

# 2024 Meeker Classic Sheepdog INTERNATIONAL ART AND PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST

Join us for the 37th year of a show diverse in its origins and rich with creativity, the show presents some of the finest original sheep dog artwork and photography to be found. Held in conjunction with the Meeker Classic Sheepdog Championship Trials in Meeker, Colorado, the show is held in the historic Wilber Barn at the trial site and will be viewed by thousands of visitors. The 2024 Winning artwork will be the POSTER artwork used for the 2025 Meeker Classic poster, official apparel and souvenir items. A separate Photography Contest is included in the show. The winning entry of the 2024 Photography Contest will be used in 2025 Meeker Classic publicity material.

## EVENT DATES & LOCATION:

Wednesday, September 4 - Sunday, September 8, 2024

Entries Open: 3/1/24

Entry Deadline: 7/15/24

Wilber Barn at Ute Park

1901 Market Street, Meeker, Colorado

## ELIGIBILITY/MEDIA:

- ◆ Exhibit is open to all artists aged 15 years and older.
- ◆ **The theme of artwork entries must reflect sheepdog trials (Sheep, dog or Handler) In order to be eligible for the judging for the contest, the theme must have two of the three subjects (sheep, dog, handler) in the work. \*\*Work can still be entered and sold regardless of the judging.**
- ◆ Entries must be original artwork not previously entered in a Meeker Classic Art Contest. Any reproducible medium is acceptable. Sculptures and digital art are not eligible.
- ◆ Photography Class: Digital enhancement of images to improve photographic quality and impact is allowed.
- ◆ Size at artist's discretion.
- ◆ All artwork must be available for sale by silent auction held by the Meeker Classic from *September 4-8, 2024* at no less than the Minimum Sale Price specified by the artist. Price not seen by juror.
- ◆ **NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES' ARTISTS:** Due to the high cost of returning unsold artworks to artists who live outside of the USA, we ask that our neighboring countries' artists make arrangements to have their artwork return-shipped to a gallery near the border in the USA or to a friend within the USA. It will be the responsibility of the neighboring countries' artists to pickup their artwork from that gallery or friend in the USA or make arrangements with the gallery or friend in the USA to get their artwork returned to them across the border.

**ENTRY FEE/IMAGES:** \$25 non-refundable entry fee/piece for submission.

**Jurors:** Show is juried by leading art professionals in the art and photography community. **Jurors will select artwork following the theme of sheepdog trials (sheep, dog, handler) - must have 2 of 3 subjects to be judged.** Jurors are encouraged to select artwork suitable for commercial art purposes as the work will be used to promote the Meeker Classic.

**JURIED EXHIBITION** - Winning artwork will be used on promotional material for the 2025 Meeker Classic. Artists will submit entries by July 15, 2024. These will be juried by July 25, 2024 and narrowed down to a maximum of 65 pieces. **All artists will be immediately notified via email and these pieces will need to be received by the Meeker Classic by August 28, 2024. Work will be displayed at the Trial Site.** At the event, work will be on display in a secure location and up for silent auction. Please note that this location is a charming historic log barn - the Meeker Classic tries it's best to insure good lighting for each piece. On Thursday night of the event from 5:30 - 7:30 pm at the trial site, an Art Reception will be held where voting for the People's and Children's Choice Award will be held; and the winners will be announced.

**ARTISTS NEED NOT BE PRESENT TO WIN** - The silent auction will close on Sunday, 30 minutes into the lunch break. Following the event, all artists will be notified whether their piece sold or not, and checks or the piece will be mailed back to the artist.

**PHOTOGRAPHY CONTEST :** **There is a separate photography section and separate People's Choice & Children's Choice awards for photography.** Please be sure the correct medium is selected on your entry. Photography will be judged separately from all other mediums.

CALENDAR	DATE	EVENT/DEADLINE
	March 1, 2024	Submissions Open
	July 15, 2024	Submissions Due
	July 16 - 25, 2024	Works are Juried
	July 26, 2024	Notifications sent out via email from the Meeker Classic
	July 26 – August 28, 2024	Work delivered for exhibition
	September 4 - 8, 2024	Art on display and auction at trial site
	September 5, 2024	Reception from 5:30 -7:30 pm at trial site, voting for People’s & Children’s Choice winners announced
	September 8, 2024	30 minutes into lunch break the auction closes
	September 9 – October 1, 2024	Works picked up or returned to artists <i>*after close of show</i>

**ENTRY PROCESS:**

All entries will be processed through the Meeker Classic website. Go to our website and click the link for the Art show at <http://meekersheepdog.com/art-contest-show/>

From there you can enter through our ENTRY SUBMISSION FORM. This form will be clearly identified as a **BUTTON** on the Art Show page. Remember each entry requires ONE Submission Form. Make sure ONE Submission Form is submitted for EACH entry. \$25 non-refundable fee PER ENTRY

**DIGITAL ENTRY SEPCIFICATIONS:**

- File Format: JPEG
- File dimensions: 1200 pixels or greater on the longest side. Anything larger than 1200 px will be resized to fit these limitations. **File Size: Under 5 MB**
- *If you experience technical difficulty with the entry process, please contact us at [meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com](mailto:meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com) 541-670-8415 or [trials@meekersheepdog.com](mailto:trials@meekersheepdog.com) 970-878-0111*

**ACCEPTED WORK:**

The Meeker Sheepdog Classic Art Contest reserves the right to remove any works from the exhibition based on special installation circumstances or discrepancies between the juried images and actual work.

All accepted work must remain on display until the end of the exhibition *September 10, 2023*

**DISPLAY SPECIFICATIONS -**

- Artwork must arrive unframed and ready to hang with the necessary hardware.
- Artwork on paper must be signed, matted with a mat, and adequately backed (for example, foam core). DO NOT mat artwork that is done on Masonite, clay board or stretched canvas.
- Artwork must be protected by a covering of clear plexi-glass, acetate or plastic, such as shrink wrap for shipping protection at artist’s discretion. (please do not ship with glass)
- Pastels should be treated with a fixative before wrapping and shipping.
- *If artwork or photography arrives without proper hanging material already adhered, it will be rejected automatically from the contest.*
- *If you have display concerns, please contact us at least 2 weeks prior to shipping so we have time to address your concerns.*
- *Artists cannot make changes to the artwork, its arrangement, or the bid sheets while on exhibit during the Meeker Classic.*
- Please email Sarah Grimes, Art Committee Chair with questions at: [meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com](mailto:meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com)

Artwork must be shipped in a reusable container that can be used to return the artwork to the artist in the event the piece is not sold at the silent auction. *We can receive Fed/Ex. UPS or USPS but in Meeker we can only return items through USPS.* Please do not use “peanuts” as packing material. *Artist is responsible for return shipping cost.* We will invoice you or you can pick your art up at the show. *SEE SHIPPING ADDRESSES & INSTRUCTIONS AT THE END OF THIS FORM. NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES’ ARTISTS see additional note under “Eligibility”.*

## **SALES:**

All work must be offered for sale and will be sold through silent auction during the Meeker Classic from September 4-8, 2024 at no less than the Minimum Sale Price specified by the artist. Artists may only sell artwork accepted for the art show on the Meeker Classic premises. The Meeker Classic will handle all silent auction sales transactions to include a 30% commission and the balance to the artist (70%).

## **LIABILITY:**

Please note that the artist assumes the risk of loss or damage to the artwork during transportation and while the artwork is in the custody of the Meeker Classic. The artist is responsible for making such insurance arrangements as the artist deems appropriate.

## **IMPORTANT - PLEASE READ :**

By entering the Meeker Classic Art & Photography Show, the artist grants to the Meeker Classic, its successors and assigns, the exclusive right to use and publish for art, advertising, sale or any other lawful use that furthers the promotion of the Meeker Classic, all artwork submitted that is a Classic Art Contest winner for one year from the date of judging of the Classic Art Contest, and a non-exclusive right thereafter in perpetuity. Artist waives any right I may have to inspect or approve the finished product or advertising or other copy that may be used for these purposes and release the Meeker Classic from any liability for any blurring, distortion, alteration, optical illusion, or use in composite form that might occur or be produced in making copies or processing the completed product.

## **HOW WE DETERMINE WHERE PIECES WILL BE PLACED:**

The show location is a charming historic log barn - the Meeker Classic tries its best to insure good lighting for each piece. We take a multitude of criteria into consideration when choosing where to display each piece. The layout is chosen to provide the best viewing experience for our visitors as possible. We consider floor spacing, lighting and flow when creating the layout. We will not alter/move the location of pieces once they are hung. After our display is set, it is very disruptive for us to move pieces throughout the art show. It is never as simple as switching pieces one for one. It has a cascading effect throughout the show which leads to us spending a large amount of time determining how to move pieces around to make the show return to our standards. Thank you for understanding.

# AWARDS - Chosen by Jurors

Unless otherwise specified

## Photography :

**1<sup>st</sup> place** and image for 2025 marketing materials - \$500.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - \$300.00

**People's Choice Photography Award** - \$300 (voted by attendees at Trial Site and Art Reception)

**Children's Choice Photography Award in Memory of Johnny Wix** - \$100 voted by children

## All other mediums:

**1<sup>st</sup> place** & Poster Image for 2025 marketing materials and souvenirs - \$1500.00

**2<sup>nd</sup> place** - \$650.00

**Shirlee Coy Best of Northwest Colorado** - \$250.00 (comprised of artists residing in Rio Blanco, Moffat, Routt, Mesa and Garfield counties)

**People's Choice Award** - \$300.00 (voted by attendees at Trial Site and Art Reception)

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**DELIVERY/PICK-UP/SHIPPING:****UPS & FED EX Ship to:**

c/o Sarah Grimes  
Wendll's Wondrous Things  
206 Market Street  
Meeker, CO 81641

**USPS Ship to:**

Sarah Grimes, Art Chair  
Meeker Classic  
PO Box 1394  
Meeker, CO 81641

**All artwork must arrive by Monday August 28, 2024.** Artist is responsible for the shipping cost and insurance of the work while in transit. Work must be shipped in a reusable container and return shipping is also to be paid by the artist. Sarah will make arrangements for return shipping after the event and will contact the artist.

Hand-delivered work may be hand delivered at Wendll's Wondrous Things as well, but must be in a box. **Also, please see [www.airfloatsys.com](http://www.airfloatsys.com) one highly recommended way to package all 2-D work.**

\* **NEIGHBORING COUNTRIES' ARTISTS see additional note under "Eligibility".**

Artwork may be picked up once the auction closes on Sunday *September 8, 2024*. Shipped work will begin to be returned Monday, *September 16, 2024*. The Meeker Classic Sheepdog Art Contest is not responsible for any work not picked up by *October 1, 2024* unless arrangements are made ahead of time. **FED EX AND UPS DO NOT SERVICE MEEKER FOR RETURN SHIPPING SO WE CAN ONLY RETURN ITEMS THROUGH THE USPS, SO PLEASE INCLUDE AN APPROPRIATE USPS MAILING ADDRESS.**

**Artists are welcome to come visit the Meeker Classic** while your art is on display. Please contact us if you need some passes to get into the event. If you would like to come paint, draw, photograph or work on site, contact Sarah Grimes at: [meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com](mailto:meekerclassicsheepdogart@gmail.com) and she can make arrangements. Due to the nature of our event, you must get authorization to do so. Thank you and looking forward to seeing your entries!

**About the Exhibit** - The official judging will occur while all work is displayed at the Wilber Barn at the Trial Site. The show will open on Wednesday, September 4, 2024. The Wilber Barn is a charming historic log barn located at the Meeker Classic Trial Site. The venue is easily accessible to event visitors and provides a nice setting for the show. All work is secure at the site. Due to space and lighting limitations in the barn, most work will be displayed on art panels. The Art Committee will hang the show to physically accommodate all entries while leaving space for the Art Reception and foot traffic during the event.



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