

Spring Art Show 2026

Title: *Picture This! A Road Trip through Ohio*

Penitentiary Glen Nature Center
8668 Kirtland-Chardon Rd, Kirtland OH 44094

Dates of Show: March 14 through May 10, 2026

Description of Show: The state of Ohio is home to 88 counties brimming with quaint towns, bustling cities, museums, theme parks, historical sites, sports venues, parks – including a National Park, vineyards, Lake Erie, and so much more! Let members of the Western Reserve Photographic Society take you on a magical photographic adventure to discover what our great state has to offer. Meet the artists at the free opening reception on Saturday, March 14, from noon to 4 pm. Light refreshments will be served, and artwork is available for purchase.

Medium/Media: Photography. All photos should be framed (unless a canvas print) with hanging hardware on the back.

Display Cases: Travel memorabilia from Ohio such as maps, quilts, t-shirts, posters, dolls, etc.

Entries: A limit of **8** pieces per artist for this show depending on the number of artists participating. Note: there is no limit on memorabilia.

Size of Artwork: No limitations; small pieces can go inside a display case.

Reception: Saturday, **March 14**, from noon to 4 pm.

Artwork Drop-off Dates/Times: February 1 through March 6, between 9 am and 5 pm. Note: **All artwork must be delivered to the Nature Center by Friday, March 6.**

Set-Up Dates/Times: Monday through Friday, March 9 – 13, from 9 am to 5 pm. Artists are encouraged to assist in hanging the show. Any help is greatly appreciated!

Artwork Pick-Up Dates/Times: The show will come down on Monday, May 11, starting at 9 am. The 30% commission on any artwork sold is due at the time of pick-up. Payment must be in the form of cash or a check made out to Lake Metroparks.

Other Important Information:

Conditions: Each artist must fill out the ***Lake Metroparks Art Show Loan Agreement*** which includes the agreement for lending and inventory sheet(s). These forms must accompany artwork at time of delivery. Each piece must be labeled with the artist's name, address, telephone, and title of piece. Loan agreements and inventory sheets can be emailed ahead of time to each artist upon request.

Artist(s) Bio: Can be emailed to the art show coordinator ahead of time or dropped off along with the artwork. Suggestions on what to include are, but not limited to:

- a) How you came to be an artist
- b) Favorite quote or artist
- c) Brief story about a particular piece you've done
- d) Your favorite medium/subject matter and why

Art Show Sales: Lake Metroparks receives a **30% commission** from any artwork sold in Forest Hall during the show. How it works: Interested buyers fill out a form and the information, along with a copy of the form, is forwarded to the artist via the art show coordinator. A tentative "sold" sign is placed on the artwork to hold the piece. The artist conducts the sale outside of the park. **All artwork must remain at the park for the duration of the show.** Commissions are collected at the end of the show. Payment must be in the form of cash or check payable to Lake Metroparks.

Gift Shop Consignment Sales: Lake Metroparks receives a **30% commission** from any artwork sold in The Nature Store during the show. How it works: Artists can bring in matted prints, notecards, jewelry, etc. to place in the gift shop for the duration of the show. A separate Nature Store Loan Agreement must be filled out via the gift shop manager. For a sale, the pieces are rung through the register and the visitor can take the piece home with them the same day. At the end of the show, the artist will receive 70% back from Lake Metroparks on each piece sold.

Lake Metroparks provides the following for each art show: The Penitentiary Glen art show coordinator works with the artist(s) and Lake Metroparks Marketing Department in the creation of a flyer, reception invitation, art show program, and LMP website/Facebook listing. The artist(s) will be asked for photos of artwork (jpeg file, 300 dpi) to be used in the promotional literature mentioned above. Lake Metroparks also provides refreshments for the art show reception.

For questions or more information, contact Wendy Pittenger at 440-256-1404 x2123 or email at: wpittenger@lakemetroparks.com.