



# 2025 ARTS-AUX-PARCS EXHIBITION

## CALL FOR PROPOSALS

**REGISTRATION DEADLINE**  
**Monday, February 3, 2025**

### GENERAL DESCRIPTION

Arts-aux-Parcs is a visual and applied arts exhibition taking place on Saturday, May 24 and Sunday, May 25, 2025. This event will be held at du Sommet School, at 2197, montée Paiement in Val-des-Monts. This Municipality, situated just fifteen minutes from downtown Gatineau, enjoys an influx of vacationers, from May to October, thanks to its proximity to Ottawa and the many lakes on its territory.

By this ninth presentation, Arts-aux-Parcs has earned its reputation of warm welcome for its participants while allowing them to rub shoulders with a clientele eager for artistic discoveries. The Arts-aux-Parcs organizing committee invites you to register and take part in this year's event which will be under the honorary presidency of Mr. Shawn Barber-Lanthier, owner of the Familiprix in Val-des-Monts. We are also delighted to welcome, as guest artist, Natalie Louise Pilon from Val-des-Monts, winner of the Peer's Prize award at the Arts-aux-Parcs 2024 exhibition.

So welcome to Arts-aux-Parcs 2025!

Lucie Gosselin and René Gosselin  
Responsibles for artists' registrations  
NPO Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts  
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# INFORMATION

## 1. Participants' Selection :

- An external selection committee, the jury, will be responsible for the evaluation of the participants.
- Each applicant will receive an answer as to whether they have been selected or not by mid-March 2025.
- **Selection criteria**. The selection criteria are based on originality, composition and technique. Every artwork submitted must be an original (no copies allowed).

## 2. Cost :

The registration fee is \$130 for the week-end. No reimbursement will be made if you cancel after April 15, 2025.

## 3. Services :

### ▪ Food

- Free water and coffee are available upon presentation of the badge you received upon arrival;
- Free breakfast and lunch – delivered at noon on Saturday and Sunday;
- At the *Café des Artistes*, you can buy a variety of drinks and tasty treats.

### ▪ Publicity

Promotional posters, leaflets and bookmarks will be left at strategic businesses and public places. Postcards will be mailed to each Val-des-Monts citizen. The electronic version of the publicity will be available to all participants. Our Facebook page and our Web site will also promote the exhibition.

- **Prizes**

- **Public's choice** : a prize of \$500 will be awarded to the artist who garnered the most votes from the visitors.
- **Apero Prize** : A first draw will be made among the visitors' bulletins. The winner will be able to select an artwork from the artist they voted for and Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts will pay up to a maximum amount of \$500 for the work of art the winner has selected.
- **ARTS-AUX-PARCS Prize** : a second draw will be made among the visitors' bulletins. The winner will be able to select an artwork from their favorite artist and Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts will pay up to a maximum amount of \$300 for the artwork selected by the winner.
- **Peer's Prize**: a prize of \$500 will be awarded to the artist who garners the most votes among their peers. This prize comes along with the designation as the 2026 Arts-aux-Parcs Exhibition invited artist.
- **Jury' Prize**: a prize of \$500 will be awarded to the artist or artisan who ranked highest among the jurors.
- **Francine-Gosselin Recognition Award** : a prize of \$500, valid for Arts-aux-Parcs 2025, will be awarded to the person whose involvement has helped develop the Arts-aux-Parcs exhibition.
- **Student's Prize**: Two Prizes of \$50 per participating school will be awarded to 2 students from each school.

- **Wrapping**

Wrapping of sold artwork is offered at no cost.

#### 4. Schedule :

Saturday, May 24, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Installation starting at 06:30</li><li>▪ Breakfast for participants and volunteers from 08:30 to 09:30</li><li>▪ Exhibition opens to the public from 10:00 to 17:00</li><li>▪ Lunch will be distributed to participants and volunteers around noon.</li><li>▪ A 5 to 7 social event is offered to help participants socialize.</li></ul>
Sunday, May 25, 2025	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>▪ Breakfast for participants and volunteers from 08:30 to 09:30</li><li>▪ Exhibition opens to the public from 10:00 to 17:00</li><li>▪ Lunch will be distributed to participants and volunteers around noon.</li><li>▪ Distribution of prizes begins at 16:15.</li><li>▪ Exhibition closing and dismantling of stands starts at 17:00.</li></ul>

#### 5. Exhibitor :

In the gymnasium, a 10' x 6' location is allotted to each participant. One table (2'x6') and two chairs will be available upon request. In the multipurpose hall, all locations measure 8'x8'.

No participant shall use more space than what is allotted to them.

- **Grids** : The organisers of the Arts-aux-Parcs Exhibition will be needing all the grids available in order to mark off the spaces for the participants. Each black metal grid is 2'x6' for the side walls. The grids used for back wall measure 2'x8'.
- **Presence** ; Each exhibitor must be present during opening hours, that is on Saturday and Sunday from 10:00 to 17:00.
- **Lights** : The Organizing Committee furnishes the electrical network for the lights. Each participant must bring their own lights and extension cords. DEL lights are highly recommended.

## 6. Responsibilities:

- Each participant is responsible for the installation of their own material and artwork;
- All artwork presented must be original and authentic;
- All canvases must be framed or painted along the sides;
- It is incumbent on the artist to obtain any insurance deemed necessary and completely exonerates the Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts Organizing Committee from any responsibility;
- Each participant is responsible for the payment of their sales. The organizing committee offers a **Square payment system** located at the *Café des Artistes*. All participants are welcome to use it, free of charge.
- Exhibitors are solely responsible for their inventory.

## 7. Exhibition closing:

Dismantling the stands will begin at 17:00 on Sunday, May 25, 2025.

## 8. Lodging:

Thanks to the hospitality of Val-des-Mont's citizens, our organization is able to offer lodging to participants coming from outside our region (upon request).

## 9. Installation procedure:


Once you arrive at École du Sommet, you go in the schoolyard, by the garage doors, which are next to the gymnasium. A volunteer will meet you at the door to guide you to your site.

### Additional information:

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819-671-0774 or [artsauxparcs@gmail.com](mailto:artsauxparcs@gmail.com)

 Facebook : Arts-Aux-Parcs and Web site: [www.artsauxparcs.com](http://www.artsauxparcs.com)



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## May 24 and 25 2025

### REGISTRATION FORM

First name: \_\_\_\_\_ Last name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City: \_\_\_\_\_ Postal Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cellular: \_\_\_\_\_

E-Mail: \_\_\_\_\_

Web Site/Facebook: \_\_\_\_\_

***Need lodging (Tick if necessary)***

***State the medium you will be displaying at Arts-aux-Parcs 2025***

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### REGISTRATION FILE

**Include :**

- A short bio (2 pages maximum) which should include your artistic approach;
- Three (3) photos of your recent artwork or digital photos in high resolution;(a digital file is preferred).
- A cheque in the amount of \$130, dated February 3, 2025, made out to **Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts**, to cover the registration fees. You can also make a bank transfer to [artsauxparcs@gmail.com](mailto:artsauxparcs@gmail.com) if you prefer.

Cheques will not be cashed until you are accepted as a participant. If you decide to cancel your registration, no reimbursement will be made past April 15, 2025;

- Your Registration Form.

- **OPTIONAL**: Send us a photo of yourself for our Facebook page and our Web site.

- I have read and I accept the responsibilities of the artist as mentioned in the information section of this document.
- I waive the Non-Profit Organization (NPO) Arts-aux-Parcs des Monts of all responsibility regarding breakage, fire, theft, damage, vandalism, wind, etc. that may occur during the 2025 Arts-aux-Parcs Exhibition.
- I also agree that the pictures of my artwork may be published on the Facebook page and the Arts-aux-Parcs Web site

Signature : \_\_\_\_\_ Date : \_\_\_\_\_

**Please send your registration documents** at the following electronic address:  
[artsauxparcs@gmail.com](mailto:artsauxparcs@gmail.com) or by post at:

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