



The State of Clay Ceramic Exhibition 14th Biennial

April 24 – May 23, 2027

Submission Deadline: January 17, 2027

Molly Harding Nye Gallery

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www.stateofclay.com

Show Theme. The State of Clay is a juried show open to original, innovative ceramic work by current and former residents of Massachusetts or those with close ties to Massachusetts. The aim of the show is to broaden public awareness of contemporary ceramic art and to provide a venue for Massachusetts' clay artists. Juror Paul Briggs will speak at the Artist Reception and make prize awards, including Best of Show. Visitors will be encouraged to vote for the People's Choice Award.

Submission Deadline January 17. Late deadline January 22 with extra fee.

Artwork Delivery. Shipped work due by April 16. Hand delivered work due April 19 & 20 .

Juror. The juror is Paul Briggs, ceramic artist & professor at Alfred University in the School of Art and Design, Alfred NY.

Commission & Sales. All work must be offered for sale and have a retail price. Artists receive 60% of the retail price, LexArt retains 40%. **To review Consignment Agreement** [Click Here](#)

Entry Fees. is \$35 for the January 17 deadline, \$45 for January 22 deadline. Discounted rate for LexArt members.

Submission Limit. 3 entries max. by digital submission, with 2 detail shots permitted per entry. A set is considered one entry.

Size Limits, Display

- There is a six-foot limit on the horizontal dimension of wall pieces. Work exceeding 35 lbs. must be installed by the artist or by special arrangements with the gallery.
- All 2D work must be securely wired and properly ready to hang.

Eligibility

- The State of Clay is open to artists over age 18 who have current or former ties with Massachusetts.
- Work must not have been previously displayed in a State of Clay exhibit nor in a previous LexArt exhibit.
- Ceramic must be the dominant material, though not the exclusive material.
- Work must have been completed in the last three years, 2023-2026.

Conditions for Acceptance

- Accepted artists must sign a consignment agreement with LexArt prior to delivery of artwork.
- Accepted artwork must be the actual artwork that matches the submitted images. No substitutions.
- Artists are responsible for shipping & insurance to and from LexArt.
- Artists must ship work in reusable, sturdy boxes, avoiding loose peanuts.
- Artists must include a prepaid return shipping label. Fedex or UPS only. No USPS stamps or checks. Labels will be returned to you if unused.
- Art damaged in transit is the responsibility of the artist and shipper.
- Wall pieces must be securely wired and properly prepared for hanging.
- Work exceeding 35 lbs. must be installed by the artist or by special arrangements with the gallery.
- LexArt reserves the right not to display work that is unstable, arrives late or damaged, differs from the accepted digital image, or lacks professional craftsmanship.

Timeline

January 17 – Regular Application deadline, 11:45 pm. EST.

January 22 – Late application deadline & added fee, 11:45 pm. EST.

February 5 – Juror results sent to artists.

April 16– Deadline to receive shipped work.

April 19 & 20 – Deadline to receive hand delivered work.

April 24 – Show opens 10 am – 5 pm.

Artist Reception – Sunday, May 16, 2027 2:00 - 4:00 PM.

May 23 - Show closes 5 pm. People's Choice prize announcement.

May 24 – Pick up of unsold work; shipped work returned via UPS or Fedex.

Image Uploads. *Please note. This is best done from a desktop or laptop computer. You may encounter difficulties with image upload from a cell phone. It is best to put the images that you plan to upload in the same folder, naming each file according to the directions. Each time you click the upload button the images that you select will replace the previous images.*

You are allowed up to **3 separate entries**. Two additional detail shots are permitted per entry. A set is considered one entry. Each entry must have a title. Before starting, rename your images in the requested file name below. After you press Submit, the page will refresh for the artwork entry, and you will receive an email confirmation of the submitted entry. Save each email link for editing and review. Changes can be made until Jan 17.

- **Size.** Images should be sized to between 1200 and 2000 pixels on each dimension (height and width). Tip: If you have a favorite photo editing software, you will probably want to use that for checking and resizing. If the only thing you want to do is resize, then you can use ResizePixel. (see next page for instructions). Other photo editors that can resize and offer other editing capabilities include iCloud Photos (for Apple products) and Pixlr for Android or Windows-based devices.
- **File Types.** .JPG, JPEG, or .PNG
- **Number of Images.** You may submit up to three (3) images per work.
- **Filenames.** Please name the files of your images using your last name- first initial- Title - the number 1, 2, or 3 for the particular piece in sequence, with #1 as the main picture you want displayed and the others being detail shots. So, for example, if artist Sally Dali is submitting two pieces, each of which has two images, the file names would be:

Dali-S-Title-1.jpg (Main picture, piece 1)

Dali-S-Title-2.jpg (Detail, piece 2)

Dali-S-Title-3.jpg (Detail, piece 3)

- **Image Quality.** Please make sure that your images are done with professional quality and at 300 dpi if possible. Do not exceed 5 MB. The best images will be used for marketing and social media. It is to your advantage to present high quality images for the juror and for publicity.

Submission Process.

1. Go to the submission webpage at Test Exhibit Signup
2. On the submission form, enter your name and information for the first item.
3. Browse to select up to three images for the item.
4. Complete the page and click Submit.
5. You may then submit another item.
6. You will receive an email confirming your submission. It will contain a link that you can use to edit your entry.

QUESTIONS? Contact Chase Jones exhibits@LexArt.org; 781-862-9696.

APPENDIX

How to Resize Photos Using ResizePixel

1. Before you start, be sure you can find the image file on your device. You will need that in Step 4
2. Open a browser window and go to <https://www.resizepixel.com/>
3. Click on the green button UPLOAD IMAGE.
4. This will open your device file manager. Navigate to your image and select it.
5. This will open a window giving you a preview of your image. You will see boxes showing you the width and height of your image in pixels. Be sure the "Fixed aspect ratio" box is checked. If both dimensions are between 1200 and 2000 pixels, you can stop here and just submit.
6. If you need to adjust, then choose the longer dimension (either width or height) and set the size to no more than 2000 pixels.

7. Click the blue RESIZE button. Check to make sure that both dimensions are now between 1200 and 2000 pixels. If not, you'll have to crop the image, using the Crop tool in the app. Once both dimensions are OK, then click the green GO TO DOWNLOAD button.
8. This will open another window that previews the new image. Click the green DOWNLOAD IMAGE button.
9. Save the resized image to your device. If you have not already done so, this is a good time to rename your image according to our file-naming instructions under **image uploads** above.