



# Monmouth County Park System

## Thompson Park's Creative Arts Center

### Spring Arts Festival

## **CALL FOR ENTRIES!**

**Entry Deadline:** Monday, February 16

**Festival Dates:** Saturday & Sunday, May 2 & May 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

**Location:** Thompson Park Creative Arts Center, Lincroft

*The Thompson Park Creative Arts Center is pleased to announce a call for entries to its first ever Spring Arts Festival.*

### **Eligibility & Artists Instructions**

- This event is open to artists of every medium.
- A non-refundable jury fee of \$15 per application is to be paid with your submission.
- Submissions must be postmarked no later than February 16, 2015 to be eligible.
- Work will be selected by our judges (see Judge Biographies on page 3)
- All artists will be notified of status of acceptance by March 13, 2015 (see Notification information on page 2 for further details).
- Artists selected will receive a 10' x 10' booth space to display and sell their original works.
- If selected a booth fee of \$100 is to be paid by no later than Monday, April 6.

### **Application Process**

1. Visit [www.monmouthcountyparks.com](http://www.monmouthcountyparks.com). Complete the submission form which can be found under "Activities" and "Spring Arts Festival".
2. Mail submission with CD of four (4) images of your work along with the non-refundable \$15 jury fee to Thompson Park c/o the Creative Arts Center, 805 Newman Springs Road, Lincroft NJ 07738 OR submit form digitally by emailing it and your images to [kstone@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:kstone@monmouthcountyparks.com).
3. Images must be at a resolution of 100 dpi, with largest dimension measuring 1024 pixels.
4. All files must be labeled as follows:  
Yourlastname\_firstname\_A.jpg  
Yourlastname\_firstname\_B.jpg  
*Any files not labeled correctly will not be viewed by judges and will result in forfeiture of application.*
5. CDs WILL NOT BE RETURNED and NO DVDs will be accepted.
6. CD must be clearly labeled with artist's name, address and phone number.



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#### Notification

All artists will be notified of status of acceptance by no later than March 13, 2015 and, if accepted, will receive a packet of information about the festival to review before participation. A non-refundable booth fee of \$100 is to be paid in advance of the festival by no later than Monday, April 6. All participants are responsible for their own work and the County holds no liability for broken or missing work. All participating artists must have a Certificate of Authority and a registered sales tax number. New Jersey Division of Taxation has the authority to shut down any vendor not appropriately registered. Lack of correspondence by April 1 will result in forfeit of spot.

#### Exhibition Spaces & Fees

- All participating artists are in charge of manning their own booth, set-up and take down.
- Artists are also expected to bring their own supplies for their display.
- Take down before the end of the festival is strictly prohibited.
- All participating artists will be given instructions for their set-up in the acceptance packet.

#### Festival Schedule

- Monday, February 16 - Deadline for submissions
- Friday, March 13 - Notification of acceptance
- Wednesday, April 1 - Correspondence of participation must be received
- Monday, April 6 - Payment of \$100.00 booth fee must be received
- Saturday, May 2, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - Festival Open to Public
- Sunday, May 3, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. - Festival Open to Public
- Sunday, May 3, 6-8 p.m. - Take down of booths

If you have any questions regarding entering or the event, please contact Katie Stone at 732-842-4000, ext. 4333, or [kstone@monmouthcountyparks.com](mailto:kstone@monmouthcountyparks.com).



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#### Juror Biographies

**Robert & Elisabeth McKay** are a husband and wife photography team and owners of McKay Imaging Photography Studio & Gallery in Red Bank, New Jersey for the last 16 years. Robert, a New Jersey native, and Elisabeth, an Austrian immigrant, met in an illustration class at Brookdale Community College and started their business soon afterwards. They graduated from Brookdale in 1994 and Elisabeth went on to study at The Cooper Union for the Advancement of Science and Art where she got her B.A. in 1998, the same year that they were married.

The couple have been involved in many local arts related projects in their years together including their seven years as Co-Chairs of The Brookdale Alumni Art Show. In the year 2000, and for the next four years, Robert took on a role as Director of Operations for the Freedom Film Society, producers of The Red Bank International Film Festival where Elisabeth also served as Art Director for two of those years. Robert served as a juror in 2005 for The Black Maria Children's Film Festival and Robert and Elisabeth have juried shows as a team for The Art Alliance, The Middletown Arts Center, The Shore Institute of Contemporary Arts (SICA), and The Monmouth Festival of the Arts. They have supported the arts in many ways including being on the Advisory Board at SICA, working as Photo Editors for Xit magazine (a publication of The Monmouth County Arts Council), being members of The Art Alliance Curatorial Committee as well as curating all of their own shows at McKay Imaging Gallery in Red Bank.

Robert and Elisabeth are thrilled and honored to be asked to jury this new and exciting event.

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**Joyce Urbanski** studied print making at Parsons School of Design for 15 years and also attended Vermont Studio School with Raol Middleman, as well as having studied pottery with Val Cushing. As one of the founding members of the Art Alliance of Monmouth County and former Vice President of the organization, Joyce worked curating various art exhibitions and judging shows in Monmouth County for the last 40 years. As a visual artist in her own right, she has had 15 one person exhibitions at galleries, institutions and universities over the course of her artistic career. Presently, Joyce creates her work in her pottery and painting studio in Holmdel.