



## Call for Capital Diorama Display for Napa County

Napa County Library (NCL) invites artists to apply to create a new diorama for the Capitol Display representing Napa County. All submissions must be received by May 27, 2016 and will be reviewed by a committee consisting of local artists, the Arts Council Executive Director, a representative from the Vintner's Association and a Library Commissioner, and the Director of Library Services and Community Outreach.

### Exhibition Guidelines

**Definition:** Diorama... A scene, often in miniature, reproduced in three dimensions by placing objects, figures, etc., in front of a painted, photographic or sculptured background.

The diorama will be a display at the State Capitol Building in Sacramento, as a part of the exhibit representing all 58 counties and serving as a way for visitors to learn about California and its regions. The Napa County Diorama may consist of a combination of visual mediums... painting, photography, three dimension sculpture, video, audio, etc., allowing for overall unique artistic creativity.

Napa County will have sole ownership of the new diorama. There is a \$10,000 stipend to the artist of the selected diorama for design costs, materials, installation, and travel. The diorama will be exhibited at the discretion of the County and can be taken off display or replaced for any reason at any time.

The display case measurements are 46" wide by 21" deep and 62 ½" tall. There is a recessed light 8" wide with a 110 volt light in the ceiling. Cases can vary by 1/8 to 1/16 of an inch. Complete cabinet specifications are available at [www.napalibrary.org](http://www.napalibrary.org).

### Judging Criteria

- Artist resides in Napa County. A collaboration of artists is acceptable.
- Concept: A balanced and focused representation of Napa County in the 21st Century. It must represent the County as a whole in all its diversity of community, agriculture, culinary, arts, hospitality, outdoor recreation, natural resources and wildlife, etc.
- Skill and technique: Concept to convey the artist is technically proficient in the proposed mediums to develop and create the diorama.
- Originality and uniqueness: Concept to convey a knowledge and insight of Napa County with originality, creativity and individual style.
- Beauty: Aspects of the concept and artwork to be considered when judging for composition, color, texture, movement, symmetry and visual unity in the artwork.
- Primary visual impact: "The WOW Factor", to generate a mental, physical response and desire to visit Napa County when viewing the work.

### How to Apply

1. Submit an artist's statement specifically addressing how your concept depicts Napa County. Please include your name, address, e-mail and phone number. Provide a brief bio (250 words or less).
2. Submit up to five (5) renderings in digital image files (jpeg format) of the concept on a CD disc. Include proposed mediums, a materials list and estimated budget.
3. Include files of previous work, public art projects, and no more than 10 examples. Label all image files (title, name, medium, dimensions).
4. Application materials will be kept on file at the library until reviewed by the selection committee.

5. Send application materials to: **Napa County Diorama  
Napa County Library  
580 Coombs Street  
Napa, CA 94559**

**DEADLINE TO APPLY: May 27, 2016, 4:00 pm**  
(For installation no later than December 2016)

Artists are recommended to visit the Diorama Exhibits at the State Capitol to obtain a visual of the physical space to be created.