

# Water & Stone Virtual Juried Art Show

## Illuminating Identity



As we continue celebrating our conference's 10-year anniversary, we invite you to submit 1-3 pieces of original artwork for our first ever Water & Stone Juried Art Show!

### Details and Guidelines:

Submission Deadline: May 15, 2026

Jurors Announced: May 1, 2026

Notification of Selection (Blind Judging): May 25, 2026

Art Show Opening: May 30, 2026

Show Run: May 30-June 14, 2026

### Theme: Illuminating Identity

We are fortunate to be in a profession where we hold space for others to hopefully feel seen, heard, and valued for who they are. As therapists, we don't always have access to that same space ourselves or we don't have time to show the amazing human behind the professional persona to those in our community. A chance to be witnessed and supported is very much needed in this day and age so, with that in mind, I hope you will join us in celebrating the amazing people that show up in the world the way you all do and create art about you as your amazing multifaceted self. Please create in a way that feels comfortable for you and choose what you would like to have witnessed by others. Whether it is some creative aspect of your inner world, an exploration of the masks you wear, or something that makes you uniquely you, I hope you will consider sharing your expressive art with us.

### Eligibility and Selection:

Open to Creative or Expressive Arts Therapists and Students. This is a juried art show, so all submissions will be looked at by 2-3 jurors. After a blind judging (based on art and artist's statement in relation to the theme) a percentage of the submissions will be chosen to be in the show.

### Submission Requirements:

- Up to 3 submissions per artist (original, not previously exhibited).
- Art created in the past 3 years.
- Digital Art is welcome, AI-generated work is not.
- All visual art mediums are acceptable (sculpture, drawing, painting, mixed media, etc.). Be in touch if you have any questions or need clarification.

### Image Specifications:

- High-Resolution JPEG or PNG (ex. 300+ dpi)
- File Name Format: LastName\_Title\_Year

### Include for Each Submission (word, pages, or text document - Not PDF):

- Title of the Piece
- Dimensions
- Medium/Materials Used
- Year Created
- Artist Statement (maximum 200 words per piece)
  - o share the meaning, process, or personal significance of your piece. Keep the theme in mind, but feel free to use the artist's statement in a way that fits best for you and what you would like to say.

**Agreements:**

- on the submission form, there are several agreements that relate to professionalism, ethics, originality, etc. Please reach out to Emery if you have any questions.

**Entry Fees:**

\$10 per piece (Venmo or Zelle)

**Recognition & CEUs:**

All Selected Artists: 10 ATCB Continuing Education Credits, 2 LCAT Contact Hours

In Addition...

Best in Show: Voted on by Conference Attendees - \$100 workshop credit\*

Juror's Top 3 Choices: \$75 workshop credit\*

Emery's Student Pick: 2 free workshops\*

\*Workshop credit can be used for any Water & Stone/Firefly & Phoenix continuing education offerings Sept 2026-May 2027 OR Individual Private Practice Mentoring.

**Art Show May 30-June 14**

All selected artwork will be featured on both the Water & Stone and Firefly & Phoenix Websites. Promotion on social media and other avenues for all artists selected!

**How to Submit Art and Information:**

1. Create Art!
2. Compile All Materials/Info Listed Above for each submission.
3. Fill Out the Submission Form with information for your submissions: <https://forms.gle/6fR92LMSsn1mxnJg7>
4. Email Images/Photos to Emery at [emery.mikel@creativelyhealing.com](mailto:emery.mikel@creativelyhealing.com)
5. Send Entry Fee to Venmo: Emery-Mikel OR Zelle: 703-402-4515

Looking forward to seeing your amazing creativity!  
Thank you for being you!

Questions?

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More Information on the Conference...

<https://www.fireflyandphoenix.com/conference>