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Call for Artists: Adkins Arboretum to Sponsor 2015 Art Competition

Adkins Arboretum in Ridgely, Md., will sponsor its sixteenth annual Art Competition, to exhibit in February and March 2015. The theme of the competition—*Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore*—celebrates the Arboretum's mission of conservation. The Leon Andrus Award, in honor of the Arboretum's first benefactor, will be presented to the competition's winner. A second-place award also will be given.

The competition is open to original two- and three-dimensional fine arts in all mediums, including outdoor sculpture and installations. The show will be juried by Christine Neill, a working artist who teaches at Maryland Institute College of Art. Neill is the recipient of a Maryland State Arts Fellowship and a Mellon Arts Grant. Known for her watercolor and mixed media paintings and prints, she has exhibited in France, Egypt, Italy and extensively along the Eastern Seaboard. She is the recipient of the 2005 Andrus Award.

The deadline for submissions is Jan. 7, 2015. Digital images of up to three pieces of art by each artist may be uploaded at adkinsarboretum.org or sent to art@adkinsarboretum.org. Submissions should include title, medium, dimensions (maximum of



"Samothrace," an abstract wooden sculpture by Jack Elliott of Ithaca, N.Y., was awarded first prize in Adkins Arboretum's 2014 Art Competition—Discovering the Native Landscapes of Maryland's Eastern Shore. Submissions are being accepted for the 2015 Competition.

6 feet in any direction, excluding outdoor sculpture), and artist's name and address. Works should reflect or interpret broadly the show's theme of wild nature and landscapes of the Mid-Atlantic coastal plain region.

Artists whose work is selected will be contacted by Jan. 16 to submit the original work ready to hang by Jan. 31. The exhibit will open Feb. 3 and will run through March 27, 2015, with a reception on Sat., Feb. 14 from 3 to 5 p.m. There is no fee for the competition, but artists are responsible for all shipping expenses. Selected artists may be considered for future exhibits at the Arboretum.

For more information, visit adkinsarboretum.org, call 410-634-2847, ext. 0 or send e-mail to info@adkinsarboretum.org.

The 2015 Art Competition is part of Adkins Arboretum's ongoing exhibition series of work on natural themes by regional artists.

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Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its [Campaign to Build a Green Legacy](#), it will build the [W. Flaccus and Ruth B. Stifel Center at Adkins Arboretum](#) and a "green" entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.

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