2024 CLEVELAND COUNTY SILVERARTS OFFICIAL REGISTRATION PACKET





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"A Celebration of the Creative Spirit"

. VISUAL ARTS

. HERITAGE ARTS

. LITERARY ARTS

. PERFORMING ARTS

To be displayed April 22-26, 2024

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From your SilverArts Director...

Dear SilverArts Applicant,

Another year has rolled by and it's time for another SilverArts! If this is your first time as a participant, I extend a big welcome to you! If you are a returning participant, a big "thank you" for your continued support! Your experience as a participant enables you to spread the word to others about the event, especially brand new participants.

It's imperative that you are provided with correct and up-to-date information in this packet. Please bear in mind that due to unexpected circumstances, <u>any information provided in this publication is subject to change</u>. This includes event locations, scheduling, etc. Also, be aware that if a change is necessary, every effort to notify you will be made. If you would like to make sure that your name and email address is in our database, please contact me and I'll be glad to check for you.

As always, you're welcome to contact me if you have questions, comments, and suggestions for this event. I can be reached at 704/481-7387 or e-mail me at ddedmon@agingcouncil.org.

Remember—these are YOUR events, so your input is very valuable!

Thanks again for taking part in this year's SilverArts!

Most Sincerely,

Daniel Dedmon

Cleveland County SilverArts Coordinator

WHAT ARE THE SilverArts?

SilverArts is a component of the NC Senior Games that allows persons age 50 and better to showcase their artistic talent. SilverArts reflects the total wellness philosophy of the Senior Games program, a philosophy that strives to keep adults healthy, active and involved. Participants in the SilverArts program are given the opportunity to showcase their art work, experiment in new art forms, discover new talents and excel in many areas through competition.

"SilverArts is truly a celebration of the creative spirit!"

"This program is sanctioned by the North Carolina Senior Games, Inc. NCSG, Inc. is sponsored statewide by the North Carolina Division of Aging and Adult Services."

This project received support from the North Carolina Arts Council, an agency of the Department of Cultural Resources, and the National Endowment for the Arts, which believes that a great nation deserves great art.

THE SILVERARTS ENTRIES WILL BE PRE-RECORDED AND POSTED AT A FUTURE DATE ON THE NEAL CENTER WEBSITE AND FACEBOOK PAGE https://nealseniorcenter.org and https://www.facebook.com

SILVERARTS CATEGORIES

HERITAGE: Basket Weaving, knitting, crocheting, quilting (machine & hand)

VISUAL: Oil painting, acrylic painting, watercolor painting, pastel drawing, jewelry making, stained glass work

NEEDLEWORK

General Fiber Arts: Includes art created using natural or synthetic material. Fibers can consist of cotton, linen, yarn, felt, hemp, string, ribbon, wool, silk, acrylic, rayon, and more. Includes heritage arts pieces with mixed media elements.

POTTERY, THROWN & HANDBUILT

TOLE & DECORATIVE PAINTING

WOODWORKING: woodturning and woodcarving

DIGITAL ARTS: digital painting, digital drawing, matte painting, photomanipulation, and more. This will still require physical submissions.

PHOTOGRAPHY, MIXED MEDIA

Categories for local competition only: Dolls, porcelain or cloth; Art in Clothing, painted or stitched; Ceramics; Scrapbooks; Adult Coloring Book Art; China Painting; Other

LITERARY: Essays (not autobiographical); poems; short stories (fiction); life experiences (autobiographical)

PERFORMING: Comedy/drama; instrumental; dance; vocal; cheerleading

2024 Cleveland County SilverArts Schedule

REGISTRATION OPENS: Thursday, January 25, 2024

REGISTRATION DEADLINES:

- "Early-Bird" Registration: Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM
- Literary Entries: Friday, March 22, 2024, at 11:00 AM
- All SilverArts Registration: Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM
- Cancellations (to receive a refund): Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM

ALL REGISTRATION/ENTRY FORMS MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE COA/NEAL CENTER BY THE DESIGNATED DEADLINE DATES. THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS. THE DEADLINE IS STRICTLY ENFORCED IN FAIRNESS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

ENTRIES FOR SILVERARTS ARTWORK: Wednesday, April 17, 2024, 9 AM-12 Noon, the Neal

Center VIP Room

SILVERARTS JUDGING: Thursday, April 18, 2024, 9 AM-12 Noon

SILVERARTS DISPLAY: Monday, April 22-Friday, April 26

SILVERARTS PEFORMING ARTIST'S SHOWCASE: Thursday, April 25, at 2PM at the Patrick Senior Center in

Kings Mountain.

PICKING UP OF SilverArts ENTRIES: Monday, April 29, 2024, from 9:00 AM-11:00 AM

SilverArts AWARDS LUNCH: Friday, May 17, 2024, at Terra Bella Senior Living,, 1550 Charles Road, Shelby

GENERAL INFORMATION

ELIGIBILITY

<u>People age 50 or better as of Dec. 31st, 2024</u> residing in Cleveland County or adjoining counties which do not have a Senior Games program are eligible to participate in SilverArts.

REQUIREMENTS

Entries must be the original work of the artist, and must be work created after the artist reached the age of 50. Artwork entries must have been completed within the past two years and have not been previously entered in the SilverArts competition. Cleveland County SilverArts reserves the right to refuse any art piece. Participants may enter any or all major categories: Visual, Literary, Performing, and Heritage, with a limit of three entries per sub-category.

REGISTRATION

For "Early-Bird" registration in all SilverArts categories, registration forms must be received by Friday, March 22, 2024 at 11:00 AM The cost for "Early-Bird" registration is \$12. After this date, the regular fee of \$16 will apply. The final deadline for SilverArts registration is Thursday, March 28, 2024 at 11:00 AM. AFTER THE FINAL DEADLINE, THERE ARE NO EXCEPTIONS IN FAIRNESS TO ALL PARTICIPANTS.

All <u>literary work being submitted for judging</u> must be in by <u>Friday, March 15, 2024</u> at 11:00 AM. All <u>artwork being submitted for judging</u> must be checked in on <u>Wednesday, April 17, 2024</u> between 9:00 AM and 12:00 Noon at the Neal Center. All entries may be picked up on <u>Monday, April 29, 2024</u> between 9:00 AM and 11:00 AM.

JUDGING

Judging for art entries will be held on <u>Thursday</u>, <u>April 18, 2024</u>. Art entries incorrectly categorized by the artist, or not in compliance with NCSG Guidelines and category requirements, will not be considered in the judging process.

AWARDS

First, second, and third-place winners in each Visual, Literary, Heritage and Performing Arts subcategory will be selected. A "Best-of-Show" will be selected in Performing Arts and will have the opportunity to represent Cleveland County SilverArts in the "Performing Arts Follies Show" in Raleigh, NC. A "First-Runner Up" will be chosen in the "Performing Artist's Showcase" to represent Cleveland County in the event the "Best-of-Show" winner is unable to compete.

STATE FINALS ENTRY INFORMATION

- *The SilverArts entry/entries entered <u>must be the same</u> entry/entries that won in the Cleveland County SilverArts competition.
- *An art entry may only be entered into one (1) SilverArts category.
- *Qualifiers for State Finals: First and second place winners in each Literary subdivision; the "Best of Show" or "First Runner Up" act in Performing Arts and the first, second and third place winners in each Heritage and Visual subdivision.
- *Artist must not submit an entry if the piece/performance/entry has been showcased in the previous SilverArts Showcase at State Finals.
- *Art entry/entries incorrectly categorized by the artist, or not in compliance with the NCSG Guide lines and category requirements, will not be considered in the judging process.

CANCELLATIONS

If you find that you are unable to participate in SilverArts after registering, please call Daniel Dedmon, Local Senior Games Coordinator as soon as possible. Requests for refunds must be made in writing. A full refund will be given to cancellations made by Thursday, March 28, 2024. Refund requests will not be accepted after the deadline date.

SILVERARTS PHILOSOPHY

The NC SilverArts, "a celebration of the creative expression of seniors in North Carolina," is a major component of the traditional athletic competition of North Carolina Senior Games. In a philosophy that strives to keep seniors healthy, active and involved, SilverArts unites the athlete and artist in a program that recognizes the similarities of both endeavors; discipline, dedication, and pride in one's accomplishments.

SilverArts provides a stage for the creative talents of the visual, heritage, literary and performing artists. Encouragement and recognition of creative potential and accomplishment is the goal of the SilverArts program.

In addition to giving seniors a venue for celebrating their creative talents, it inspires people of all ages to consider the life-long benefits of artistic expression. SilverArts contributes to the "total wellness" of the whole community.

SILVERARTS HISTORY

Incorporating arts with athletics in the Senior Games program was an idea conceived in 1986 and encouraged at the local level. In the spring of 1987, Senior Games Conference defined the SilverArts philosophy implemented at present — a celebration of the artist and the creative process. For the first few years, the SilverArts celebrated the visual, literary and performing arts. Representatives selected by local games were showcased at the State Finals. Many local games added Heritage Arts to their program. Because of its popularity on the local level and numerous requests by participants and local coordinators across the state, the Heritage Arts were added as an official category in 1991.

Many participants expressed their desire for more than a showcase at State Finals. In 1993, State Finals offered a SilverArts competition and awarded first, second and third places in each sub-category of Visual, Literary and Heritage Arts; and first second, and third places in Performing Arts and Cheerleading.

At present, the SilverArts recognizes five broad categories, each with sub-categories. First, second and third place winners in each sub-category of Visual and Heritage Arts are eligible for the State Finals. First and second place qualifiers in Literary Arts in each sub-category are eligible. One overall winner in the Performing Arts and Cheerleading categories is also eligible to compete at State Finals.

The NCSG judges SilverArts at State Finals. Medals are awarded in each sub-category in Visual, Literary and Heritage Arts. Medals in Performing Arts are awarded to solo, small group (2-4 performers), and large group (5 or more performers) per sub-category. Medals in Cheerleading are awarded in three group sizes; small (4 or less), medium (5-10) and large (11 or more).

The North Carolina Senior Games is excited about the SilverArts component, its impact on citizens of all ages across the state of North Carolina, and its contribution to the completion of the total wellness cycle.



Cleveland County SilverArts 2024 OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM



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FORMS IN THIS PACKET THAT APPLY TOWARDS THE AREA ENTERED.)

<u>LIABILITY/RESPONSIBILITY WAIVER</u> (ALL MUST BE SIGNED TO BE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE)

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	FOR LITERARY ARTISTS ONLY:
*I understand that the Council o	n Aging reserves the right to reprint all literary entries.
SIGNATURE OF LITERARY ARTIST:	

OFFICAL ENTRY FORM

PERFORMING ARTS CATEGORY

April 25, 2024

Competitive (3 minutes)	Non-competitive (5 minutes)	
heck the sub-category you wish to enter below. Please us nan one sub-category. Additional forms may be attained f enior Center in Kings Mountain.		
Comedy/Drama	Instrumental	
Dance	Line Dancing	
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Name of Act: Length of A	ct in minutes and seconds	
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(Please make sure that everyone from your group lists the san	ne information. Thank you!)	
Group Leader's Name:		
Group Leader's Phone Number:	Cell Phone:	
Equipment needed: Microphone(s) (max of 3) Cassette Player		
Chair(s)	Podium	
Piano	Sound System	
CD Player	Other	
I, the undersigned, warrant and represent that I am in good physical in the Performing Arts competition. I release North Carolina Senior County SilverArts and all other organizations associated with the Silvany personal injury, property damage, or exposure to COVID-19 sus Cleveland County Senior Games has my permission to have me treat	Games, Cleveland County Council on Aging,, Cleveland erArts Program for all actions or claims resulting from tained during the Performing Arts competition.	
Signature	Date	

Comments for use in introduction for your performance...please share something....anything!

Note: On-stage time for competitive entries is limited to <u>3 MINUTES</u> as directed by North Carolina Senior Games. <u>Non-competitive entries may have 5 minutes of on-stage time</u>. Competitive entries exceeding 3-minute time limit will be automatically disqualified.

OFFICIAL ENTRY FORM (Continued)

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HERITAGE ARTS CATEGORY

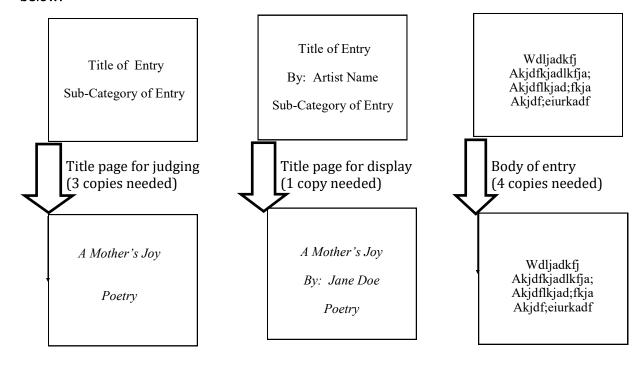
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LITERARY WORKS GUIDELINES

- An **essay** is a piece of writing, usually from an author's personal point of view. Essays are non-fictional but often subjective; while expository, they can also include narrative. Essays can be literary criticism, political manifestos, learned arguments, and observations of daily life.
- A **short story** is usually fictional narrative prose and tends to be more concise and to the point than longer works of fiction.
- A life experience is an autobiographical written reflection of some event/moment from "your life."

All entries must have a title page, which includes title of work, sub-category, and name of artist on the display copy only. Artist's name should not appear on pages other than the display Title Page. See examples below:



	<u> </u>	ITERARY ARTS CATEGORY*	
	Poem	Essay	Short Story
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FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS.....(Per North Carolina State Senior Games, Inc.)

1. What sub-category would these items be in?

ItemSub-CategoryA cross-stitched covered brickNeedleworkShell ArtMixed MediaWood BurningWood CarvingWearable ArtArt In Clothing

2. For Performing Arts, if there is time between two numbers in the same act for applause, does that count as part of the time limit? What about audience reaction (for instance, laughter for comedians)?

Yes, all on stage time counts towards the time limit!

3. For Performing Arts, if a participant pre-records their voice to use as a "back-up" and also sings as a second part live, does that meet the guidelines?

Yes, this is acceptable.

- 4. For Visual Arts, how many media must be used for a piece to be entered as mixed media? Two
- 5. For Heritage and Visual Arts, are pieces that are pre-stamped qualified for SilverArts? No, because they are not the original work of the artist.
- **6.** For Performing Arts, how can music be of "high quality" for State Finals?

 A CD is best! Use an <u>original</u> tape or CD or get it professionally copied at a radio station.
- 7. In Performing Arts, can an individual be in more than one act?

Yes, however, an artist may only have one (1) entry per <u>size</u> of act in each sub-category. Groups sizes are: Solo—1 person; Small Group-2 to 4 people; Large Group—5 or more people.

SPECIFIC CATEGORY REQUIREMENTS FOR SILVERARTS

See SilverArts Guidelines for general requirements.

A. Heritage Arts

• Entries must be the work of the individual and not a group.

Heritage Art entries must be an original work.
 Patterns may be used, but no stamped pieces will be accepted.

Pottery must be hand built or thrown.

 Latch hook rugs and pieces from ceramic molds will not be accepted.

• All framed work must be securely wired, ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Two-dimensional work not properly framed and wired will not be displayed.

Framed works can be no larger than 36" x 42",

including matting and frame.

Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.

• All entries, except framed work, must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3'(L) x 5'(Height).

• Groupings (sets) shall have no more than 3 separate pieces per set. All objects within each piece of the set must be contained within or attached to one of the 3 pieces of the set.

• Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be

attached to, entry for identification.

• Artist must send a photo of entry with State Finals Entry Form and SilverArts Information Form. Photos cannot be returned.

• Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.

• The heritage arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.

• An artist may only submit one (1) entry per subcategory at State Finals.

B. Visual Arts

- All artwork, except sculpture, must be framed, securely wired, and ready to be hung (no serrated hooks or string). Artwork, except sculpture, not properly wired will not be displayed.
- Artwork, except sculpture, can be no larger than 36" x 42", including matting and frame.

Entries can be no heavier than 50 pounds.

• Sculpture groupings (sets) may have no more than 3 pieces per grouping (set).

Mixed media may be a freestanding piece.

- Freestanding entries must be able to be displayed in an area 3'(W) x 3' (L) x 5' (height).
- Artists, or their representatives, are responsible to deliver and pick-up their entry at/during the designated times.
- If on-site assembly is required, details must be specified on the Information Form for NCSG prior approval.
- The art piece must be an original work, not a print.
- Artist's name and title of entry must appear on, or be attached to, entry for identification.
- Artist must send a photograph of entry with State Finals Entry Form and SilverArts Information Form. Photos cannot be returned.
- The visual arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.
- An artist may only submit one (1) entry per subcategory at State Finals.

C. Literary Arts

• All entries must be typed, double-spaced, on $8-1/2 \times 11$ paper and have a minimum of 1" margins. A minimum font size is 10-pt type (preferably "times new roman or arial").

Poems can be no longer than 40 lines.

• Short stories, essays, and life experiences can be no longer than 8 pages.

• All entries must have a title page, which includes title of entry, sub-category, and name of artist.

Artist's name must not appear on the content pages.

• A display-quality copy of the winning Literary Arts entries, and two (2) additional copies, should be submitted to NCSG by the artist with their official State Finals Entry Form and SilverArts Information Form. No framed or matted entries will be accepted.

The original and all copies will be retained by NCSG.

• The literary arts entry entered at State Finals must be the same entry that won at the Local Games.

• An artist may only submit one (1) entry per subcategory at State Finals.

D. Performing Arts

• An artist may only have one (1) entry per size of act in each sub-category.

• Performing entries are limited to three (3) minutes of on-stage time. Exceeding the time limit will result in automatic disqualification. Timing is the performer's responsibility and begins with the first note of music or the first movement visible to the audience and ends with the exit of the last performer from the stage or final movement of the act.

• Performing entries may be one of the following: (a) soloists, (b) small groups (2 - 4 performers), or (c) large groups (5 or more performers). Accompanist(s) will be counted to determine size of act. No one under age 55 as of Dec. 31st will be permitted on stage and an accompanist *must* be a registered participant.

All performers for all acts must <u>enter stage right</u> and exit stage left or begin and end on the stage. See the SilverArts

Manual for a stage diagram.

- If recorded music is used, the artist/group leader must provide to NCSG by August 1st (with State Finals Entry Form and SilverArts Information Form) a high-quality CD for their performance. No recorded instruction is permitted. Artists should pick up their music after the performance...it will not be mailed/returned. Their music/song should be the only music on the CD.
- At State Finals, NCSG can provide the following items: chairs, microphone(s), piano, sound system, and CD player. The act is responsible for all other props and equipment and <u>must</u> get NCSG <u>advance</u> approval for use at Show. Props must be small, few, light-weight and easy to set up quickly.

• Voice presentations must be a *live* performance by the artist. Background music can be recorded. Lip-synch is not

permitted as a performing art.

- The Group Leader, who must be a participant, must complete the *SilverArts Information Form* for the group and submit it with their *State Finals Entry Form* and each member of the group must submit their own personal *State Finals Entry Form* by the August 1st deadline.
- The performance at State Finals <u>must</u> <u>be the same</u> <u>performance</u> that won at the Local Games; i.e. same song, dance, music, etc.
- No live animals are allowed, except for service animals