



The Florence County Museum Exhibition Policy

The Florence County Museum Exhibition Policy is guided by the mission statement:

The mission of the Florence County Museum is to provide a dynamic sanctuary for the preservation, interpretation and exhibition of objects of scientific, historic, and artistic significance that are unique or of special interest to the people of Florence County and the Pee Dee region of South Carolina.

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Policy Aims

A wide range of educational programs of temporary exhibits interpreting art, science and history are designed to stimulate, intrigue and involve all audiences from across all sections of our community, region, state and nation.

We aim to host exhibitions:

- That offer an interest to our community and encourage new and repeat visitors.
- That are enjoyable, inspirational and offer stimulating learning opportunities.
- That celebrate, interpret and connect (our local heritage, social and cultural diversity, built and natural surroundings) with those from around the world.
- That support connections between objects in temporary exhibit spaces with those on display in the permanent galleries.

Strategy to achieve aims

- The Florence County Museum Director, Curator of Interpretation and Collections, Curator of Education, and Florence County Museum Exhibit Committee will meet quarterly to assess previous exhibits and review submissions for future exhibition.
- Selection will be from electronic images, photographs and/or other images submitted by interested artists, collectors or institutions.
- Exhibits will be evaluated according to the following selection criteria:
 - Local relevance.
 - Practicalities - consideration of any practical difficulties in hosting exhibition (transport costs, size, etc.)
 - Audience Appeal - attractiveness and relevance to the audience.
 - Quality - standard of work appropriate to the nature of the proposed exhibition.
 - Cost implications - any potential cost implications for installation or exhibition of works/objects (hire fee; extra insurance coverage beyond standard policy; transport costs; juror costs.)

The Florence County Museum states that:

- All exhibits will fulfill the mission of the FCM, maintain the integrity of the institution and respect the vision of the FCM Board and Florence County Council.
- No exhibit theme or exhibiting body will be repeated within a five year time period.
- The FCM will host one changing exhibit each calendar year that respectively highlights art, science and history.

The calendar year will normally consist of up to six main temporary exhibitions with a minimum duration of eight weeks. In addition, a program of smaller exhibitions in the *Educational Gallery* will also be arranged.

- One exhibition a year using the Museum's permanent collections.
- One exhibition a year with pure educational value to attract local school visits connecting art, science and history.
- One summer exhibition with appeal to families.
- One exhibition a year targeting a minority audience.
- Exhibitions working in partnership with other institutions.

Scheduling

- Exhibits will typically be planned at least two years in advance.
- Produce an agreement to outline the responsibilities of the exhibitors and the FCM.

Other Considerations:

- Worked delivered for exhibiting must be the same as that agreed upon between the FCM Exhibit Committee and exhibitor(s) at the time of selections. The FCM Director reserves the right to withdraw any material unless the exhibitor has already confirmed any changes before the delivery of work.
- The FCM Exhibit Committee reserves the right to refuse any worked considered to be pornographic or offensive by community standards.
- The FCM Exhibit Committee will consider exhibiting works of contentious or challenging nature but reserves the right to exercise discretion when selecting exhibits.