



Tarpon Springs Illuminated Art Boxes 2026

Deadline for submissions: Friday, January 2, 2026, at midnight

The City of Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee (PAC) is seeking submissions for public display in our Illuminated Art Boxes located on lamp posts along Dodecanese Blvd. at the Tarpon Springs Sponge Docks. There are 40 spaces available, housed within twenty (20), two-sided illuminated art boxes.

Theme: "Celebrating Tarpon Springs and Our Nature Coast"

Preference will be given to artworks that embody this theme, including, but not limited to:

- Recognizable locations in and around Tarpon Springs
- Nature (land, water, sky, animals, birds, minerals, plants, or people) evoking the local area
- Beach, park, or other setting representing the local area
- Abstract works that capture the essence of the local area

Please refer to our current catalog (<https://tarponarts.org/public-art/>) for examples of successful entries.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

Eligibility: Open to local artists of all skill levels (special consideration will be given for a limited number of school and youth group submissions).

Medium: Photography or photographs of artworks in other media (ex. painting, drawing, mural, sculpture, mixed media, collage, etc.)

Orientation: Vertical or horizontal (display size of each art box is 24 inches square)

SUBMISSION REQUIREMENTS

Submission limit: Each artist may submit up to 3 artworks for consideration (only one image will be selected for any artist)

Initial submission: Each piece must be submitted as an individual digital image and emailed to PAC Chair Dawn Arbetello at arbcreative@yahoo.com. In the body of your email, please provide your name, email address, mailing address, phone number, and any art affiliations if applicable.

Submission files: PNG or JPEG image with 96 dpi resolution and minimum dimension of 480 pixels on the shortest side. Each image file should be named with the artist's name and the title of the work (ex: jane-doe-the-bayou-at-dusk).

Selected Artwork: If selected, a high-resolution (300 dpi) image suitable for printing must be provided (minimum 1200 pixels on the shortest side; 2000+ pixels preferred, but do not exceed 4MB).

Exhibition and Catalog: The chosen artworks will be exhibited in the Art Boxes for one year and will be showcased in our online catalog. **Honorarium:** Selected artworks will receive an honorarium of \$100 each.

PLEASE NOTE: While we do not facilitate sales, artists are encouraged to provide a description of the media, artwork title, contact information, and pricing for the catalog.

Final selections will be made by the Tarpon Springs Public Art Committee at its February 11, 2026, meeting. Selected artists will be notified via email the following day. We look forward to receiving your submissions and showcasing the diverse talents of our local artists. Good luck!

Rights and Permissions: Artists grant Tarpon Arts and the Public Art Committee permission to display their artwork in the illuminated art boxes, catalog, and related advertising materials. All other rights remain with the artist. Tarpon Arts, the City of Tarpon Springs,

and the Public Art Committee retain ownership of the website, catalog, art boxes, and display materials.