



ALL ARTS GALLERY
307 Market Street
Lowell, MA. 01852

Shapes and Symbols

Open to all artists

Sept. 4, 2026 – Nov. 1, 2026

Questions - Please contact debames8@gmail.com

THEME

Our work as Artists is the platform where the relationship between Shape and Symbols reveal the importance that we uniquely assigned to these elements. They are fundamental in all that we do to communicate. Our particular vision is channeled through these expressions which find their way into our work.

Sometimes highly personal in nature or expressed as universal archetypes, shapes and symbols find a home where they, with color, value, and line can become art.

How are shape and symbols represented in your work? Are they primarily visual elements among many, or do they drive your process? Have you developed your own visual symbology? Are your shapes and symbols related to a cultural experience? Are you drawn to certain types of shapes?

Acceptance of work will be based on a demonstrated understanding of this theme and how it is expressed through your work, artistic technique and design principles.

ELIGIBILITY

- Entry to this show is open to all artists and to all media. Active (dues up to date) ALL members as well as non-members.
- AI computer generated artwork will not be accepted.
- **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 curated by the Gallery Committee, for consistency with the theme, using digital images entered via an online entry form. Artists may enter 1 to 3 works. Works chosen must be securely and professionally presented. Hanging works must be wired and ready to hang. No saw-tooth or keyhole hangers. If your work is not properly prepared to hang, or otherwise install, it will be rejected, even if previously accepted into the show.

Hanging work cannot exceed 40 inches in either dimension, including the frame. For self-standing work, maximum size is 8' high x 4' wide x 4' long. Work over 40 pounds or requiring special installation or handling must be installed by the artist. Several pedestals are available for artists' use. Proposals will also be considered for installations, which must be set up by the artist, in a space agreed upon ahead of the installation schedule. To submit an installation proposal, please contact Steve (steve@vangoghsgear.com) to learn how to do the submission.

If you have questions, please contact Steve, for the Gallery Committee. Call 978-973-1144, or e-mail steve@vangoghsgear.com.

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, \$25.00 for up to 3 works. Non-members \$40.00 for up to 3 works. Please follow the online instructions and provide completed paper labels as shown on page 4 of this document. 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 curator(s) and is 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.

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.artsleagueoflowell.org/gallery/showentry/Shapes2026>

The application deadline for this show is midnight, **Saturday, 8/22/26**. 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
- 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.

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 member work sold. For non-member work sold, ALL takes a 40% commission. 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, August 22, 2026, midnight
NOTIFICATION of ACCEPTED WORK...	Thursday, August 27, 2025
HAND DELIVERY of ACCEPTED WORK.	Sunday, August 30, 2026 (4-6 pm) and Monday, August 31, 2026 (12-2pm)
SHOW OPENS	Friday, Sept. 4, 2026
RECEPTION	Saturday, Sept. 19, 2026 (3-5pm)
SHOW CLOSES	Sunday, Nov. 1, 2026 (4 pm)
PICK UP of work.....	Sunday, Nov. 1, (4-6 pm) or Monday, Nov. 2, (12-2 pm)

You MAY NOT remove your work earlier than Sunday November 1, at 4pm.

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

ARTIST AGREEMENT

With the submission of artwork to the **Shapes and Symbols** 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 _____ Printed name _____ Date _____

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

Shapes and Symbols “ALL” Show Labels

PLEASE PRINT CLEARLY

PLEASE ATTACH TO WORK - CUT along double lines and attach a label to the back of each submitted work

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Artist Name _____ Phone _____

Title _____ Price or NFS _____

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