



INTERNATIONAL WATER COLOUR PAINTING CONTEST VILLAGE OF RASCAFRIA 2017

“ I International Water Colour Painting Competition Village of Rascafría ”

The Town Council of the Village of Rascafría hereby announces the Water Colour Painting Contest which carries its name in order to make public its recent history of six centuries as well as the privileged geographical surroundings of the National Park of the Guadarrama Mountain Range where the Village is set.

Water will be the unifying element, the common thread and central theme of this Competition because its marks and its traces contain the cultural and historical memory of Rascafría, the Lozoya Valley and its inhabitants. Rivers, torrents, springs, fountains, bridges, irrigation canals and mills form part of the collective memory and are meeting places with stories, mysteries and customs.

Art, through water colour painting, can be a good instrument to show and say what words cannot express, unfolding a large range of views which kindle our social and collective memory of water landscapes.

In this light, the Competition wants to **build new bridges** with people, groups and institutions from the broad world of Culture both nationally and internationally to collectively enjoy an aesthetic sensitiveness and an experience full of sensations and emotions which leads us to become more aware of the need to care for this vital element which water represents.

This Competition is announced with the idea of continuing indefinitely in time, in the same place where in the first decades of the twentieth century students from Spanish Art Schools enjoyed the successive Painters Scholarships from El Paular.

This **continuity** will help to create a cultural and social movement which will enhance the value of both El Paular Monastery's multidisciplinary legacy of hundreds of years and the vanguard proposals of renowned artists like Luis FeitoLópez, an adopted son in the Village. The resulting dialogue must be greater awareness and enrichment and an opening to new ways of recognition in our history.

Creating and maintaining this special space to meet and communicate should help to contribute to offering quality tourism which the Village of Rascafría is working at for a large part of its future.

TERMS

Jury and assessment criterion for awarding Prizes

1.-The Jury will be composed of five people with acknowledged prestige in the world of art and culture and also the Mayoress from the Town Council. All will have a say and a vote. A seventh person will have a say but no vote and will act as Secretary to the Jury. In any case the Jury will be validly formed with at least three members. Majority decisions will be taken.

Prizes will be awarded based on the artistic value of the art work, its originality, the skill in the technique used and the ability to transmit all that is seen and felt in the municipal area of the Village of Rascafría.

In honour of the paper manufacturing history which started in Los Batanes in 1390 opposite El Paular Monastery, art works can only be presented on craft handmade paper of any origin with a maximum size of 35cm x 50cm and minimum size of DIN A-4.

The Town Council will give each registered participant a sheet of craft flax paper handmade in the nearby village of Lozoya, 35cm x 50cm in size.

The style of artwork is free and it is compulsory for the theme to revolve around water and the landscapes which exist both permanent and ephemeral, natural or created by human activity.



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Calls

Two calls per year have been established: one in Spring and one in Autumn.

This year they will take place on Saturday 10 June and 7 October. Anyone of any nationality may partake in both calls providing they are eighteen or over when the event takes place.

The Calls and Terms will be published in Spanish and English on Rascafria Town Council's official website, www.rascafria.org, and also on social networks.

Participants will show proof of identification with their ID card and will have the necessary material with them including an easel if required. The craft paper will be stamped between 9 and 10 in the morning and the finished artwork will be delivered without being signed before 18 hours in the Town Hall (Plaza de la Villa, 1)

The Jury will preselect a maximum of 30 pieces of artwork which will be exhibited in the Council Chamber for 15 days.

The Town Council of the Village of Rascafria will not at any time insure the artwork.

The artwork will then be exhibited in an exhibition room in the capital of Madrid.

Prizes

From amongst the preselected works from each Call, the Jury will give the **Village of Rascafria's International Water Colour Painting Spring Prize and the Autumn Prize**.

Each of both Prizes will consist of a travel bag (valued at 3.000€) for two people to a prestigious Cultural Centre in the Popular Republic of China, in homage to the country which invented paper and whose present development is a world reference.

The winning artist will also receive the corresponding Diploma.

Likewise the Jury can give up to the Honorary Mentions per Call, with no economic prize, based on the exceptional quality of the works. Their author will receive the corresponding Diploma.

The Jury also has the power to leave the Call partially or completely null and void. The Jury's decision is final.

The Prizes will be handed out in Rascafria and the works will also be signed there.

The prize winning Works will remain property of the Town Council of the Village of Rascafria. They will be included in its important artistic fund and belong to the Town Council which will reserve all rights on the works including reproduction, publishing and exhibiting.

The other preselected works will be exhibited both in the Council Chamber and the Exhibition Room chosen in Madrid. These works may be sold to the public by their authors and will be removed once the events have finished.

The other works may be collected by their authors in the Town Hall of the Village of Rascafria, Plaza de la Villa, 1. Tel.: 918691117 (Monday to Friday (working days) from 8:00 to 15:00) until 8 July for the Spring Call and until 4 November for the Autumn Call. The works which are not collected will remain property of the Town Hall.

The prizes awarded will be published accordingly.





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Entry

Participants should fill in the Entry Data as stated below. Taking part in this Competition means total acceptance of the present Terms in their totality.

How to enter and deadlines for presenting entry data:

- *) Spring Call: from Friday 5 May until Friday 9 June
- *) Autumn Call: from Thursday 7 September until Friday 6 October.

Presenting entry data: entries can be made:

- On the Town Hall's official website, www.rascafría.org, by filling in all data on the form
- In person: in the Town Hall in the Village of Rascafría, Plaza de la Villa, 1

Tel. 91 8691117 (Monday to Friday (working days) from 8:00 to 15:00)

- By Registered Post using "correoadministrativo" (not ordinary registered post) and addressed to: Ayuntamiento de la Villa de Rascafría: Plaza de la Villa, 1, C.P. 28740. Rascafría (Madrid)

Entry data (subject to the regulations stated in the Organic Law 15/99 13 December Data Protection Law regarding Personal Data):

- *) Name and Surname.
- *) Postal address.
- *) Electronic mail (email).
- *) Telephone.
- *) DNI, NIE. Others
- *) Date of birth.

In the Village of Rascafría, April 2017

Beatriz Aguirre Santiago

Town Council Mayoress for the Village of Rascafría