

# Fifth Annual Banner Competition!

## H'ART of the PALOUSE 2012

A public art  
competition for  
hand-painted  
banners to hang in  
downtown Colfax.



Everyone is  
invited to enter!

Entry deadline:  
February 3, 2012

**EXTENSION:**  
Entries now due  
Feb 10.

Winners announced by:  
February 13, 2012

Banner workshop:  
February 18, 2012

Painted banners due:  
March 30, 2012

Banners hung on Main Street:  
April 22, 2012

Public reception for finalists  
and People's Choice Award:  
May 3, 2012



COLFAX ARTS COUNCIL

[www.colfaxarts.com](http://www.colfaxarts.com)

By now, certainly you've seen the last four years of wonderful, hand-painted banners flying from the lamp posts on Main Street in Colfax, and if you haven't, it's worth the trip.

We're doing it again in 2012, so now is *your* chance to have your art seen every day by thousands of drivers motoring through town!

**H'Art of the Palouse** is a juried art competition sponsored by the Colfax Arts Council to bring original works of art to the heart of Whitman County—Colfax's downtown Main Street. The top designs submitted will be painted by the winning artists on banners provided by the Arts Council, and displayed through 2012.

So all you creative folks, this is the time to make a painting and be seen in the most widely viewed art exhibit around!

### 🌟 How to enter

Using 11 x 17 material as a base—paper, card board, or similar material—create a scale representation of your design sized to 7 1/2" wide x 15" high, in color, using colored pencils, paint, markers—your favorite sketching tools. Be as accurate as possible to indicate your design and colors. If your design is chosen, it will be expected that you can render it in acrylic paints on a full size, blank banner provided to you by the Colfax Arts Council.

Words are not required, but if you choose to include words, the letters must be at least 3 - 4 inches high on the final banner, or about 3/4 - 1 inch on your sketch.

Fill out the entry form on the back of this flyer and attach it with tape to the **BACK** of your design. Do not sign the front of your sketch. If your design is chosen, you will have the opportunity to sign your banner.

Entries will not be returned, so you may enter a color copy of your design as long as it accurately represents your colors, is to the proper scale, and is on 11 x 17 paper.

You may submit more than one entry.

### 🌟 The theme is "The Palouse Country"

Anything you can think of that exemplifies life on the Palouse is open for consideration. You could choose a favorite historical person, item or event; a landscape; native plants; a season; or a completely abstract idea about any aspect of life on the Palouse. How about mythological Palouse? Anything! These are just ideas to get you started. The creative field is wide open to any style, any colors, as long as you can render it in acrylic paints on a vinyl banner if your design is chosen as a winner. Think big and bold!

### 🌟 Who is eligible

Absolutely everyone, including Cousin Elmo who lives in Des Moines. Kids, grown ups, professional and closet artists, teachers, and students. Encourage everyone you know to enter. If you think you can't paint, create a team of friends and do it together, or get your artist friend to render your idea!

## ✪ Deadline for entries

Thursday, February 3, 2012, but we will accept them anytime up through that date.

## ✪ Where to send or deliver entries

Mail along with your entry form and fee, early enough that it will be received on or before February 3 to:

+ Colfax Arts Council at the address on the form

In person, deliver on or before February 3 to:

+ Whitman County Library in Colfax or

+ Port of Whitman office in Colfax, address on the form

## ✪ Then what happens

The entries will be juried by an esteemed panel of judges made up of regional artists and representatives from the City of Colfax and civic organizations. Entries received after February 3 will not be considered. The decisions of the judges will be final.

Winners will be notified on or before February 11, 2012.

On Saturday, February 13 we will hold a workshop for the winners – to provide technical input and answer questions – and we'll hand out the blank white vinyl banners, 30 x 60 inches in size. Each artist will paint his or her design with acrylic paints – artist's colors and/or exterior latex house paint. Thus, each banner will be an original painting.

Completed painted banners will be due back to the Colfax Arts Council by March 30, 2012.

Banners will be hung on Sunday, April 22, 2012. They will be up through fall of 2012.

## ✪ H'Art of the Palouse Reception

On Thursday, May 3, 2012 the Colfax Arts Council will host a reception for the artists. Details to be announced.

## ☞ But wait, there's more!

## ✪ People's Choice Award

The public will have a chance to vote for their favorite banner prior to the H'Art of the Palouse Reception and the one adult and one youth artist chosen from the finalists will be given a People's Choice Award during the reception. The prize has been building each year and will include items an artist can't live without, as well as cash.

**For additional details, visit the Colfax Arts Council's website: [www.colfaxarts.com](http://www.colfaxarts.com).  
If your questions still aren't answered, you can call 509.397.2904 and we'll help you.**



## Entry Form

Complete this form and TAPE it to the BACK of your entry. If you are entering more than one design, please copy this form and tape one to the back of each entry. Be sure to include your entry fee.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Title of banner:**

\_\_\_\_\_

**Entry fee:**

Youth Division, 18 years or younger, \$10 per entry

Adult Division, \$20 per entry

**Mail or deliver to:**

Mail your entry with this form and entry fee by February 3 to:

Colfax Arts Council  
911 S. East Street  
Colfax, WA 99111

Or deliver in person by February 3 to:

The Port of Whitman  
302 N. Mill Street, Colfax  
7:30 am - 4:30 pm, M - F, closed noon - 1 pm  
or to:

Colfax Branch of the Whitman County Library, front desk  
during their regular hours (listed at: [www.whitco.lib.wa.us](http://www.whitco.lib.wa.us))  
102 S. Main, Colfax