



**Be part of The MAX Project: Murphy Art Xplosion!** Valley River Arts Guild (VRAG) at The MAC, Murphy Art Center, produces an exciting Outdoor Art Gallery all over downtown Murphy, NC. Large framed canvas art panels displayed in a big seasonally-changing art gallery are installed on downtown walls & fences of historic buildings.

Artist Reception Grand Opening is First Friday Art Walk on June 5<sup>th</sup>, for “**The Natural World**” show, featuring our 39 Top Features. **Submittal deadline: May 10<sup>th</sup>!**

A jury committee will select the top 39 images to be part of this highly-competitive show. The Valley River Arts Guild (VRAG) invites you to submit 1 or 2 digital files of your own art, to be featured in this prestigious display of The Natural World in the region. Submissions can be landscapes, waterscapes, valleys, mountains, botanicals, florals, people or culture of the Smokies, as long as Nature in some form is represented. We can accept 2D digital files of paintings, mixed media, stained glass, and photography/digital art. **Prior MAX submissions will not be accepted.** Image files will be printed by VRAG on weather-resistant canvas in a 5 foot x 3 foot size, one time only for *The MAX Project*. Submitted files should be in horizontal mode and not vertical mode, the best highest quality file of **at least 4000 pixels or larger**, Jpeg format. The artist retains the copyright for submitted images. Submit your best creative art for consideration by the jury. Each artwork will include name of artist and title of artwork. **Everyone is eligible to enter!**

All canvas art panels become the property of the VRAG and may be featured in later displays as we rotate the art throughout downtown in future displays. Canvas art panels may be included in an art sale as a future fundraiser at The MAC. We may also feature your image in our promotional materials and social media. **Submission deadline is May 10, 2026. Early submissions are appreciated!** Late submissions are not able to be accommodated. Artist reception will be held at the Murphy Art Center, June 5<sup>th</sup>, 5-8PM, First Friday Art Walk evening, and is open to the public. Invite your friends and family! “**The Natural World**” **MAX Project Outdoor Art show** will be on display June 2026 – November 2026. See our website for info and to review and enjoy prior MAX show images: [www.ValleyRiverArts.com](http://www.ValleyRiverArts.com)

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**Entry is FREE!** There is no cost to the artist. You may submit up to two image files for this show. **Deadline to submit artwork files is May 10, 2026.** Keep in mind that VRAG may need to crop the image or add a border to fit the 5’x3’ format of the panels. **Please include your name as you want it on the label, as well as the title of your artwork.**

Questions, please email MAX director, Debra Vanderlaan, [debrav@bellsouth.net](mailto:debrav@bellsouth.net) or call 561-601-6484. Your artwork file can be emailed to that same email address. Please join us and have your artwork featured in the Murphy Art Xplosion!!

**Even if you have entered previous MAX Project shows, please email your entry form or type all information into an email and send with your art file entries.**

Artist name \_\_\_\_\_  
Artwork title #1 \_\_\_\_\_  
Artwork title #2 \_\_\_\_\_  
Email address \_\_\_\_\_  
Phone number \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_

Email image files and entry form information to: [debrav@bellsouth.net](mailto:debrav@bellsouth.net) or mail entry form to Valley River Arts Guild, Murphy Art Center, 12 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC 28906, and email your hi-resolution files to [debrav@bellsouth.net](mailto:debrav@bellsouth.net)

Include title and artist name in image file name: example--- D.Vanderlaan-Horse on the Farm.jpeg

You will be notified by May 15 if your artwork will be featured in The Natural World Show.

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*All work is done by Valley River Arts Guild volunteers from the Murphy Art Center, 12 Peachtree Street, Murphy, NC. Valley River Arts is a 501-c3 charitable organization run solely by volunteers, no paid staff, supported by YOU, our community, and our visitors to our beautiful downtown.*

**Please support our projects, programs, and our gallery!**