

Gallery Happenings

Holiday Festivities at Gallery Moab

by Thea Nordling

Another year is winding down as the darkest time of the year approaches! Duck into Gallery Moab to get out of the cold and enjoy a dash of color and creative energy to fuel you through the holidays. Our artist-owned and operated cooperative gallery features original fine art and artisan crafts hand made by local and regional artists celebrating our beloved canyon country landscape.

Charlotte Quigley, our featured artist for December, will present a special show of plein air paintings she created for the 2025 Artist in the Park Program. Selected as this year’s Community Artist in the Parks for the Southeast Utah national parks, she spent 24 hours a month from April through October painting on site in Arches, Canyonlands, Hovenweep, and Natural Bridges. During that time she connected with over a thousand people and completed more than 40 paintings. This exhibit highlights some of her favorite pieces from painting in the parks. She says of her experience, “I developed a love for plein air painting, a love of sitting and just being in these beautiful open air spaces, and meeting people from all over the world who are appreciating our parks.”

Quigley has a deep well of experience with both art and the national parks. She lived at several national parks in New Mexico before moving to Moab 19 years ago. A life-long watercolorist, she also is skilled in working with pastels and oil paints. She has a master’s degree in art history and experience as a teacher, arts council director, and art museum registrar and curator.



The gallery will host an opening reception for Quigley on Saturday, December 6, from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. Join us for a festive evening of refreshments and creative camaraderie before the Electric Light Parade begins. If you can’t make it that evening, Quigley’s exhibition will hang in the gallery throughout December.



Give the gift of art this holiday season! Come in, browse and enjoy the diversity of original art and one-of-a kind artisan crafts. Each artist has a favorite medium and unique personal style and vision, so you’re likely to find something here to appeal to any taste and budget. One of the artists is always on hand to answer your questions and help you find that perfect gift or memento of your canyon country experience.



THANK YOU to our local community and visitors for your support and encouragement!

Open Sunday & Monday 12:00–3:00 pm:
Tuesday through Saturday 12:00–6:00 pm.
Call 435-220-0891 and we will gladly open by appointment during other hours.
We look forward to your visit!
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Stoopfest 2026 Launch: Open Call for Performance Proposals

We’re excited to announce Stoopfest, a performance art festival presented on porches, stoops, trailer beds, front steps, and side yards across Moab. This neighborhood-based event will highlight local and regional performance art that may include short plays, pop-up dance performances, stand-up comedy, experimental noise experiences, magic tricks, surprises, and other underrepresented art forms. Sponsored in part by Moab City RAPTax, Stoopfest will be free to attend, with tips and donations encouraged. No markets, no booths, no tickets, no roof! Just weird and wonderful ideas, devised and performed on our stoops.



Open call Nov 17–Dec 14 for performers & collaborators. On Saturday, March 7, the public will be invited to enjoy a series of performances hosted across Moab. Featured performance artists will be supported with budget, cast, crew, technical support, musicians, builders, actors, costume closets, and the informal stages of local stoops and porches. We’re looking for approximately 45-minute-long performances at each location—each stoop may host a series of short pieces or one longer show (or an experiential other thing)—and a community crawl between stages. In addition to progressive porch performances on Saturday afternoon, the weekend will involve workshops and pop-up events. Submit your performance piece (between five to 45 minutes long), pop-up event, or workshop idea.

Stoopfest is an invitation for all who love Moab, locals and visitors alike, to explore art of place with emphasis on self-expression, connection, and creation.

- Activate everyday spaces (stoops, porches, yards) as stages for creative expression
 - Support local performance artists
 - Strengthen neighborhood connection, encouraging people to meet their neighbors
 - Encourage experimentation in performance forms that don’t fit traditional venues
 - Get weird in response to weird times
- Examples of Desired Performance

Art: Dance, Theater, Clowning, Conceptual Physical Art, Puppetry, Immersive Experiences, Comedy, Multimedia, Games, Creative Storytelling, Parades, Light Projections.

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Call for Art: The Annual Canyonlands Field Airport Showcase

Moab Arts has opened applications for the 2026 Canyonlands Field Airport Gallery. This annual show invites local artists to submit their work for a chance to be featured. Up to 30 spots are available for hanging artworks, with additional pieces to be displayed at Moab City Hall. The artists’ work is also eligible to be purchased as a part of the City’s permanent collection that is displayed at various City buildings including City Hall, the Aquatic and Recreation Center, and the Moab Arts Center. This program is part of the City of Moab’s effort to showcase and support local art and Artists throughout Grand County.

Since 2018, Moab Arts has been featuring a rotating collection of works from Moab-area artists at the Moab Airport (CNY), transforming the space into a vibrant gallery for visitors and locals to enjoy and purchase. View and purchase current works at <https://www.moabarts.org/airport>.

Submission Requirements (to marcadmin@moabcity.gov):
Submit photos *and* dimensions for up to 3 works of art.*
Maximum dimensions accepted (including frame): 44” x 58”.
Only hanging works will be accepted; sculptures cannot be accommodated.
Work must be in “ready to hang” shape by drop-off date.

Timeline:

Applications open: **Nov. 1, 2025 - Dec. 20, 2025**

Artists notified by: **Jan. 5, 2026**

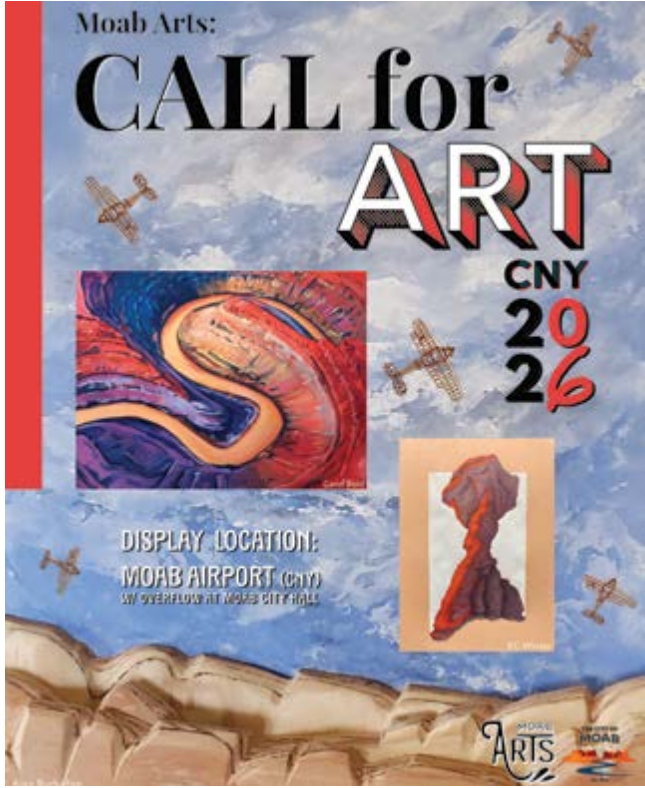
Art drop-off date: **Jan. 7-30, 2026**

Reception: **Feb. 6, 2026**

Artwork will be hung in the airport: **Feb. 2026**

Works will be displayed until approximately **Jan. 2027**

*If you do not have dimensions set yet, please contact our staff with questions.
For more information or to apply, please contact Moab Arts Staff at marcadmin@moabcity.gov or by phone at 435-259-6272.



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