



CALL FOR ART

Sustainability Stories: Rooted in Time The Past, Present and Future of the Larry R. Yoder Prairie Learning Laboratory

Exhibition: April 8 – May 28, 2027

Opening Reception: April 14, 2027, 12:30 p.m.

Kuhn Fine Arts Gallery | The Ohio State University at Marion
Morrill Hall, 1465 Mount Vernon Avenue, Marion, OH 43302

About the Exhibition

Marking the 50th anniversary of the Larry R. Yoder Prairie Learning Laboratory, *Sustainability Stories: Rooted in Time* celebrates the prairie's past, present, and future. The 11-acre living laboratory has long served as a cornerstone of ecological research, education, and community identity in North Central Ohio. The exhibition honors the prairie's rich history while highlighting its enduring significance as a regional model for sustainability, environmental stewardship, and ecological literacy.

We are seeking artworks that highlight, interpret, respond to, or imagine the prairie's past, present, and/or future.

Learn more about the [**Larry R. Yoder Prairie Learning Laboratory**](#) and its history, ecology, and community role: Ohio State Marion - Larry R. Yoder Prairie Learning Laboratory

Eligibility & Media

- Open to students working in all media, including but not limited to painting, drawing, printmaking, photography, fiber, mixed media, sculpture, installation, digital media, and other contemporary approaches.
- Each artist may submit a maximum of 2 artworks for consideration.
- Up to 2 images may be submitted for each artwork. For three-dimensional work, artists are encouraged to include more than one view when useful.
- Artwork should be exhibition-ready and appropriate for a public gallery setting.

Size, Weight & Display Requirements

- 2D artwork: maximum 48 in. on the longest side and maximum 40 lb.
- 3D artwork: maximum footprint of 36 x 36 in., maximum height of 72 in., and maximum 75 lb.
- Two-dimensional work must arrive ready to hang with secure, professional hanging hardware on the back. Saw-tooth hangers and adhesive-only hanging systems are not permitted.
- Sculpture may be freestanding or displayed on a gallery pedestal, subject to available pedestal sizes and safe installation requirements.
- Artists proposing work with unusual installation, electrical, technological, suspension, or other display needs must clearly identify those requirements in the submission. Acceptance of such work is contingent upon gallery feasibility and safety.
- The gallery reserves the right to decline work at drop-off if it differs substantially from the accepted submission or cannot be safely installed.



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Submission Requirements

How to Submit

Email all submission materials to mccorkle.12@osu.edu with the subject line “**Sustainability Stories Art Submission – [Artist Name].**”

Please include all required artwork information and images with your email. Each artist may submit a maximum of two artworks, with no more than two images per artwork.

Submission deadline: January 8, 2027

Notification of acceptance: February 12, 2027

For each artwork, please provide:

- Title of artwork
- Artist name
- Medium
- Dimensions (height x width x depth, as applicable)
- A short description of no more than 150 words explaining how the work relates to the prairie’s past, present, and/or future
- Any special display or installation specifications
- 1–2 clear images of the artwork (maximum 2 images per artwork)

Exhibition Timeline

Submissions due	January 8, 2027
Acceptance notifications	February 12, 2027
Artwork drop-off	April 5–6, 2027 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.
Exhibition on view	April 8–May 28, 2027
Opening reception	April 14, 2027 12:30 p.m.
Artwork pick-up	June 1–2, 2027 10:00 a.m.–4:00 p.m.

Delivery, Pick-Up & Responsibility

Location:

Wayne and Geraldine Kuhn Fine Arts Gallery
First floor of Morrill Hall
The Ohio State University at Marion
1465 Mt. Vernon, Marion, Ohio 43302

Accepted artwork must be delivered and picked up during the designated dates and times unless alternate arrangements are approved in advance. Artists are responsible for transportation of their work to and from the gallery and for any specialized packing materials. Please label the back or underside of each work with the artist’s name and artwork title. Selected artists will be required to review and sign the gallery’s artwork loan/liability agreement prior to exhibition.

Selection

Submissions will be reviewed by our curation committee for their connection to the exhibition theme, artistic quality, suitability for the gallery space, and installation feasibility. Submission does not guarantee inclusion.



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Questions

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