



# LONG MAY IT WAVE

Our nation's symbol at 250 years

## Local artist perspectives on our American Flag

### LONG MAY IT WAVE - Call to Art

Come share your gift of Patriotic Artistry . Bring your original American flag-inspired creation in your choice of 2-D or 3-D media to the Aiken Center for the Arts by October 5-9, 2026

### LONG MAY IT WAVE celebrates the American flag during our Nation's 250th birthday.

Aiken Center for the Arts invites our community members to share what the American flag means to you. The exhibition celebrates one of America's most recognized symbols through art. Join us as honor the history, symbolism, and unity represented by our nation's flag. Possible ideas of exploration include patriotism, freedom, liberty, identity, democracy, protest, hope and belonging.

As you think about your artistic contribution to the upcoming exhibit "long may it wave" recall that the Stars and Stripes had been from the start left in the hands of the *people* of the United States. The flags were not only home-made but home – *designed* as well. The strict regulations we now follow go back only one generation during earlier epochs of American history many variants of the Stars and Stripes were in simultaneous use. The freedom that the Stars and Stripes symbolize now, not only the freedom with which Americans used it in the past, but the freedom of its design – *a timeless poetry of motion*.

### Submission Deadline:

Submissions will be submitted to Aiken Center for the Arts Oct 5-9, 2026.

### Eligibility and Entry Guidelines

1. Artist must live in Aiken County.
2. Entries may be 2-D or 3-D in any medium. No reproductions or giclées will be considered. All work must be hang/presentation ready, meaning:
  - 2D work has a wire or another hanging mechanism installed
  - Unframed canvases have FINISHED edges
  - Work is clean (no hair/dust under the glass, work is clean of dirt/grime, etc.)
3. Art must be labeled with the following: Artist Name, Title, Size, Medium, Price.
4. Aiken Center for the Arts commission on sales is 60/40 (60% artist, 40% ACA)
5. Entry Fee: \$10 for up to 2 submissions.
6. The artwork must be non-partisan, meaning there can be no direct reference to any political party. The goal of this exhibition is to represent the ideas within our community, not to feature a political party. Aiken Center for the Arts reserves the right to jury out any submission.
7. Artwork should be picked up Monday Nov 30,

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and understand the exhibition guidelines.

Signature \_\_\_\_\_

Date \_\_\_\_\_

### LONG MAY IT WAVE

Exhibition runs Oct 22 - Nov 30

Opening Reception:  
Oct 22, 6-8pm

Aiken Center for the Arts  
Main Gallery

*What are, or have been, your personal memories of the American flag?*

*What activities have you and your family participated in that have involved the American Flag?*

*What has surprised you about early forms and purposes the American flag has taken?*

*What memories do you have of patriotic feelings you had growing up?*

*Do you have family heirlooms in your possession that conjure patriotic emotions?*

*Are there fabrics, prints or paintings that inspired patriotism? Songs?*

*What books or stories that resonate with you as being particularly patriotic?*

# CALL TO ART

**Entry 1**

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_ or NSF value: \_\_\_\_\_

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**Entry 2**

Artist: \_\_\_\_\_

Title: \_\_\_\_\_

Medium: \_\_\_\_\_ Size: \_\_\_\_\_

Price: \_\_\_\_\_ or NSF value: \_\_\_\_\_

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