

TRASH ART CONTEST 2024

RULES & GUIDELINES



How to Submit

Participants must fill out the [submission form](#) by **Friday March 22, 2024 at 4:00 p.m. PST**.
Submission must include: artist name, medium, piece name, and a description of the art piece.

Contest Rules

Submissions that do not meet these requirements will not be considered.

- Artist(s) must be a current UW student, faculty or staff member.
- The art piece can be an individual or group project. *Each participant may only submit one art project, whether it is a group project or individual submission.*
- The art piece may be submitted under one of the following categories:
 - **Literature** (essay, poetry, drama, story or other written work)
 - **2D** (pieces that may be hung from a wall like painting, photography, or collage)
 - **3D** (sculpture, model or other pieces that stand upright)
 - **Textile** (art created predominantly from textile and fiber art techniques – like sewing, weaving, embroidery, knitting, crocheting, quilting, etc.)
- Textiles, 2D and 3D art pieces must be composed of recycled, salvaged or collected litter materials, or express sentiments on the subject matter.
- Literature pieces should relate to waste or a broader sustainability topic.
- 2D, 3D and Textile submissions must be created from individual's personal waste. Material purchased with University funds, regardless of condition, cannot be used for this contest. Please do not take material from campus waste bins.
- All projects should be safe to handle and display (no hazards, etc.). Submissions must adhere to the [UW Libraries Exhibits Policy](#) and the [Safety & Display Expectations](#) of Odegaard Undergraduate Library Exhibit Space.
- The art piece may not be a piece previously submitted to the UW Recycling Trash Art Contest.

Judging Criteria

A first and second place winner will be chosen for each category. Each category will be scored based on the following criteria:

- Originality/creativity
- Interpretation and clarity of waste/sustainability theme
- Material usage (excluding literature)
- Relevance to personal and/or the UW campus waste

Prizes

Each winning entry will receive one e-gift card of their choosing to one of the following locations. 1st place winners for each category will receive a \$100 e-gift card and 2nd place winners will receive a \$50 dollar e-gift card.

- [A Drop in the Ocean](#) (Tacoma)
- [PUBLIC](#) (West Seattle)
- [Seattle ReCreative](#) (Seattle)
- [The Recology Store](#) (Bothell, Burien, Issaquah, Shoreline)

Publication

Winning pieces will be displayed in an exhibit at Odegaard Undergraduate Library during the month of April.

All contest submissions will have their art piece, artist bio, and piece description highlighted on UW Sustainability's [In Our Nature](#) blog, as well as UW Recycling's [Instagram](#). Art submissions, artwork description and artist's name may also be highlighted on other University of Washington platforms.