



COMMISSION FOR THE ARTS STAFF REPORT

ITEM NO. 5.4

DATE: February 24, 2026

TO: Chairperson and Members of the Commission for the Arts

FROM: Allen McFarland, Management Analyst II

SUBJECT: Appointment of an ad hoc committee to judge and select seven winners for the 2026 Livermore Art Association Spring Art Awards.

RECOMMENDED ACTION

Staff recommends the Commission for the Arts appoint an ad hoc subcommittee to judge and select seven winners for the 2026 Livermore Art Association Spring Art Show.

DECISION TYPE

Not Applicable

SUMMARY

The Commission for the Arts has participated in the annual Spring Art Show by selecting members to serve as volunteer judges and providing cash prizes for award winners and has been asked to do so again. The awards reception is on April 19, 2026, from 3:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. The judging will need to occur on April 17, 2026, and the ad hoc committee will need to notify the Livermore Art Association contact on site, and Library staff the same day so that event and certificate preparations can occur.

DISCUSSION

The Livermore Arts Association will host their 2026 Spring Art Show to celebrate and showcase the vibrant Livermore arts community. This event is supported by fiscal year 2025-26 budgeted funding from the Commission for the Arts and aligns with the approved service objectives outlined in the Commission's scope of work.

The Spring Art Show will feature a judged competition, with winners receiving cash prizes. To ensure a diverse and expert panel, the association is seeking multidisciplinary artists with prior experience in art show judging to serve as volunteer judges. Traditionally, the Commission for the Arts has appointed an ad hoc committee to oversee the judging process and select the winners. The seven awards at \$100

each, were approved as part of the Commission's fiscal year 2025-26 budget cycle.

Selected ad hoc committee members are asked to meet prior to judging to discuss criteria and how they will make their decision. Given the timing of the event's judging, the ad hoc committee will collectively make the final decision on the winners; this matter will not be brought back to the full Commission for decision making.

ATTACHMENTS

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