

Village Green Grand Hallway Gallery FAQ

How many pieces of art do I need to have a showing?

Conservatively, between 35 – 45 pieces depending on item size. You may share a show with other artists, but all must apply separately to get approval from VGAP members. There are two usable side walls in the gallery. The East wall being the larger and more uninterrupted space. The West wall is broken by windows, doors and the restroom area.

How long is the show?

Typically, two months. In case of artist generated cancellation, we have had one month shows but this is rare.

Artwork installation and take-down scheduling

Usually, the previous showing artist removes their pieces the last week of the second month. The gallery coordination volunteer will work with you to arrange a date for installation. This is typically near the beginning of the first week of the first month of your show, but before we schedule your reception (historically, on first Fridays. **You are responsible for hanging the show and removing it.** We are available to help stage pieces and help with details, but you must bring a crew (3 is a good number!) to help install and take down your artwork. There is ladder work involved and it can be challenging for some.

How is artwork displayed?

The gallery has a wire hanging system. They are attached to a track that runs along the top of the wall. They can be moved horizontally and can take up to 40 pounds each of hanging weight. You can hang multiple pieces on one wire, provided they are smaller sized and do not exceed the 40# max weight. For larger pieces, two wires are recommended. There are small safety hooks attached to the wires for hanging, therefore your pieces must be framed or matted with attached hangers or wires. There are about 55 wires available to hang.

How do I display info/labels for individual pieces?

*There should be small, paper or card stock labels with information about the piece, including price if the item is for sale. We use gallery putty, **nothing else may be attached to the painted walls.** In rare cases and spaces, we can use Command Hooks, which are plastic hooks backed with removable adhesive tabs. These take some care to remove and should be done by someone with experience using them.*

Can my artwork be for sale?

*Yes. All pieces for sale must be priced. **All transactions are between the artist and the buyer. Village Green Community Center volunteers are not involved in the sale process** or able to remove or install the artwork, except to place a red "sale" dot on the label. If a piece is sold during your show, it must be left on display till the show ends. On occasion, if the buyer wants to*

take the piece with them, you can sell the piece and replace it with something else as soon as possible. We suggest a 10% donation to VGAP from any sales to help keep our program running.

Can I show three dimensional items in the gallery?

If they can be hung safely, yes. There is also a small glass display case at the beginning of the hallway near the front counter that can be utilized for small sculptures, paintings etc. it cannot be used separately for a show or advertising (only) purposes. Our vision for the gallery space is to highlight local artists and give our community a chance to view, celebrate and be inspired by art.

Is there a reception for the artist?

*Yes! Usually we have an "opening" the first Friday of the first month of the show. This can change depending on the artist's schedule and community center building events. We provide simple snacks (usually crackers, cheese, fruit and/or cookies) and have water and sparkling cider available. **If you would like wine at the reception, we must apply for a special occasion permit from WA state 45 days in advance of the event. There is a \$60 charge for said permit, paid by the artist.** We will supply the wine and ask for a per glass donation from guests to support our program.*

Is any advertising/promotion done to support the event/show?

*Yes, we design a poster for display locally and include the show and the reception on the Village Green website, newsletter, events calendar, Facebook page, fliers, Chamber website, and e-board in Kingston. **The artist will be asked to supply pictures of artwork for the poster (and/or the artist) and an artist's statement one month in advance of the show, for display in the gallery.** Business cards are great, especially in case of art sales!*