



Ento-Art Extravaganza! • Call for Art Submissions

As the global population increases and climate change intensifies, it is essential that we develop creative, sustainable, and resilient strategies for agriculture and food security. Compared to conventional livestock, insect agriculture typically requires less land, feed, and freshwater inputs to produce a comparable amount of nutritious food. Some insects are adept recyclers, capable of turning inedible waste into something nutritious and digestible. Growing insects for human consumption and animal feed promises to be a part of developing equitable, sustainable food systems in the future. For creative cooks, the vast biodiversity of insects offers a palette of unique flavors for sampling.

The Mission to Improve Global Health Through insects (MIGHTi), a UW-based research project, and our partners invite you to engage with nutritional, environmental, artistic, cultural, and culinary aspects of eating insects. Our three-day event series (from April 25-27, 2019) features presentations by leading researchers in the field of insect agriculture and experts in insect cuisine, pairings of edible insects with Wisconsin craft beers, and culminates in a delicious multi-course insect banquet and art show.

We invite all local artists from a range of practices to participate in this celebration of insects as food by submitting artwork for an art display at the Swarm-to-Table gourmet dinner on April 27th. This art show will feature insect-positive work by artists who submit pieces that showcase insects existing outside of the “pests, pathogens, and pollinators” stereotype. How else can the world see insects? In your work, try to challenge the viewers’ point-of-view. We accept both audio and visual artwork for consideration.

If selected, artwork will be displayed alongside the work of Barrett Klein, an artist and science professor from UW-LaCrosse: <https://www.pupating.org/>. Art on display will be viewed by a wide range of dinner attendees, and artists will receive a certificate of participation in this unique event. Artists are welcome to list their contact information for arranging potential art sales with interested viewers.

Here’s how to participate:

- Create a digital image or sound clip of your insect-positive work (300 dpi resolution, and max of 800 pixels on the longest side), as a jpeg, png or tiff file. Artists may submit 1-2 images.
- Save the image or clip of your work using the following format: last name_Swarmtotable_title of work. Ex: **Smith_Swarmtotable_Thiscoolbug_**. In your submission email, please list the **title, media type, and dimensions** of the work as well as preferred contact info if you intend the art to be for sale.
- Send the image or clip of your art with email title “**ART Submission**” to: **Swarm2table@gmail.com**

Deadline: April 5th, 2019.

Artwork should be delivered via mail or in person by April 23rd

Upon selection, we will provide further details of how to submit the physical artwork for the event on April 27th, 2019. Visual artwork should be prepared to hang on the wall, on either a supportive board (black foam core) or framed. Thank you for submitting artwork!