

## NH Audubon Art Walk in the Garden 2026 Artist Application

NH Audubon's Massabesic Center invites local artists to participate in our upcoming "Art Walk in the Garden" pop-up exhibition. This special one-day event celebrates the intersection of art and nature while showcasing our All Persons Trail, a wheelchair-accessible path which winds through our beautiful gardens and sanctuary fields. Join us to discover inspiration in nature and marvel in the creativity of our local artist community!

**Event Name:** NH Audubon's Art Walk in the Garden

**Date:** July 11, 2026, 10am-3pm

**Location:** NH Audubon's Massabesic Center, 26 Audubon Way, Auburn, NH 03032

### OPPORTUNITY

Artists are invited to display their work along our scenic garden paths, creating an immersive experience for visitors as they explore the natural beauty of our sanctuary. This event offers artists a unique opportunity to:

- Share their work with nature enthusiasts and art lovers
- Celebrate the relationship between art and the natural world
- Connect with the local community
- Support NH Audubon's mission to protect New Hampshire's natural environment for wildlife and for people.

### Eligibility and Guidelines:

- Open to artists creating nature-themed, garden-appropriate artwork that can be **displayed outdoors** in an immersive garden setting.
- **Handmade Only:** All items must be handcrafted by the artist. No commercial kits, imports, mass-produced items, or reselling allowed.
- **No submission fee.**
- **Items for Sale:** All items will be under review for mission alignment. Artists may only display or sell items which are listed on the application and have previously been approved. Items must be displayed for aesthetic appeal within the garden and trail setting. No sales tables or booths are permitted.
- NH Audubon will retain a **30% commission** on any works sold during the event.
- **Not for Sale Items:** Displaying pieces to share with visitors that are not for sale is permitted, provided the items will enhance the immersive feel of the event and reflect a natural history theme related to NH Audubon's mission.



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## **Rules and Regulations:**

### **Set Up/Break down**

1. All artists must sign in at the welcome table prior to setting up. An official will direct you to your space.
2. Set up will take place the morning of Art Walk in the Garden from **8:00am – 9:45am**. All vehicles must be away from the driveway by 9:30am.
3. Artists must unload their vehicles completely and move/park their vehicle in the “back” lot before setting up their works in the garden.
4. Artists do not have to remain on site for the entire event but are encouraged to do so to engage with visitors or enjoy the sanctuary. NH Audubon designees will assume responsibility for reasonable safekeeping and sale of artworks for the duration of the event.
5. Artworks should remain on exhibit until **3:00pm**. There will be no early removal of works except for those that sell.
6. For safety reasons, artists cannot bring their vehicles into the loading driveway to pack up until all patrons have cleared the area. Artists should not move their vehicles to the driveway until their works are packed and ready to go into their vehicle.
7. There will be trash cans on site; do not leave behind any trash.
8. Please plan ahead and bring what you need to cart your items to your designated spaces. We will have limited hand carts available.

### **Participation Rules**

1. Artists are responsible for ensuring that **pieces are adequately weighted**, so as not to blow in the wind and to ensure visitor safety for larger sculptures. Small stakes are permitted.
2. Artists are responsible for installation and removal of their work, under the guidance of NH Audubon staff and designees.
3. Exhibit hardware or stands must be provided by the artist and cannot damage trees or other features of the sanctuary
4. Artworks must be professional and aesthetically pleasing with a natural history or NH Audubon mission-related theme.

5. Artists must post prices or NFS labels in a legible, neat, attractive manner and in a visible place near each piece. Price cards that can be easily handed to the cashier with artist and price information are strongly encouraged.
6. Only items listed on your application are eligible to be displayed or sold.
7. Walkways must be kept clear for visitors, staff, and emergency personnel.
8. All artists are responsible for removing any trash from their spaces into trash barrels provided by NHA.
9. This is a non-political event. Political advertising will not be permitted.
10. Pets are not allowed on site, however: officially designated “service animals” are permitted.
11. Children should be attended to at all times.
12. Megaphones and electronic amplification are not permitted. No radios, tape players, offensive noise, or distractions are permitted in booth spaces. Common courtesy to event attendees, volunteers, and fair personnel is expected of all participants.
13. Smoking is allowed in designated smoking areas only (parking lot).
14. Alcoholic beverages and/or drugs and/or drug paraphernalia are not permitted on the property. Artists and visitors will not be allowed to bring, consume, serve or sell alcoholic beverages of any kind on fair property.
15. NH Audubon holds the right to take photos and videos for advertising purposes.
16. There will be no Power/Electric available to the artists. Please plan ahead.
17. NH Audubon is not responsible for any injury, loss, or damage to personal property.
18. NH Audubon reserves the right to cancel any artist agreement/partnerships/sponsorship at any time, for any reason.

### **Sales Details**

1. All sales of exhibit items are subject to a 30% commission. These funds help support the NHA mission.
  - a. Artwork sold should be processed as an immediate sale, through the Nature Store, with the buyer taking the piece home as-is.
  - b. Commission checks for the 70% artist’s share will be mailed to the signatory at the end of the event. Artists should expect payment to arrive in 4-6 weeks to the address provided to NHA below.

Any violation of the rules and regulations stated above will exclude artists from participating in future shows. Your request to exhibit or sell will imply acceptance of these rules and regulations. Artists who do not abide by our rules may be asked to leave.

**Agreement:**

By signing and initialing this application, I agree to abide by the rules and regulations of the NH Audubon Art Walk in the Garden and understand that this application does not guarantee a spot as a participating artist. I understand that I will be notified of my application status by July 6, 2026.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Deadline for Application Submission: July 5, 2026

Please send completed applications to: Kimmie Whiteman at [kwhiteman@nhaudubon.org](mailto:kwhiteman@nhaudubon.org)

- *Mailed copies will not be accepted.*
- *ALL PAGES of this application are required.*