

# Third Annual Banner Competition!

## H'ART of the PALOUSE 2010

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



Everyone is  
invited to enter!

**Entry deadline:**  
*October 28, 2009*

**Winners announced by:**  
*November 12, 2009*

**Banner workshop:**  
*November 14, 2009*

**Painted banners due:**  
*January 15, 2010*

**Banners hung on Main Street:**  
*February 21, 2010*

**Public reception for finalists and  
People's Choice Award:**  
*March 4, 2010*



COLFAX ARTS COUNCIL

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

By now we hope you've seen the wonderful, hand-painted banners from the 2009 competition 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 2010, so now is your chance to have your art seen every day by thousands of drivers from all over!

**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 the spring and summer of 2010.

So all you creative folks, this is the time to make a painting and be 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"

This year we only scratched the surface of this theme, so we've decided to keep it the same for next year. 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. 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 Ernie who lives in Boston. Kids, grown ups, professional and closet artists, teachers and students. Encourage everyone you know to enter. If you think you can't paint, get your artist friend to render your idea!

## ★ **Deadline for entries**

Wednesday, October 28, 2009, but we will accept them anytime between March 6 and October 28!

## ★ **Where to send or deliver entries**

Mail along with your entry form and fee, early enough that it will be received on or before October 28 to:

+ Colfax Arts Council at the address on the form

In person, deliver on or before October 28 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 October 28 will not be considered and the decisions of the judges will be final.

Winners will be notified on or before November 12, 2009.

On Saturday, November 14, 2009 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 Friday, January 15, 2010.

Banners will be hung on Sunday, February 21, 2010. They will be up through early October 2010.

## ★ **H'Art of the Palouse Reception**

On Thursday, March 4, 2010 the Colfax Arts Council will host a reception for the artists and all who entered the competition. 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 artist chosen from the finalists will be given a People's Choice Award during the reception. The actual prize will also be created by "the people," with a donation jar prominently located in town to collect everything from cash and gift certificates, to art supplies and.... We won't know what it is till it's awarded (but we can tell you that the 2008 Award included over \$250 in cash and gift certificates, and lots of other curiosities and items of artistic interest including a few art supplies!)

**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 October 28 to:

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

Or deliver in person by October 28 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