

DARE ARTS PRESENTS

THE 29TH ANNUAL MOLLIE FEARING MEMORIAL ART SHOW



2025 EXCELLENCE AWARD "BLUE IN THE FACE" BY LISA LEMAIR

**RECEPTION SUNDAY, MAY 3 | 2-4PM
ON DISPLAY IN THE COURTROOM GALLERY | MAY 5 - 30**



**CALL TO ARTISTS &
SPONSORSHIP GUIDE
PROSPECTUS,
GUIDELINES**



Mollie Fearing Portrait

SAVE THE DATE

Artwork Drop Off: There is a protocol for artwork drop-off. Artists can sign up online at DareArts.org/molliefearingshow for a specific day and time to drop off their artwork. Work must be hand-delivered by appointment to Dare Arts, 300 Queen Elizabeth Avenue in Manteo, between 10am & 4pm Thursday, April 23, Friday, April 24 or Saturday, April 25. You will be expected to pay the entry fee by at the time of drop off. A completed identification label (included on the last page of this prospectus) should be attached to the work.

Opening Reception & Show Dates: Join us for the opening reception, sponsored by the Fearing Family, on Sunday, May 3 from 2pm - 4pm at the Dare Arts Gallery. The show will remain open during normal gallery hours from May 5-30.

Artwork Pick-Up Date: Tuesday, June 2 from 10am to 5pm. Please make arrangements for pick-up on that day. Unless prior arrangements have been made, artwork remaining after pick-up will be considered a donation to Dare Arts. Artists may not remove entries before this designated time.

GUIDELINES

Entry Fees:

Open to Dare Arts members and non-members. Member entry fee is \$25 and non-member entry fee is \$35. Works by artists under the age of 18 are subject to Dare Arts Program Committee approval.

Submitted Works:

Each artist may submit one entry in any visual arts medium. Entries must be original, executed within the last two years (without supervision), and not previously displayed at Dare Arts. Those who wish to submit any digital media must contact the Gallery Director for approval.

All works must be presentation-ready. Paint must be dry. Frameable pieces must be framed (unless having no frame is essential to the piece) and cannot weigh more than 25lbs. Necessary hardware must be attached to hanging pieces—no sawtooth hangers. Bases must be attached and/or displays included.

All work must be signed by the artist.

Two-dimensional pieces must not exceed sixty inches in height or width (including frame). Three-dimensional pieces may not exceed six feet in height (including base) or six feet in diameter. For work requiring special installation or care, please contact DareArtsShows@gmail.com before submission.

All artwork must be for sale. Selling price should include a 40% commission retained by Dare Arts. Artist payments will be mailed by the 15th of June. Dare Arts reserves the right to photograph the entries for publicity purposes. Dare Arts reserves the right to refuse any entry.

Liability & Sales:

While the best possible care will be exercised in the handling of works, neither the Gallery, their employees and volunteers, nor the sponsoring agencies shall be held responsible for loss or damage from fire, theft, vandalism, or any other cause. Submission of artwork shall imply an agreement by the artist to the conditions set forth in the prospectus.

SPONSORSHIP AND AWARDS

Sponsorship:

Please consider sponsoring one of the Mollie Fearing Memorial Art Show awards in 2026 - both businesses and individuals are encouraged to support an award. Each of our award sponsors is recognized widely in our community:

- Logo signage at the Dare Arts gallery
- Logo or name recognition with award ribbon
- Press releases and media coverage
- Posters in high traffic locations
- Dare Arts website and social media

Please contact Executive Director, Jessica Sands at DareArtsInfo@gmail.com or (252) 473-5558 to sponsor an award.

Mollie A. Fearing & Associates is our founding sponsor. Their ongoing support of the show is given in honor of Mollie Fearing and her many years of support of the arts in Dare County.

Awards:

Each year, we encourage all artists to bring their best, most innovative work to the show for the possibility of winning one of the show's awards.

Best In Show: \$500

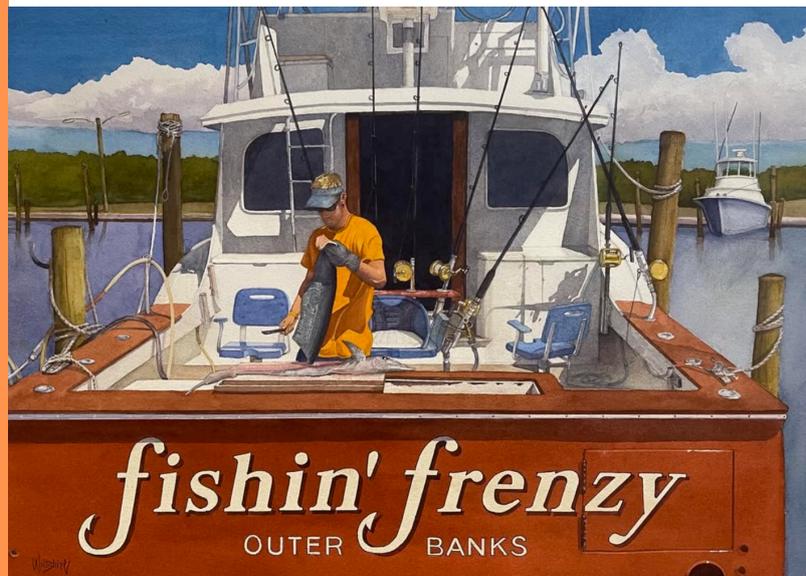
Excellence Awards (4): \$250 each

Honorable Mentions (3): \$100 each

People's Choice: \$75 (selected by public ballot during the opening reception)



2025 Best in Show Winner "Agnus" by Eric Riggs



2025 People's Choice Winner "Fishin' Frenzy" by Bobby Wilshire



2025 Excellence Award Winner "Sunset Palette" by Lori Goll

OUR JUDGE: CAROLINA COTO



Born in San José, Costa Rica, Carolina Coto earned a Bachelor's Degree in Fine Art with an emphasis in Painting from the University of Costa Rica in 2007. She has lived and worked as a full-time artist on the Outer Banks of North Carolina since 2011.

Her work is inspired by the landscapes of the Outer Banks, the rhythm of life near the ocean, and the places she has encountered during her travels. The vibrant colors and natural beauty of Costa Rica, where she was born and raised, continue to play an important role in her artistic expression.

Her paintings are held in private collections in Spain, Costa Rica, and the United States.

The Mollie Fearing Memorial Art Show is held annually in memory of Mollie Fearing, one of the founding members of Dare Arts.

In 1975, a group of citizens gathering at Mollie's house began what was originally called the Sea and Sounds Arts Council. It was established to bring cultural arts programming to Dare County, including dance, theater, visual arts, music, literature and more.

50 years later, her vision, and that of our founders, remains strong in our organization.

Mollie was a vital supporter and advocate of the arts until she passed away on September 3, 1997. We are pleased to celebrate her memory and remember her many contributions to our area through this annual exhibit.

Please complete this identification label. If your work is two-dimensional, affix it to the upper left corner on the back of your artwork. If your work is three-dimensional, please attach it to the bottom of the work.

Name: _____

Address: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Title: _____

Medium: _____

Year Created: _____

Selling Price: _____



The Annual Mollie Fearing Memorial Art Show is hosted by Dare Arts, 300 Queen Elizabeth Ave, Manteo, NC 27954. To become a member or volunteer for our organization, please call Dare Arts at (252) 473-5558 or visit DareArts.org.