents of Ohio and bordering states (PA, WV, KY, IN, MI) has presented high-quality work of strong personal vision by professional and amateur photographers. The entry deadline is in late September. Cash awards. Contact FAVA for entry form.

Since 1984, FAVA has presented a biennial juried contemporary quilt show, **The Artist as Quiltmaker**. One of the finest of its kind, it has been called "prestigious and selective" by *Art/Quilt Magazine*. Mid-September in odd-numbered years is the deadline for slides; the show opens the following May, in even-numbered years. Cash awards. Contact FAVA for entry form.

## Members' Show\*

Each Nov./Dec. FAVA members are invited to exhibit their recent work at FAVA's non-juried **Members' Holiday Show**. Member-artists from a 6-county area exhibit original work, including painting, drawing, prints, photography, sculpture, fiberart, jewelry and ceramics. Delivery of works is in mid-November; artists may join FAVA the day of delivery. Contact FAVA for entry form.

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\* FAVA members automatically receive entry forms to the shows above. Non-members are invited to send a self-addressed, stamped envelope, requesting an entry form.

## Exhibition Space

Since May, 1996, FAVA has been located in the New Union Center for the Arts, a beautiful 3-story brick and sandstone building in downtown Oberlin, owned and renovated by the Nord Family Foundation.

Constructed in 1874, the award winning handicapped-accessible building (formerly Westervelt Hall) is on the National Register of Historic Places.

FAVA's elegant and spacious ground floor galleries have a total of 1525 square feet under 14' antique pressed tin ceilings in three adjacent rooms. A staffed reception area is located in the west gallery.

**Walls:** 150 linear feet of plywood-backed drywall, painted white. Six portable walls (each 4'W x 8'H x 2'D) provide additional hanging space and flexibility in exhibit layout. Floor and wall outlets. A limited number of free-standing pedestals and display cases are available.

**Lighting:** Track, both spot and wash; dimmable fluorescent lighting reflects off ceiling, 8' windows with UV light screens on exterior walls; mini-blinds.

FAVA has recently opened our South Gallery, which is a smaller, more intimate space suitable for solo invitational or small group exhibits (410 sq.ft. with 67 linear ft. of wall space).

## About



Founded in 1979, the Firelands Association for the Visual Arts is an independent, non-profit arts organization in Oberlin, Ohio dedicated to enhancing public appreciation of and participation in the visual arts through exhibitions and related educational and community activities. FAVA presents changing exhibits of high quality artwork in a variety of styles and media.

Support for FAVA comes from memberships, contributions by individual and business friends of the arts, commissions on sales, and fundraising events. FAVA also receives support from the Nord Family Foundation, The Richard R. Hallock Foundation, The Community Foundation of Greater Lorain County, The Stocker Foundation, The Nordson Corporation Foundation, The Bill Long Foundation, and the Ohio Arts Council.

Membership is open to artists and friends of the arts. Members receive discounts on purchases, class tuitions, and show registration fees as well as information about upcoming exhibitions, class offerings and invitations to members-only special events.

## *Uncommon Objects*

### **FAVA's Gallery Shop**

Uncommon Objects features original, hand-crafted contemporary art which enhances the exhibition and educational mission of FAVA. It is located on the first floor with the FAVA Galleries in the New Union Center for the Arts.

Artists interested in selling their work through the store are invited to contact the store for more information.

## *Exhibition Opportunities*



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