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# OUT IN THE OPEN

## June 3 to 26, 2026

Cranbrook Arts invites 2SLGBTQIA+ artists living in the Columbia-Kootenay-Elk Valley region to submit Artwork for an upcoming community-centred queer art exhibition. All ages are welcome to participate in this exhibition. Works do not need to be identity-focused or explicitly queer-themed—any work created by queer artists is welcome. *Artists may choose to participate anonymously if this best supports their safety or comfort.*

*Submissions due May 22, 2026*

TO APPLY:

Visit [www.cranbrookarts.com/gallery-submissions](http://www.cranbrookarts.com/gallery-submissions)  
or scan here



questions about submitting  
your work?  
email Kristin at  
[director@cranbrookarts.com](mailto:director@cranbrookarts.com)  
or stop by the Gallery at  
1401 5<sup>th</sup> St N



## **Additional Information for OUT IN THE OPEN**

### **exhibition:**

**Exhibition Dates: June 3 to 26, 2026**

**Submissions due May 22.**

#### Eligibility & Submission Guidelines

- Open to any 2SLGBTQIA+ artist living within the Columbia-Kootenay-Elk Valley region.
- All mediums are accepted.
- New, unshown work will be prioritized.
- Work previously shown at Cranbrook Arts (gallery or shop) within the past 2 years is not eligible.
- Work must be your own (no resale of other artists' work).
- The number of works accepted depends on available space and may vary. Plan for 4-6 pieces.
- Work must be fully finished:
  - Wall work: framed and wired for hanging, or fitted with D-hooks (no sawtooth hangers).
  - Non-wall work (sculpture, fibre, jewellery, etc.): must be ready for display. Contact us to discuss plinth or shelving needs.
- Artwork and frames must be in good condition, free of major flaws, scratches, or dents.
- Submissions will be lightly adjudicated for completeness and readiness.
- Commission rate: 30% to CDAC (or 20% for volunteers).
- Artists are responsible for pricing their own work. **WORK DOES NOT HAVE TO BE FOR SALE**

#### **Safety & Community Conduct**

Cranbrook Arts is committed to providing a safe, welcoming, and respectful environment for all queer artists and community members.

By submitting artwork to this exhibition, participants agree to uphold the following:

- **Respect for Identity:** All artists and visitors will be addressed and referred to using the names and pronouns they share.
- **Safety First:** Discrimination, harassment, or hateful behaviour of any kind will not be tolerated.
- **All-Ages Friendly:** Submitted artworks must be appropriate for an audience that includes youth.
- **Anonymity Respected:** Artists choosing to remain anonymous will have their privacy fully protected in marketing materials, labels, and communications.
- **Inclusive Behaviour:** Everyone involved—artists, staff, and visitors—shares responsibility for maintaining a supportive, compassionate space for queer community members.