



ALL ARTS GALLERY
307 Market Street
Lowell, MA. 01852

Close to Home

A juried photography exhibition

Open to members and non-members

March 6 - April 26, 2026

Questions - Please contact steve@vangoghsgear.com

THEME

What does it mean to be close to home? Is it a physical place? Is it a warm feeling that comes over you when you think of being close to home? Maybe you have a wider vision of "home", such as the town you live in, or even the state, or the country. Show the juror your photographic vision of being "close to home".

We also ask that you provide a short description of each entry. How is "close to home" depicted? Please type your description in the "**additional description**" field when you fill out the form for each entry.

ELIGIBILITY

Entry to this show is open to ALL members (dues up to date) and non-members. **Submitted work must not have been shown previously at the Arts League of Lowell Gallery.** Student work done under direct supervision is not eligible.

WORK REQUIREMENTS

Work will be the juried using digital images entered via an online entry form. Artists may enter 1 to 3 photographs. Works chosen must be securely and professionally presented. Works must be wired and ready to hang. No saw-tooth or keyhole hangers. If your work is not properly prepared to hang, it will be rejected at drop off, even if previously accepted into the show.

Work cannot exceed **30** inches in **any** dimension, including the frame.

Please call or e-mail Steve Syverson, Gallery Committee, 978-973-1144, (or steve@vangoghsgear.com) if you have questions.

VOLUNTEERING REQUIREMENTS

Exhibiting ALL members are **required** to sign up to gallery sit for one shift at **drop off**.

Members who do not wish to honor their gallery sitting obligation for this show may pay the non-member entry fee of \$40 and pay a 40% commission on any work sold.

APPLICATION/ENTRY FEE

ALL members, \$30.00 for up to 3 works. Non-members \$45.00 for up to 3 works. Please follow the online instructions and provide completed labels as shown. You may join ALL at the time of application, pay the ALL members' entry fee and sign up for gallery-sitting when you deliver your work. Entry fees are not refundable. Acceptance or inclusion of work submitted to this show is at the discretion of the juror and not guaranteed. Accepted work can be rejected for non-compliance with show requirements, (see "Work Requirements" above). Submissions will not be accepted without the accompanying entry fee.

JUROR

Jeff Caplan is a fine art photographer and educator who has been creating compelling images with his cameras for over 35 years. Originally from Lowell, Massachusetts, Jeff developed his photographic skill set during the early 1990s while studying at The Art Institute of Boston. There he delved into advanced black & white printing techniques and alternative photographic processes. He continues to advance his knowledge of photography, video, and new media in the digital age.

ONLINE APPLICATION

PLEASE NOTE: It has been reported that our online application does not behave properly when accessed with an iPAD. Please use another computer (Apple or PC). If you only have an iPAD, please contact Roberta (roberta@mediapersecond.com) for help.

No paper applications will be considered for this show. The online application site is available now. Go to this location to access the application:

<https://www.artleagueoflowell.org/gallery/showentry/Home2026>

The application deadline for this show is midnight, Saturday, February 21, 2026. NO LATE ENTRIES will be accepted.

You may enter up to 3 works for the show with one to three images of each work submitted. Any ensemble (i.e.: diptychs, triptychs) works should be submitted as one entry.

- Please prepare your images and information **BEFORE** starting the application. If your browser is closed before your application is complete, you will have to start the application again.
- Images must be .jpg or .jpeg format.
- **THIS IS A BLIND JURY.** Please do not use your name as part of the image file names.
- Image file size must be **less than 2 megabytes** for uploading.
- **IMPORTANT!** File names must **not** include any spaces or special characters other than underscores or dashes. Images with special characters in the file name may not upload with no indication to you.
- For this show, we also ask that you provide a short description of each entry. How is "close to home" depicted. Please type your description in the "**additional description**" field when you fill out the form for each entry.

Follow the online instructions to complete the entry process and pay the appropriate entry fee.

Your application will be considered complete after the entry fee is paid online with a credit/debit card or PayPal account. If you have a problem with the online application, preparing or uploading your images or with paying the entry fee online, please contact Roberta Bloom by email at roberta@mediapersecond.com for help or to start the application process again. The point person will confirm, via email, receipt of your completed application with instructions for drop-off of accepted works.

DELIVERY OF WORK

Deliver work at designated drop off times to ALL Arts Gallery, 307 Market St, Lowell, 01852. If intending to ship your work, you must contact Steve Syverson at: steve@vangoghsgear.com. **Bring your completed paper entry form and completed labels (at the end of this document)** to attach to each work when you drop off your work. ALL MEMBERS: please be prepared to sign up for a gallery sitting date at drop-off. Bring your calendar!

SALES

ALL takes a 25% commission on members' work sold, and a 40% commission on non-members work sold. Payment for work will be made no later than 15 days after the close of the exhibit.

INSURANCE AND LIABILITY

Every reasonable precaution will be taken to ensure protection and careful handling of work. The Arts League of Lowell carries limited insurance to cover damage to artwork accepted into this show.

PICK UP OF WORK

Please respect the times noted in the exhibition calendar below.

ART WORK not picked up after the times and dates shown below, will become property of ALL after 30 days, to be sold or disposed of at ALL's discretion.

EXHIBITION CALENDAR

ONLINE APPLICATION deadline.....

Saturday, Feb. 21, 2026, midnight

NOTIFICATION OF ACCEPTED WORK...

Wednesday, Feb. 25, 2026

HAND DELIVERY of ACCEPTED WORK..

Sunday, Mar. 1, 2026 (4-6 pm)

and Monday, Mar. 2, 2026 (12-2pm)

Friday, Mar. 6, 2026

SHOW OPENS

Saturday, Mar. 14, 2026 (3-5pm)

RECEPTION

Sunday, Apr. 26 (4 pm)

SHOW CLOSES

Sunday, Apr. 26 (4-6pm) or

PICK UP of work.....

Monday, Apr. 27 (12-2 pm)

You CANNOT remove your work earlier than Sunday, April 26 at 4pm.

ALL Entry Form –Close to Home
Please fill out and bring with your work to drop off.

ARTIST AGREEMENT

With the submission of artwork to “**Close to Home**” show, the artist agrees to all terms set forth in the prospectus, and grants permission to photograph and reproduce any accepted work for publicity purposes.

Signed _____ Date _____

* **FOR GALLERY USE ONLY** Member? Yes No
Fee paid _____ Gallery Sit Date _____

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PLEASE ATTACH TO WORK - CUT Along Double Line

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