



24th Annual Sofa Art Show

Sofa Art Goes to Comic Con

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The Creative Center is an art center for adults with developmental disabilities, established in 1977. The Center exhibits artwork created by its clients and community artists. This year, the Center is proud to host the 24th Annual Sofa Art Show. Artists of all ages and abilities from the community are encouraged to submit their art!

What is Sofa Art?

The Sofa Art Show is an annual art exhibition featuring imagery or references to sofas. Each year, it is accompanied by a different theme. The show began 24 years ago under the leadership of Varian Mace and Lucy Merritt, who were Visalian artists. Sofa Art was a satirical and humorous response to an article which “bemoaned the local art scene”, stating that Visalians “only buy art to match their sofas”. Mace assigned her COS students the task of creating an art piece with one stipulation: it must include a sofa. The pieces were exhibited in the very first Sofa Art Show. It has since become a favorite annual event in which artists of all ages and abilities participate.

All art in this exhibition includes a sofa in some way:

- A sculpture of a sofa
- A painting ON a sofa
- A drawing of a character on a sofa
- An abstract piece inspired by the form of a sofa

This Year’s Theme: Comic Con

This year’s theme explores the world of comic books, anime, manga, cartooning and illustration. Comic illustration is extremely diverse, ranging from manga (rooted in the tradition of Japanese printmaking), to the Pop Art movement, to iconic creations by DC Comics and Marvel. Artists are encouraged to draw inspiration from the theme in whatever way most helps their creative process. Here are a few examples of art inspired by the theme “Comic Con”:

- Art in the illustrative style of manga or anime
- Art in the illustrative style of Western or American comic books or cartoons
- Art inspired by Pop Art, such as art by Roy Lichtenstein
- Art with a composition inspired by a comic book page layout

How to Participate

- **Submit your art : now until 3/29/19**

The Creative Center Office
606 N Bridge St.
Visalia, CA 93291

Submission fee is \$6 per art piece. Art must be in compliance with the rules. (See the next page.) Drop off art at the Creative Center office during office hours, Monday-Friday, 8am-3pm. **Art can be submitted now until Friday, March 29.** The Center is closed on Monday, February 18.

- **Attend the Opening Reception (FREE EVENT) on 4/5/19 from 5-8pm**

- **Cosplay Costume Contest at 6:30**
- **People's Choice Award** - announced at 7:30pm
- **Creative Center's Favorite Award** - announced at 7:30pm

The Creative Center Gallery
410 E Race Ave
Visalia, CA 93291

Free event, free admission, free refreshments, amazing art. Meet the artists. See comic book illustrators making live art. Have your caricature drawn. Bring your friends and vote for your favorite art piece. The majority of votes determines the "People's Choice Award", given to one artist. The "Creative Center Favorite Award" is determined by the clients of the Creative Center. **Cosplay Costume Contest costs \$10 to compete. Sign up now or at the event. 559-733-9329**

- **Pick up your art: 4/22/19 until 4/26/19**

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Pick up your art anytime during office hours from Monday, April 22 until Friday, April 26. Office hours are 8am-3pm. If art is left 30 business days after the last pickup date, it will be considered abandoned and will then belong to The Creative Center.

Sofa Art 2019 Rules

1. Art must include a sofa in some way. Examples:
 - A sculpture of a sofa
 - A painting ON a sofa
 - A drawing of a character on a sofa
 - An abstract piece inspired by the form of a sofa
2. Art must be consistent with the theme “Sofa Art Goes to Comic Con”. Examples:
 - Art in the illustrative style of manga or anime
 - Art in the illustrative style of American comic books or cartoons
 - Art inspired by Pop Art, such as art by Roy Lichtenstein
 - Art with a composition inspired by a comic book page layout
3. Imagery must be tasteful and family-friendly. No explicit content or nudity.
4. All media are accepted.
5. All pieces must be ready to hang or display. **Two-dimensional work must be framed with a well-secured wire on the back.** No sawtooth hangers, screw eye hangers, or d-rings without wire.
6. **Artists may submit an unlimited amount of artwork.**
7. **The entry fee for each art piece is \$6.**
8. Artists must submit a waiver form and an inventory sheet, which is provided by the Creative Center and can be filled out when the artist drops off their work.
9. Artwork left more than 30 business days after the 4/26/19 pickup date will be considered the property of the Creative Center & may be disposed of.

Sales

If a piece sells, the Creative Center will collect a **20% commission of the sale price**. The purchaser will pay sales tax. The Creative Center will pay the artist within 30 business days of the closing date of the exhibition (6/7/19).

Awards

There will be two awards during this show, announced at 7:30pm during the reception.

1. **People’s Choice Award** - During the opening reception, attendees will vote for their favorite piece. The majority of votes determines the winner.
2. **Creative Center’s Favorite Award** - Clients from the Creative Center will vote for their favorite piece. The majority of client votes determines the winner.

Contact

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