

Seasons of the Blue Hole Art Contest

Contest Rules & Information

Scope of the Contest. The Four Season Blue Hole on the Little Miami Art Contest invites visual artists to create a contemporary interpretation of the famous Blue Hole on the Little Miami River located in John Bryan State Park in Yellow Springs, Ohio. The contest is open to all four seasons of the year and artists can submit one work for each of the four seasons or choose just one season. Each entry must be completed and presented ready to display.

All Artists Must Register to Participate in the Contest. Registration is November 1, 2019 through Saturday, February 27, 2021. (Note: the dates have been extended due to Covid-19) The registration fee is \$50 for each artist payable by cash, check or credit card by phone or online at wchsmuseum.org/blueholecontest. Please complete the registration form (page 3 of this document) and either email it to wchs@wchsmuseum.org or bring it to Harmon Museum (105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH 45036).

Registration Fees Are Not Refundable. All work must be delivered to Harmon Museum no later than Saturday, February 27, 2021. Exhibit of completed works will take place at Harmon Museum, 105 S. Broadway, Lebanon, OH, March 15 through April 16, 2021.

Submit Up To Four Works for Judging. We invite artists to choose one or all four seasons for their interpretation of the Blue Hole on the Little Miami. You may enter up to four works featuring the Blue Hole at four different seasons. Your registration includes one entry. Additional entries may be purchased for an additional \$10 per entry. Artists may choose painting (all mediums), drawing, photography, etching, engraving, glass or clay.

All submitted work must be created by the registering artist. Works must be signed and presented ready to exhibit.

Your Art on Display. First place winning artwork in all categories and the grand prize first, second and third prize winners will be displayed at the Harmon Museum in downtown Lebanon, Ohio. Artists who wish to sell their entries must set a price for the work when it is delivered to Harmon Museum for exhibit. Harmon Museum will take a 20% commission on all works sold.

Prizes. There is a first, second and third place ribbon given in each category. In addition one first, one second and one third place grand prize will be awarded from the entire group of entries. Prizes are: \$500 for 1st place, \$250 2nd place and \$100 3rd place.



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The Blue Hole - Robert Duncanson

Visiting the painting “The Blue Hole on the Little Miami” by Robert Duncanson. The original painting is on display in the Cincinnati Art Museum located at 953 Eden Park Drive, Cincinnati, OH 45202. The Cincinnati Art Museum is open every day but Monday from 11:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. with free admission. PH: 513-721-2787, www.cincinnatiartmuseum.org.

Visiting the Blue Hole on the Little Miami. The Blue Hole is located in John Bryan State Park, 3790 St. Rt. 370, Yellow Springs, OH 45387. Call 937-767-1274 or visit the park office for directions to the Blue Hole.

Celebrated Cincinnati painter, Robert Scott Duncanson (B. 1821, D. 1872) painted his famous work *Blue Hole on the Little Miami River* in 1851 in the romantic Hudson River School style. Here’s a quote from a local fishing website about the Blue Hole:

“Feeling a yearning for some green today. Thought some of you might enjoy this if you didn't already know about it. Painted in 1851 by an African-American painter named Robert S. Duncanson. It's a famous painting, and you can see it in the Cincinnati Art Museum if you're ever there. This one painting alone is worth an afternoon trip to the museum, which I believe is free of charge. I love this painting. You can stand on that same spot now at the very lower end of Clifton Gorge, looking downstream. The trees are different, and the painting has a pretty romantic take on the place, but the big rock on the right side hasn't moved in 160+ years.”

For more information, contact the Warren County Historical Society office at 513-932-1817 or email Michael at wchs@wchsmuseum.org.

Four Seasons of the Blue Hole Art Contest Registration Form

Artist Information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip

Phone

Email

I have read and agree to be bound by the rules described in this document.

Art Work Submission Information

Title (if known)

Medium (if known)

Dimensions (if known)

