

NORTH AMERICAN FESTIVAL OF WALES – September 2-6, 2026 – Springfield, MA

VISUAL ARTS COMPETITION (Wisconsin Welsh Award)

- This competition invites visual artistic submissions (painting, sketch, sculpture, etc.) for popular adjudication at the Festival. In 2026, entrants are asked to submit a work on the theme of **“Heritage,” with some clear relevance to Wales or Welsh history or culture.**
- Submitted pieces will be installed and displayed during the Festival at its headquarters hotel, Sheraton Springfield Monarch Place Hotel, One Monarch Place, Springfield, MA 01144.
- Festival attendees will be invited to adjudicate via secret ballot, one vote per person to choose one submitted piece. Artists will remain anonymous throughout the voting process.
- Via the online entry form (at the Eisteddfod section of the Festival website, www.festivalofwales.org), please provide a title and short description of your piece, along with estimated maximum dimensions (length x width x height), no later than **August 29, 2026**. Only one piece per person will be accepted.
- **There is no restriction as to when the piece was created. However, no entrant may submit a piece that was previously submitted to this competition.**
- There is no entry fee for this competition.
- **Prizes** (in US dollars) are: Winner: \$75 / Second place: \$50 / Third place: \$25.
- Owing to potential space restrictions, the Eisteddfod Committee reserves the right to place a cap on the number of entries, at its discretion, prior to the deadline. You will receive confirmation from the Committee, via email, if your entry is accepted for the competition.
- Receipt of accepted pieces for entry, and their installation, will take place on **Friday, September 4, between 10:00 AM and 3:30 PM**, at the hotel and in a room specified at Festival Registration.
- Display of the entered pieces, for popular viewing and adjudication, will take place at the hotel **between 10:00 AM and 4:00 PM on Saturday, September 5**. Prize winners will be announced during the Festival weekend at a time and place to be communicated.
- **QUESTIONS?** For more information and queries regarding this competition, please contact the NAFOW Eisteddfod Committee (Tel: 412-215-9161, Email: eisteddfod@nafow.org).