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# ODE TO THE MOTHER ROAD

CENTENNIAL



ART EXHIBIT

**Route 66**, America's first interstate road that eventually ran from Chicago to Los Angeles, was started in 1926. It was cobbled together mainly from existing dirt roads and wasn't fully paved until 1938. New Mexico had the longest section of Route 66 totaling 487 miles. Over the years, new interstate highways were built, sometimes right on top of Route 66, and eventually what was left of the nascent interstate came to be called Historic Route 66.

Art Deco architecture and the early use of neon signs lighting the roadside diners and motor courts have become part of America's 20th century visual history. In celebration of the historic highway's 100 year anniversary, Step Up Gallery invites artists statewide to submit original works of art honoring its centennial celebration.

**WHAT:** The art may be depictions of the existing remnants of the historic route, painted on site in plein air. Or the art may honor what once was, inspired by historic photographs or an artist's informed imagination. The mediums employed may include painting with oil, acrylic, watercolor, gouache or pastels. Drawings in any variety of mediums, prints, collages and mixed media are also welcome. Fiber art will be accepted as well. No photography please, unless it is utilized in a collage.

**WHEN:** The exhibit will run from **June 19 - July 23, 2026.**

Application Deadline is **Monday, June 1, end of day.**

Art Delivery is **Saturday, June 13: 10am- 3:00pm**

**OR Monday, June 15: 1:00- 6:00pm.**

Opening Reception is **Saturday, June 20: 2- 3:30pm.** If possible, please bring a snack or dessert to pass to the reception by 1:45pm. The gallery will provide drinks.

Show closes **Thursday, July 23 at 8:00pm.**

Art Pick-Up is **Friday, July 24: 2:00- 5:45pm OR Saturday, July 25: 10:00am- 3:00pm**

(If you are unable to deliver or pick-up art during the above times, please email Diane Stoffel, Step Up Gallery manager at [diane@stepupgallery.org](mailto:diane@stepupgallery.org) and alternative arrangements will be considered.)

**WHERE:** Step Up Gallery at Mesa Public Library (upper level), 2400 Central Ave. Los Alamos, NM 87544

**DETAILS:** This is a NON-Juried Exhibit. You may enter up to 10 works of art honoring Rt. 66. All art must be framed or gallery wrapped with a wire across the back for hanging. Framed work may not exceed 36" in either dimension. Fiber art does not require frames but must be designed to hang flat using 1/4 wide hook. Please make sure art and frame are clean.

Your art may be for sale; however, you must handle the sale yourself. We will include contact information on the wall tags. We ask that the buyer wait until the end of the show to remove sold art (if sale depends on immediate removal from show, exceptions will be made). Step Up Gallery does not take any commission.

The attached application is a "fillable" pdf. You may type right into the blanks on a computer. There is room for 5 entries on the application. If you wish to enter more than 5, use a second application. On the 3rd page, you will be asked to release Los Alamos County, the library and gallery managers from liability if your artwork is damaged or stolen during the course of the show. This is a prerequisite to showing in Step Up Gallery. You may simply type in your signature. Upon finishing your application, please "SAVE AS" and add your last name and first initial to the beginning of the file name. We also request that you email a jpeg file of each entry of your finished art at 300 dpi, 6" minimum for smallest dimension. Please send jpegs that are evenly lit, squared up and any unnecessary background is cropped off. There is no charge to enter this exhibit.

If you are unable to use a fillable PDF, then print out the application and Release of Liability on legal size paper (8.5 x 14"), fill it out with pen and mail it to the gallery's address noted above.

**Please Note:** Step Up Gallery managers reserve the right to reject any entry for any reason.

If you have any questions about participating in this exhibit, please email or call Diane Stoffel, [diane@stepupgallery.org](mailto:diane@stepupgallery.org) or 505-551-4577 (during business hours please).

# ARTWORK ENTRY FORM

## Ode to the Mother Road: Route 66 Centennial Show

Please **TYPE** into this form carefully, then save it as a PDF and change the file name to: your last name, first initial.pdf and email it to [diane@stepupgallery.org](mailto:diane@stepupgallery.org). The data on this form will be used to create the wall tags for the exhibit. Please carefully review your information.

Last Name \_\_\_\_\_ First Name \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Art Title #1 \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/Substrate #1 \_\_\_\_\_ Price #1 \_\_\_\_\_

#1 Width (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ #1 Height (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(#1) If this art was done in Plein Air, please give location \_\_\_\_\_

Art Title #2 \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/Substrate #2 \_\_\_\_\_ Price #2 \_\_\_\_\_

#2 Width (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ #2 Height (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(#2) If this art was done in Plein Air, please give location \_\_\_\_\_

Art Title #3 \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/Substrate #3 \_\_\_\_\_ Price #3 \_\_\_\_\_

#3 Width (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ #3 Height (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(#3) If this art was done in Plein Air, please give location \_\_\_\_\_

Art Title #4 \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/Substrate #4 \_\_\_\_\_ Price #4 \_\_\_\_\_

#4 Width (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ #4 Height (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(#4) If this art was done in Plein Air, please give location \_\_\_\_\_

Art Title #5 \_\_\_\_\_

Medium/Substrate #5 \_\_\_\_\_ Price # \_\_\_\_\_

#5 Width (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ #5 Height (unframed) \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_

(#5) If this art was done in Plein Air, please give location \_\_\_\_\_

# Step Up Gallery Exhibit Release of Liability

2026 Exhibit #5. Show Name: **Ode to the Mother Road: Route 66 Centennial Show**

My signature below indicates that I am the artist and/or owner ("Artist") of the above-listed exhibit's artwork ("Artwork") and I agree to exhibit the Artwork and/or display materials at Step Up Gallery in Mesa Public Library at 2400 Central Ave., Los Alamos, NM 87544, with the understanding that any damage to or loss of my submitted Artwork/materials while housed and exhibited at Step Up Gallery and Mesa Public Library is my full responsibility as the artist or owner, and not the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, the Los Alamos County Library System, La Mesilla Arts LLC or any employee or agent thereof.

Artist shall be responsible to insure properly and adequately their Artwork and property. The Incorporated County of Los Alamos ("County") carries no insurance for loss or damage to Artwork in the exhibit, nor assumes liability for the same. Artist agrees to display, pack, transport, and provide for the return of my artwork at Artist's own risk and expense.

The County or La Mesilla Arts LLC shall not be liable to Artist, Artist's personnel, agents or employees or for any damage or loss of Artist's work, equipment or other personal property arising out of the above exhibit, the mounting and/or any other activities involved in the preparation and/or presentation of the Art Exhibit.

Artist agrees to assume all risk of damage to or loss of Artist's own Artwork from whatever cause. Artist further agrees to release and to hold harmless the County, and its officers, directors, employees, volunteers and agents and La Mesilla Arts LLC from any and all liabilities and damages to Artwork and/or persons as a result of any part of Artist's participation in the Exhibit.

Artist shall indemnify, defend, and hold harmless the County, its Council members, employees, agents, and representatives, and La Mesilla Arts LLC from and against all liability, claims, demands, actions (legal or equitable), damages, losses, costs, or expenses, including attorney fees, of any kind or nature to the extent that the liability, claims, demands, actions, damages, losses, costs, and expenses are caused by, or arise out of, the acts or omissions of the Artist or Artist's officers, employees, agents representatives, and subcontractors in the performance or breach under this Agreement.

I have read and agree to the above terms of the Exhibit Release of Liability form as set out by the Incorporated County of Los Alamos, Los Alamos County Library System, and La Mesilla Arts LLC.

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*(Date)*

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*(Number of pieces in exhibit)*

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*(Legal printed or typed name of exhibitor)*

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*(Signature of exhibitor)*