

GUIDELINES FOR SUBMITTAL

What do we mean by **The NATURE of Hackmatack** NWR Art Show?

Artwork pieces and writings submitted should have its roots in exploration of the native plants, animals and landscapes of our northern Illinois and southern Wisconsin area. Why? Because the footprint of Hackmatack National Wildlife Refuge is contained in this area and our show wishes to celebrate our native plants, animals, birds, insects, and habitats. It's not always easy to know what is native in our area so - **if you have a question as to whether your art subject is "native" - you can start by googling your subject to ask "is this native to Southern Wisconsin or Northern Illinois?"** If you are very uncertain, contact us.

Example guidelines:

Is it native to our area?

The honey bee is not native to our area (surprise!), but brought in from Europe. But many bumblebees are native to our area and extremely important to our native plants and animal's health.



YES - Bumblebee



NO - Honey bee

Is it a wild animal?

Cows make great subjects, but they are not native. Red fox - even though they have learned to adapt themselves to our human habitats - are native to our area.



YES - Fox



NO - Cow

Does it depict our area?

Artist depictions should be of habitats and landscapes that actually exist in our area. We don't have mountains but we do have wetlands, Oak savannas and woodlands, and prairies.



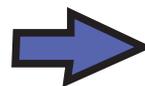
YES - Wetlands



NO - Mountains

But artistic interpretations are appreciated!

Abstracts and depictions of emotions that illustrate your feelings about the local natural world are welcome! And including an explanative write-up of your work will be great for our exhibit-viewers to read.



Nippersink creek bottom

YES - "Nippersink Creek Bottom" - in glass art