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Virtual Art Gallery

Zonta invites you to use your art and passion to promote gender-equal climate action.

Climate change disproportionately impacts women and girls and has been described as a 'women's rights crises', by the United Nations Secretary-General, Antonio Guterres.

What can we do about it? Zonta International released its *Statement on Climate Change: a gender equality issue* with recommendations for governments and Zontians to achieve climate justice – and has established *Zonta Says NOW to gender-equal climate action* to put the Statement into practice.

Zonta Says NOW is also guided by the Sustainable Development Goals, the Paris Climate Agreement, the Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction, the Commission on the Status of Women activities, and the climate-related recommendations of the U.S. Women's Caucus at the United Nations.

The way forward is quite clear. We know what we need to do. But how do we overcome inertia? What will it take to get us out of our comfort zones to take gender-equal climate action?

We use two brain regions when we decide to act: the neocortex, which handles logic and language, and the limbic, which deals with emotions and feelings.

Traditionally, our resources have focused on logic and language, yet the logical neocortex controls only 25% of our decisions. The emotional limbic brain is far more powerful as it is responsible for 75% of our behaviors and decisions, and this is where the virtual art gallery comes in.

The artworks in the virtual art gallery will connect with our emotions while raising awareness of gender and climate issues. Each artwork will have a detailed description to educate, advocate and inspire action in our local communities, districts, and regions globally.

Artwork will be categorized on the website by year of submittal. Example: 2024, 2025 and so on.

The date to submit your paintings, poems, photographs, videos, sculptures, quilts, music, is the **28 of February 2025.**

The Virtual Art Gallery will go online on
Tuesday 22 April 2025 (United Nations Mother Earth Day)
Promote participation at your club with our [promotional video](#)

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Guidelines for Artists

- 1 **Who can submit artwork?** Current Zonta club members, supporting members, Golden Z club members, Z club members or a family member of an active Zonta Club member*. All artworks must be original and owned by the artist; see *permission form page 3-4*. * Family members of Zonta members must also initial the permission form along with the Zonta Club member.
- 2 **When can I submit the artwork?** Submissions are accepted online between 01 July 2024 through 28 February 2025
- 3 **What type of art is accepted?** Any type of artwork can be submitted:
 - written word (in pdf format)
 - drawings, paintings, watercolors (submit a photograph of artwork)
 - photographs
 - videos (short version less than 5 minutes)
 - films (short films less than 20 minutes)
 - sculpture, textile (submit a photograph or video of artwork)
 - music, songs (less than 5 minutes)
 - other

NOTE: Please submit both artwork digitally and a completed Submission/Permission Form. Do not send physical artwork. Organizers of the gallery will contact you if there's a question about the Artwork. Questions need to be answered prior to the art being uploaded to the gallery.
- 4 **What content can be submitted?** Submit your original artwork relating to climate change, climate action, climate adaptation, climate disaster survival, climate justice, gender equality, gender equity, and any other climate-related topic in your region of the world. The artwork is required to be family friendly.
- 5 **What digital formats are accepted?** JPEG, PNG, MP3, MP4, FLV. Other formats by prior arrangement.
- 6 **Can I submit more than one artwork?** Yes. In case space is limited, please rank your artworks in order of preference.
- 7 **How do I submit my artwork?** Please send an email with 'Art Submission' in the subject line to: ZontaSaysNOWvirtualartgallery@gmail.com and attach:
 - completed Submission/Permission Form
 - a virtual copy of the artwork (one attachment per email)

[This process may be replaced with an online form for submission/permission and uploading artwork]

NOTE: We will confirm your submission and contact you if needed. If you have problems sending your artwork, please email Julie at julie.trone@hotmail.com (without your submission).

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8 Who decides what artwork to include in the Virtual Art Gallery?

The Virtual Art Gallery Team aims to display all annual submissions as long as guidelines are followed, submission form is filled out, and any pending information needed is received.
Visit <https://zontasaysnowvirtualartgallery.org/> to view the 2024 submissions.

Submission/Permission Form					
About you					
First Name				Last Name	
Type of member (please circle)	Zonta Club	Supporting member	Golden Z Club	Z Club	
If submission is from a family member: *	Name First/Last				
	Relationship				
Zonta Club name:			District Number:		
Club City:			Country:		
Club email:			Club website:		
About the artwork					
Type of artwork (please circle)	Photograph	Drawing	Painting (e.g., oil, acrylic, watercolor)	Textile	Sculpture
	Video (length _____)		Film (length _____)		
	Other (please describe)				
Web format (please circle)	JPEG	PNG	MP3	MP4	FLV
	Film format:			Other format:	

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Tell us more:

Add a short story of your artwork.

1. How does it relate to Zonta Says NOW, gender equality, or climate justice.

2. What is the story behind the creation of this art piece?

3. Please share other anecdotal information

(Maximum 175 words – single-spaced, font size 11 or 12);

How Zonta may use your artwork

Initials

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| 1 | I give permission for the virtual use of the submitted artwork and understand it will be viewed and shared globally in and outside of Zonta International, Zonta clubs and Zonta districts for a minimum of four months and a maximum of 12 months. | |
| 2 | I release Zonta International, Zonta clubs, Zonta districts and all affiliates and entities from liability and responsibility for damage or loss. | |
| 3 | I understand that the virtual art gallery is the sole intellectual property of Zonta International, and all physical entries and artwork are the sole intellectual property of the artist. | |
| 4 | I give permission to use my name on the submission in the virtual art gallery. | |
| 5 | I give permission to use a description of and story about the artwork in the virtual art gallery. | |
| 6 | I give permission for my virtual artwork to be placed on a waiting list for future use. (If we get more submissions than the website can handle, we cannot promise that every artwork submission will be in the first version of the virtual art gallery. If that happens, we will let you know and put you on a waiting list for the next year or when there is space on the website.) | |

Submission Period: **01 July 2024 through midnight on 28 February 2025**