



Sculptor Prospectus

40th Annual Sculpture Celebration

September 12, 2026
Broyhill Walking Park • Lenoir, NC 28645

Presented by the Caldwell Arts Council
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The Caldwell Arts Council invites you to participate in the 40th Annual Sculpture Celebration on September 12, 2026. Join emerging and established sculptors to compete for a total of \$11,000 in cash awards. Sculptors can enter up to three works.

Registration includes free admission to the Friday Night Welcome Dinner and a continental breakfast on Saturday morning. Sales of competition entries and commissions are encouraged, with 100% of proceeds going to the sculptors. All mediums are accepted, including metals, glass, stone, wood, paper, plastic, fiber, found objects, natural and recycled materials, etc.

\$11,000 in Awards

\$3,000 Best in Show	Five \$500 Judge's Merit awards
\$2,000 First Place	Five \$100 Honorable Mention awards
\$1,500 Second Place	\$500 Stevens Family People's Choice
\$1,000 Third Place	

2026 Juror: Jason Brown

Jason Sheridan Brown received his M.F.A. from the Rhode Island School of Design in 1999 and has taught Sculpture at the University of Tennessee since 2001. His artwork has been exhibited nationally, including solo and group exhibitions in 22 states, and internationally in Canada, Germany, and New Zealand. Brown has completed a number of multi-disciplinary public arts projects and multiple artist residencies in the U.S. and abroad. Throughout his art and teaching, Brown emphasizes interdisciplinary cooperation amongst creative thinkers such as his current traveling exhibitions and curatorial projects with the Land Report Collective.

Register early for the best savings. Registration includes:

- Manpower for unloading, installation, removal, and reloading of your work.
- Free admission to the Friday Night Welcome Dinner
- Free outdoor camping with showers and full bathroom facilities at the WNC Sculpture Center & Park; other accommodations at www.caldwellarts.com.
- Free Continental Breakfast on Saturday.



The Sculpture Celebration is a program of the Caldwell Arts Council and is funded in part by the North Carolina Arts Council, a division of the Department of Natural and Cultural Resources.



Schedule of Events

Friday, September 11th

CHECK IN: 10am-5pm. Site selection and installation of work begins. A crane will be available for unloading large sculptures (sign up below), and security will be provided overnight on Friday.

6pm: Friday Night Welcome Dinner This event is free for exhibiting sculptors. Held 10 minutes from the park at The HUB Station Arts Center in Hudson NC, it kicks off with a reception at 6pm followed by a 7pm judge's presentation and dinner.

Saturday, September 12th

7am-8:45am: Park opens for site selection and installation of work; only small vehicles allowed.

8am: Free Continental Breakfast will be available for sculptors.

9am: Exhibition opens & Judging begins with live music on the deck and food vendors in the back of the park.

3:15pm: Awards presentation followed by Judge's walking tour of winning entries.

4pm: Exhibition closes; removal of sculpture & park cleanup begins. **No Sculptures, including sold work, may leave the park prior to 4pm.**

40th Annual Sculpture Celebration Registration Form

NOTE: BY REGISTERING FOR THIS EVENT, YOU AGREE TO MAKE ANY AND ALL EFFORTS TO SECURE YOUR ARTWORK TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF VISITORS, OTHER ARTISTS, AND OTHER WORKS OF ART AGAINST DAMAGE OR INJURY.

Completed forms can be emailed to office@caldwellarts.com or mailed to
Caldwell Arts Council , PO Box 1613, Lenoir NC 28645.

Name: _____

Address/City/ST/Zip: _____

Preferred Phone#: _____ Home Work Cell

Email: _____ Website: _____

A maximum of three (3) sculptures can be entered. Please check all that apply and include fees as noted. *There will be no on-site registration this year.

Registration Fees

- Register by June 30, 2026\$50
- Register between July 1 & July 31, 2026.....\$65
- Final registration between August 1 & September 1, 2026.....\$80**
- Student Registration.....\$35
School Name _____

Friday Night Welcome Dinner

- I will attend the Friday Night Welcome Dinner (free) I cannot attend the Friday night event.

Camping (Find other accommodations at www.caldwellarts.com.)

- I need a reservation for FREE camping on Friday &/or Saturday night at the WNC Sculpture Park.

Loading, Unloading & Setup

- I would like FREE manpower assistance. I would like FREE crane /boom assistance.

Payment Method: Total Due.....\$ _____

- Check Enclosed Credit Card # _____

Expiration: ____/____ CVV: _____ Billing Zip Code: _____

Signature: _____



SCULPTURE
CELEBRATION

Friday Night Welcome Dinner

September 11, 2026 from 6pm until 9pm

Held 10 minutes from the park at the HUB Station Arts Center, the evening kicks off with a 6pm reception followed by the judge presentation and dinner at 7pm. Additional tickets are available for \$35 each. For details, see the prospectus, contact us at 828-754-2486 or email office@caldwellarts.com.

2026 Lodging Options

Free Camping

The WNC Sculpture Center will have a limited number of campsites available on Friday and Saturday nights. Located at 4612 Patterson School Drive in Lenoir, the facility is just 15 minutes North of the Broyhill Walking Park and offers restrooms and showers. Sculptors are restricted to one space each. Sites are first come-first served, so early registration is highly encouraged. Sign up on the prospectus and Caldwell Arts Council staff will contact you with space confirmation.

Other Lodging

Hampton Inn & Suites • 262 Hotel St. SE • Lenoir, NC 28645 • 828-758-7664

Comfort Inn & Suites • 970 Blowing Rock Blvd. • Lenoir, NC 28645 • 828-795-3698

Red Roof Inn • 206 Blowing Rock Blvd. • Lenoir, NC 28645 • 828-754-0731

[Airbnb.com](https://www.airbnb.com) & [Vrbo.com](https://www.vrbo.com)



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