

Presented by Twisted Heart Puppetworks & The Vista Art Foundation, The Dark Xmas Art Show, hosted by Main Street Pourhouse, invites artists to submit their work, with the option to showcase up to 3 (three) pieces.

We invite you to create Dark Xmas themed artwork with a winter folklore focus. Think less “Santa’s cookies” and more “Winter Spookies”; Less Claus and more Krampus; Less pretty packages and more pagan practices.

Accepted artworks will be displayed at the Main Street Pourhouse from December 8th through December 13th, in conjunction with the Wild Hunt & Dark Xmas Market happening on the 13th. All artworks must be for sale and will be subject to a 20% commission. All proceeds benefit the The Dark Xmas events and the arts in Vista.

DEADLINE TO APPLY IS NOVEMBER 24th at 5pm.

By submitting your application you agree to the following (***please read thoroughly before applying!***):

- 1) Pay \$17.85 application fee when the Eventbrite link is sent to you (\$15 entry fee plus \$2.85 Eventbrite fee) . Late or unpaid dues will result in denial of application. This application fee is for up to 3 artworks per artist to be displayed and for sale at our event. All artwork must be for sale. All proceeds (\$15 application fee + 20% commission) will go back to the VAF and the Dark Xmas events.
- 2) Drawings and paintings must be framed or on a wrapped canvas, secured with wire for hanging. No loose paper. No claw-tooth hardware. All sculptural pieces must be able to stand on their own on a table surface without need for any other supports. Artwork should not be smaller than 8”x10”. Maximum size depends on space availability, but large artworks are encouraged. We have a limited space for sculptural pieces so please check that your piece will fit before applying.
- 3) All artwork must fit with our theme. Christmas themes are not enough! If you have any questions about whether your work fits the theme, please email our curator at lydiamartinart@gmail.com . No religious or political references will be allowed. Please consider that artwork will be hung in a public space so create accordingly.
- 4) While the utmost care will be taken with all artwork submitted, the Vista Art Foundation, all our staff and volunteers or agents are withheld from any/all actions, suits, claims, and demands whatsoever for any damages to or theft of art and /or any personal liability. Artist accepts all responsibility for art submitted for exhibition.
- 5) All artwork must be dropped off at The Main Street Pourhouse on December 7th during the 11am to 1pm window. If you cannot attend the drop off, please arrange for someone else to bring your artwork and let our curator know ahead of time.

- 6) Artwork will be on display from December 8th, 2025 through December 13th, 2025, during business hours. The main event will be happening on December 13th from 4pm-8:30pm.
- 7) Artists are responsible for picking up any unsold artwork by December 14th, no later than 8pm. You may also pick up your artwork on the 13th but only AFTER THE EVENT IS OVER (8:30pm). You must arrange for pick-up times with our curator, Lydia Martin, **prior** to those dates and you must see either Lydia, or someone working at Main Street Pourhouse and sign off on the Artist's Roster. **You cannot just take your artwork without checking in, first.** Any artwork left behind will become the property of The Vista Art Foundation. The address for our pop-up gallery is Main Street Pourhouse 206 Main Street, Vista, CA 92084.
- 8) We will provide title cards and any pertinent information that will aid in the displaying and selling of your artwork. The display material will be based on the information given on your application.
- 9) Any artworks sold will be handled by our curator and The Vista Art Foundation. We will have a QR code, an inventory of available artwork, and a means for viewers to purchase these pieces via card (through Square), Pay Pal, or Venmo. All moneys will be held by Vista Art Foundation until the payout window, December 17-December 20. During this window, artists will be paid the amount their artwork sold for, minus the 20% gallery commission and the 3% transaction fee (for PayPal or Venmo), to the payment platform selected on your application. If you choose to be paid by check, your transaction fee will be waived and while your check will be mailed within the payout window, guarantee of when that may be delivered to you is at the mercy of the postal service.
- 10) The artist grants Vista Art Foundation, Twisted Heart Puppetworks, and (curator) Lydia Martin, permission to use submitted art for any promotional purposes, including printed material and/or online representation related to the exhibition or future shows.