

# U.S. Capitol Christmas Tree Juried Exhibition

**Received By Deadline: Monday, September 7, 2009**

## Program Description

Every year since 1970, a Christmas tree has been presented to the United States Congress from a national forest and is known as "The People's Tree". This year, for the first time, the tree will be a gift from Arizona.

In honor of this occasion, the Apache-Sitgreaves National Forest, Arizona Commission on the Arts, and Arizona Art Alliance have collaborated to host a statewide, juried art exhibition to select an official artwork to represent the 2009 National Capitol Christmas Tree (CCT).

Traditionally, the official CCT artwork is presented to the Chief of the Forest Service and will hang in their office for one year. The artwork will ultimately be exhibited in "The Tree Gallery" on the Washington Mall in DC, as part of the national permanent collection featuring previous CCT winners.

## Theme

### *"Arizona's Gift from the Grand Canyon State"*

Artists are encouraged to consider the theme to conceptualize the vision of a 65+ foot tall Arizona Christmas Tree destined for the Nation's Capitol.

## Eligibility and Guidelines

- Open to all Arizona artists, at least 18 years of age.
- Any 2-D medium may be used (including but not limited to: acrylics, oil, watercolor, textile, metals, photography, stained glass, etc.).
- Finished artwork should be between 25-35 inches high by 20-30 inches wide.
- Finished artwork may be framed or unframed, but must be designed to hang on a wall.

## How to Apply

- **Received By Deadline: Monday, September 7, 2009**
- Submit high quality digital image of artwork: jpg format /4x6 inches minimum/300dpi
- Image file name: LastName\_FirstName\_Title.jpg
- Entry form available online at: [www.azartalliance.com](http://www.azartalliance.com)
- **Digital image and entry form may be emailed to:** [CapitolChristmasTree2009@azartalliance.com](mailto:CapitolChristmasTree2009@azartalliance.com)  
Subject heading should read: "Christmas Tree Art"  
-or-

### **CD with image and entry form may be mailed to:**

Christmas Tree Art, Arizona Art Alliance  
10810 N. Tatum Blvd., #102-264, Phoenix, AZ 85028

## Review Process

A panel of jurors will review submissions and select artwork for the Capitol Christmas Tree Exhibition at the Arizona State Capitol during the month of October. Exhibited artworks will be eligible for the following:

## Awards of Distinction

- "Arizona's Gift Award." Selected by the jury panel. The official CCT artwork will be displayed throughout Arizona, traveling with the Christmas tree on route to Washington, DC. Artwork will hang in the Office of the Chief of the Forest Service for one year and ultimately become part of the permanent collection at "The Tree Gallery" in Washington, DC. Artist will be honored at Capitol Christmas Tree festivities in Phoenix during the month of November.
- "Viewers' Choice." Viewers will be invited to vote in person or online for their favorite artwork on display. Artwork will be displayed throughout Arizona traveling alongside the National Christmas tree. Artist will be honored at Capitol Christmas Tree festivities in Phoenix during the month of November. Artwork will hang in Arizona State Governor's Office, becoming part of the State of Arizona's permanent collection.
- "Holiday Greeting Cards." A selection of artworks will be reproduced on note or holiday cards and sold to raise funds for the project. Information about the artist will be printed on the back of the cards.

## Important Dates

Sept 7	Deadline for online submissions
Oct 1-31	Capitol Christmas Tree Exhibition
Nov 2	Award Winning Artworks Travel "Arizona's Gift Award" and "Viewers' Choice"



**Arizona's Gift**  
*from the Grand Canyon State*  
CAPITOL CHRISTMAS TREE 2009

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**Capitol Christmas Tree** please visit:  
[www.capitolchristmastree2009.org](http://www.capitolchristmastree2009.org)

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