

# THROUGH THE LENS 2026

Produced by Marin Society of Artists  
Show dates: July 26 to September 26, 2026  
Deadline to Enter: July 12, 2026

**THROUGH THE LENS 2026** is an online Fine Art exhibition produced by the Marin Society of Artists (MSA), open to all artists over the age of 18. All styles of photography, all subjects, and all types of photographic manipulation are eligible. **Bold and breathlessly creative images are especially invited.**

The show will be presented in two forms – an online presentation in the MSA “Virtual Gallery” which will include the price and contact information of the artist. Additionally, a video version showing all accepted works in the show will be produced and will remain available to view on MSA’s YouTube channel after the show closes.

Only online entries with digitally uploaded images to CaFÉ will be accepted. Digital entries must be RECEIVED via the CaFÉ application by July 12, 2026, before 11:59pm Mountain Time. Notification of acceptance will be by email and an online list of accepted artwork entries on the MSA website. **Note: Artwork previously juried into an MSA exhibition will not be accepted.**

**EXHIBITION DATES:** July 26, 2026, through September 26, 2026. The YouTube version of the exhibition will remain available after that date.

**RECEPTION:** A virtual ZOOM reception will be held on Sunday, August 2 at 5pm PST. Details and the link to the ZOOM will be released well in advance.

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**JUROR: Susan Spiritus.** Susan has been a leading figure in fine art photography for five decades, opening her Southern California gallery in 1976 to share her passion for the medium with a wider audience. Although much has evolved over the past 50 years, she has remained deeply engaged in the field and continues to maintain a strong presence across social media platforms.

## **AWARDS:**

First Prize: \$500. Second Prize: \$300. Third Prize: \$100. Several non-monetary Honorable Mention awards may be given at the Juror's discretion.

**FEES:** A non-refundable entry fee will be charged.

Non-members: \$35 for 3 entries, \$7 for each additional entry up to a maximum of 10 pieces.  
MSA members: \$30 for 3 entries, \$7 for each additional entry up to a maximum of 10 pieces.

Payments are to be made by credit card, debit (VISA or MC) or PayPal through the CaFÉ application. Diptychs and triptychs count as one piece, use only one image of the entire diptych or triptych.

## **HAVE QUESTIONS?**

For general information, email: [shows@msartists.org](mailto:shows@msartists.org). For assistance with online entry: Monday-Friday, 9am-5pm Mountain Time, contact: [contactCaFÉ@callforentry.org](mailto:contactCaFÉ@callforentry.org)

## **ENTRY INSTRUCTIONS**

Your entries must first be uploaded to "My Portfolio" on the CaFÉ application. You then choose images from your "Portfolio" to be entered in this exhibition.

- **Image Format:** JPG or JPEG

- **Dimensions:** 1200 pixels or greater on the longest side. CaFÉ may readjust your dimensions after entry to fit the limitations. Size: under 5 MB.

- **Description of artwork:** the description entered in your Portfolio with your image will be visible in the Online Exhibition, but not in the YouTube version.

- **Please check your entries for accuracy and typos.** No changes to title, price, or other material information will be permitted after July 12, 2026. All properly prepared entries will be viewed and judged by the juror. The decision of the juror is final. No more than 2 works by an artist will be included in the final juried selection.

## **CONTACT INFORMATION:**

Artwork accepted for the exhibition will include the artist's email on the Virtual Gallery site, in order that potential purchasers can contact them. Artists can opt to show their **website link** instead of their email address by indicating such on their CaFÉ entry.

## **ACCEPTED ARTWORK NOTIFICATION:**

Artists will receive email notices of accepted artwork by **July 20, 2026**, (by midnight PST). A SEPARATE email notice will be sent on the same date showing non-accepted artwork. In addition, a list of the accepted artwork will be posted on the MSA website.

## **SALES:**

Artwork in the show will be for sale at the price chosen by the artist. This price does not include shipping and handling costs. The artist will handle the sale of their artwork and shipping thereof. Any interested purchaser will contact the artist directly regarding purchase of artist's work. 100% of the sale of work will go to the artist; no commission to MSA. If the artist does NOT wish their entry to be for sale, they should show a \$0 price and select "not for sale" for that piece.

## **RULES AND TERMS TO APPLY:**

Entry into the exhibition constitutes agreement with the following: Accepted entries are reviewed for possible use in advertising and promoting the exhibition (invitations, newsletters, press releases, social media and other advertising). Your entry into the exhibition will constitute your consent to possible use of your images for such purposes. Entry into the exhibition constitutes agreement with the understanding artist's work will be featured in an online gallery show and YouTube video.

Entries will not be shown in the YouTube version of the exhibition if it appears to be prohibited by YouTube's policies. Marin Society of Artists, its officers, directors and/or volunteers will not be responsible for any misrepresentation of artwork, incorrect artwork information and/or the sale of works featured on this online gallery show. Marin Society of Artists reserves the right to refuse to show artwork which, in the opinion of the Board of Directors, will be offensive to those viewing the exhibition.

The juror for this show will be replaced with a different juror or jurors if the original juror becomes unavailable.