

# Avian Art at Volo Bog State Natural Area

A Celebration of Wild Birds with an Art Show and Silent Auction

## April 18 – May 25, 2025

Artists' Reception on Sunday, May 25

### Criteria:

- Subject: Any portrayal of *wild bird species* from anywhere in the world (no generic, caged or pet birds)
- Medium: All forms of art are considered *except* photography & crafts
- Size: Not to exceed 5' in any dimension except work that is intended to be exhibited outside
- Weight: Not to exceed 40 lbs. except work that is intended to be exhibited outside
- Number: Up to three items per artist; past works are welcome.

### Pre-qualification Submission:

- Email to [dnr.volobog@illinois.gov](mailto:dnr.volobog@illinois.gov)
  - a separate email for each work (up to three) including
    - a **digital image** of each piece (up to four images for three-dimensional works)
    - the subject line stating *Avian Art Submission – Title of Work from Your Name*.
      - For example, *Avian Art Submission, Pretty Bird from Jane Doe*
    - A separate, completed *Show Submission* form for each piece
- Watch for a return email accepting your submission with further instructions.

### Schedule:

- Submissions considered via email from March 16 – 3pm, April 11.  
See next page.
- Notification of Acceptance March 26 – April 11.
- Deliveries accepted April 2 – 6 & 9 – 13
- Show Exhibits \*April 18 – May 25

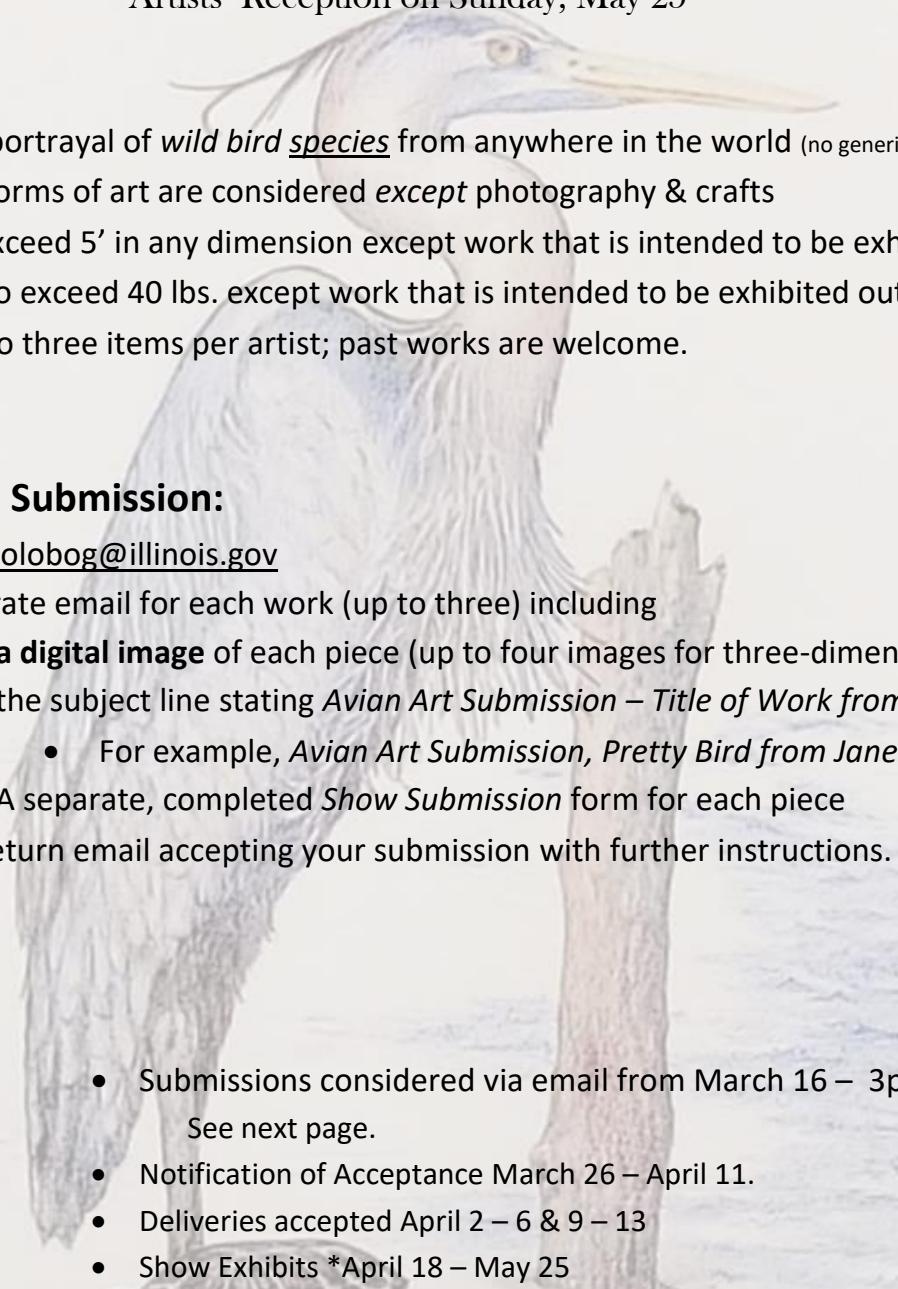
#### \*Visitor Center Hours

9 am – 3 pm, Wed – Sun

Closed Mon/Tue



Barred Owl by Judy Arvidson



Great Blue Heron by Beverly Behrens

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**Please complete and return this page with each entry.**

Sixth Annual **Avian Art** at Volo Bog State Natural Area - 2025 Show & Silent Auction  
**Artists' Invite & Submission Form**

By participating, the entrant agrees to grant the Illinois Department of Natural Resources, Volo Bog State Natural Area Staff & Volunteers, and the Friends of Volo Bog (the "Sponsors") the right to display the artwork, and to reproduce the entrant's name, likeness, copies of the artwork, or any other image or information for purposes of promotion, publicity and/or display, either now or in the future. Sponsors are under no obligation to provide compensation or notice for any such use. The Sponsors, their agents, and assigns, shall not be liable for any injury or illness to the artist or any damage or loss of the artist's work or other personal property arising out of this exhibit or other activities.

**Use ONE FORM for each entry** (no need to fill address & contact info multiple times).

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ Age if under 18 \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City:** \_\_\_\_\_ **State:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Primary Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ **Second Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_

**Email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of Work:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Medium:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Size:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Weight if over 40#** \_\_\_\_\_

If work is framed, please have it ready-to-hang with a 5" or longer wire.

**Estimated Value of Work:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ **Minimum Bid:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_ (25% of proceeds go to the Friends of Volo Bog)

**-OR-** Please dedicate (> 25%) \_\_\_\_\_ % to FOVB **OR - Not for Sale/Check Here:** \_\_\_\_\_

**REQUIRED:** Tell us the story of your piece: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ attach additional page as desired

**REQUIRED:** Please share something you'd like viewers to know about you *as a person and as an artist:* \_\_\_\_\_

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\_\_\_\_\_ attach additional page as desired

Will you be able to join us for our Artists' Reception on Sunday, May 25? \_\_\_\_\_

**Bidding closes at 2:30 pm on Sunday, May 25.**

Artists may take unpurchased works, and buyers may take paid works, at the close of bids on May 26.

All transactions are handled by Friends of Volo Bog.

**Waiver Agreement:**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, agree by my signature here that I am responsible for my own insurance and understand that Volo Bog State Natural Area and its affiliates are not responsible for damaged or missing works in a show or exhibit. Further, I authorize the purchaser (as applicable) or \_\_\_\_\_ to pick up my work for this show only. Initial: \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian signature if artist is a minor:** \_\_\_\_\_

Piece picked up by \_\_\_\_\_ on \_\_\_\_\_ Vol/Witness: \_\_\_\_\_