



Call for Artists: *We the People*

It's Raynham Hall Museum's second Call for Artists Exhibition! We invite artists from Long Island and New York City to submit entries for our upcoming exhibition, *We the People*. A jury panel will select the artworks included in the show, and the opening reception will be held on Thursday, April 23, 2026. The exhibition will run through August 30, 2026.

Theme

"We the People." The three opening words of the Constitution place the power of the United States not in a monarch, nor even in individual states, but in its citizens. The original promise of those words was eloquent and evocative — yet from the start, that promise was only partly true. Women and people of color would have been disenfranchised from the political process, and those included among "the people" has expanded only through struggle and hard-won legal change. The story of the United States is one of continual redefinition, as people of many backgrounds have claimed their place and pushed the nation toward its ideals of a more just and equitable society. Shifts in our population continue to fuel ongoing debate over who may be recognized as a citizen. We invite artists to respond to these tensions and possibilities, and to explore through their work what "We the People" means today.

Overview

Artists may submit up to two works for consideration. Two and three-dimensional original works in any medium, including video/digital works are accepted. Oversized artworks may not be chosen due to space limitations within the museum, and works may not exceed 30 lbs. All accepted work must be prepared for exhibition display. If you're submitting a video or digital work, a device must be included for the exhibition (tablet size preferred).

An Artist Statement is required with your entry form (up to 1,500 characters, approximately 225-250 words). Artists' statements will be included in the exhibition.

We encourage artwork sales! All sales will be facilitated through Raynham Hall Museum on behalf of the artist. We ask that artists donate 15% of the proceeds of sold artwork to Raynham Hall Museum, so please price your works accordingly.

Submission Requirements and Deadlines

Please submit your entry by **Wednesday, March 18, 2026**, using the following form: *We the People* [Entry Form](#). If you have any issues using the form (including image/video attachments), please email us at jpearl@raynhamhallmuseum.org. You will be notified of acceptance into the show by **Friday, March 27, 2026**.

Delivery of Art

Artists are responsible for delivering and retrieving their artwork from Raynham Hall Museum. Delivery will be open from **Monday, April 13, to Friday, April 17, 2026**. Pickup will occur from August 31 to September 4, 2026.