

INVITATION TO PARTICIPATE

Mapping Out

May 30-June 30, 2019

Presented by

Studios on the Park

1130 Pine Street, Paso Robles, California

When we allow ourselves to explore, we discover destinations that were never on our map.

— **Amie Kaufman, Unearthed**

Mapping Out is an exhibition inspired by the limitless scope of cartography. Maps are our guideposts to the past, the present, and the future. They prompt us to explore, to dream, and interpret the world from unique and individual perspectives. **Together with Studios on the Park, guest curator Ellen November invites artists in all mediums to show us their work in which cartography served as the primary inspiration.**

What was your very first interaction with a map and how did it make you feel? Empowered? Excited? Adventurous? Emboldened?

Maps are a visual representation of what lies around, above, beyond, and below. Maps anchor us and they set us free. Most of all, a map can unleash the imagination and challenge us to look beyond the present and the conventional. In so doing, maps spur us to investigate the unknown and put our personal stamp on this world. *Mapping Out* invites you to share in an exploration of artistic interpretations of our world from the perspective of cartography.

Curator's Statement by Ellen November

"Maps have always fascinated me. From family road trips to world geography, maps have sparked my interest throughout my life. I was trained as an illustrator, and have worked in the graphic arts and as a photographer. I have always sewn and been a quilter. A desire to combine all these forms of expression brought me to cartographic art quilts. Drawing on the graphic nature of maps, I use textiles to interpret maps. I am interested to see how other artists, in a variety of mediums, share their creative expressions with cartography as a common thread."

Types of Maps to Consider:

Road maps. Topographic Maps. Geologic Maps. Google Maps. Weather Maps. GPS. Thematic Maps. Political Maps. Globes. Celestial Maps. Interactive Maps. Relief Maps. Allegorical Maps. Treasure Maps!

Studios on the Park is a nonprofit gallery and open studios art center in a prestigious location in downtown Paso Robles, Ca. We have featured world-class artists in our exhibitions for over 10 years. Paso Robles is recognized nation wide as a premier wine and culinary destination and we, through exhibitions like these, contribute shows of curated, high quality artwork to this exciting cultural scene. We expect over 7000 visitors to our 2000 sq ft atrium gallery space for this exhibition.

Art sales from these exhibitions also serve as fundraisers for our essential arts services to more than 100,000 students, families and visitors each year, see more details below.

We are requesting, if you are interested, you email us by May 14 with images of available works and/or a description of your concept or work-in-progress. Selections will be made based on submissions received and available space.

TIMELINE

- Art & Concept Deadline: May 14
- Artist Notifications: May 17
- Artist Headshots/Statements: May 21
- Delivery of Art to Studios, 1130 Pine, Paso:
- May 28, 9 am – 12 pm
- Art After Dark Paso Opening Reception: June 1, 6 pm – 9 pm
- Pickup of Art: July 1, 12 – 4 pm

GUIDELINES

- Original works in any fine art medium.
- 2D works must be ready-to-hang (professionally framed/wired or gallery wrapped with painted sides).
- 2D can be NO LARGER than 6' x 6' due to 8' wall height.
- 3D works must be able to be lifted easily – artists must place works over 15 lb.
- Jewelry must be submitted ready-to-display.
- Installation artists, please contact Sasha Irving to arrange a site visit.

ENTRY PROCEDURE

- Entries may be submitted digitally (300dpi high res jpegs only under 1 MB) and should be emailed to sasha@studiosonthepark.org. Please title each file name with the artist's last name and title of work, separated with an underscore. Example: Smith_untitled3.jpeg.
- Each entry should be accompanied by an exhibition form, downloadable at studiosonthepark.org/pdfs/Mapping_Out_Exhibition_Form.pdf
- There are no entry fees.

CURATOR

Ellen November will be looking for personal vision and creative approach as well as excellence in execution.

SALES

Studios collects a 40% commission on all sales. Proceeds from art sales bolster Studios' arts services that help to make the Central Coast region a leader in creative culture, education and innovation. Among the many essential program and outreach efforts made possible is Kids Art Smart. We believe all children should have access to creative learning opportunities through the arts. With arts education cut from local schools, Studios on the Park provides free visual arts programming for thousands of K-12 grade students.

LIABILITY & SHIPPING

The artist is responsible for safe delivery and timely pickup of work. If shipped, the artist is responsible for paying the delivery charges to Studios on the Park. Please no FedEx. UPS and USPS only. Studios on the Park will arrange for return delivery and/or cover the cost of return shipping (up to \$50/box). The artist is responsible for damage and/or loss of artwork.

CONTACT

If you have any questions regarding this show, please contact:

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