Main Street Greenville is pleased to announce the incorporation of an art contest to our longstanding event, First Friday: Artisan Stroll. This juried contest is open to all accepted participants of the Artisan Stroll, although participation in the contest is not a requirement to display your work at the Artisan Stroll!

**Contest Categories & Prizes**

Interested entrants will indicate their desire to participate in the contest upon check-in on the day of the Artisan Stroll. Artists will be asked to indicate into which category they would like to submit their piece for consideration. Works of all mediums will be accepted, but the defined categories of submission are as follows:

- Painting
- Graphic Design
- Crafts
- Drawing
- Ceramics
- Miscellaneous
- Photography
- Sculpture

Upon selecting their desired category, artists will be asked to select ONE (1) piece to be considered by the contest judges. Artists will be provided with an entry number to be displayed on the chosen piece. Judging will take place between 6:30 and 8:30 pm, and the winners will be notified by 9:00 when the event ends. The awarded prizes will be:

- Eight (8) $100 cash prizes (One winner per category)
- One (1) $200 cash prize for “Best in Show” (To be selected from any category)

**Contest Theme and Judging Criteria**

The theme of the contest is “Inspiration.” Artists are encouraged to submit pieces to honor the variety of hues, intense saturations, and unique light quality your idea of the word “Celebration” represents. Pieces which reflect an interaction with the theme will be given deference, but all submitted works will be given consideration. The judging criteria will be as follows:

- Does the submitted artwork fit the theme of the competition?
✓ Is there a creative interpretation of the subject/ theme?
✓ Is the originality of the work interesting?
✓ Is there overall quality of craftsmanship and command of the medium being used?
✓ Does the work impact the viewer in relationship to the theme?
✓ Does the work stand on its own as a complete and outstanding creative image? The composition and design of the work is also a judging criteria.

**Contest Judges**
The jurors selected for the 2023 Artisan Stroll Art contest will be respected artists, teachers, gallery curators, design professionals, or have otherwise relevant experience as determined by Main Street Greenville. The 3 selected judges will be announced at a later date.

**Copyright Law**
Any artwork that depicts copyrighted images will be rejected. For example, no artworks depicting characters from television shows, movies, video games, or books will be accepted. All artworks must be original ideas and created entirely by the artist.

**Non-Exclusive Permissions**
Main Street Greenville reserves the right to photograph any persons or property for any reasons whatsoever deemed necessary. These photos may be used for marketing purposes to promote future events or fundraising purposes of the organization. By entering this art competition, you are granting Main Street Greenville a non-exclusive perpetual license to reproduce images of your artwork for marketing purposes. Artworks will not be used for any other purpose than that which is stated here.

**Prize Payments**
Monetary prizes can be paid with cash or by a check mailed to the winner within 14 days of the notification of winning, subject to the determination of Main Street Greenville.

**Taxes**
Winners shall be solely responsible for all federal, state, and local taxes.

**Contact**
Interested participants with additional questions are encouraged to contact April Brubaker, Executive Director of Main Street Greenville, at info@mainstreetgreenville.org or 937-548-4998.