SAN DIEGUITO ART GUILD

Off Track Gallery OPEN Show
Art Preparation Guidelines

The San Dieguito Art Guild (SDAG) provides the opportunity for both Members and Non-Members to enter OPEN shows at the Off Track Gallery. Entrants must adhere to the Art Preparation Guidelines as outlined below.

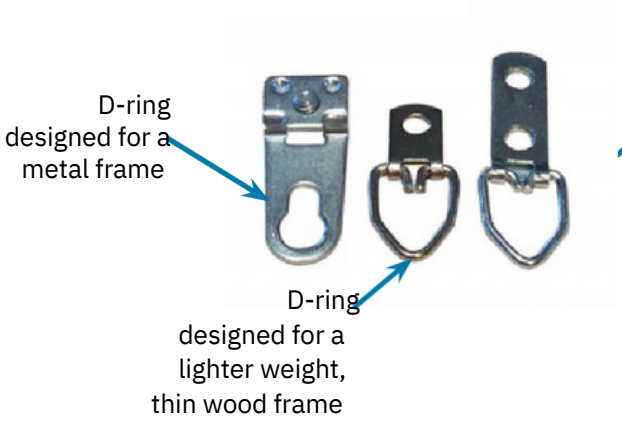
PREPARATION OF WALL ART

The Art Preparation Guidelines are designed to prevent accidents and damage to submitted artwork. Art must be prepared to withstand normal hanging or usage without breaking. Entries must be prepared as set forth below. Shoddy workmanship will be rejected. Broken or chipped framing, glass or sharp edges are not acceptable. No sharp metal frame edges.

- ***Please securely attach your name and contact information to each entry.*** **Wall identification tags will be created using the information you provide in the Entry Form. These tags are provided to you during the Take-In process.**

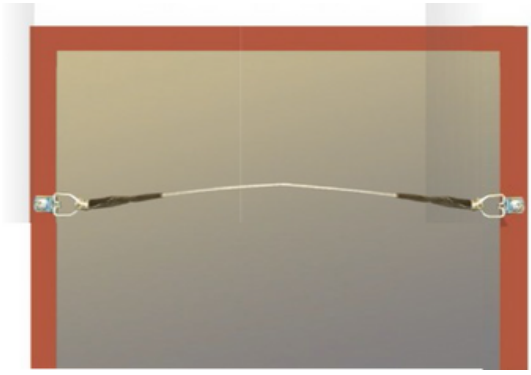
All wall art must be fitted with D rings for hanging. No screw eyes, sawtooth hangers or backboard hooks are allowed. Although some frames are purchased with mounting hardware already installed, D-rings and wire must be installed on the frames entered in the Show.

D-rings are the only accepted method of attaching wire.



NOTE: Always ensure that your hanging hardware can support the weight of your art. Check hardware specifications.

D-rings are attached by screws on each side of the frame.



Placement of D-rings is determined by the size of the frame.

- For small frames, placement is about one-fifth of the way down from the top of the frame.
- For vertically longer frames, placement is about 4 to 5 inches from the top (possibly more for really large frames).

IMPORTANT: The placement of D-rings must allow concealment of the hanging wire and the wallhook, and allow for leveling of the frame.

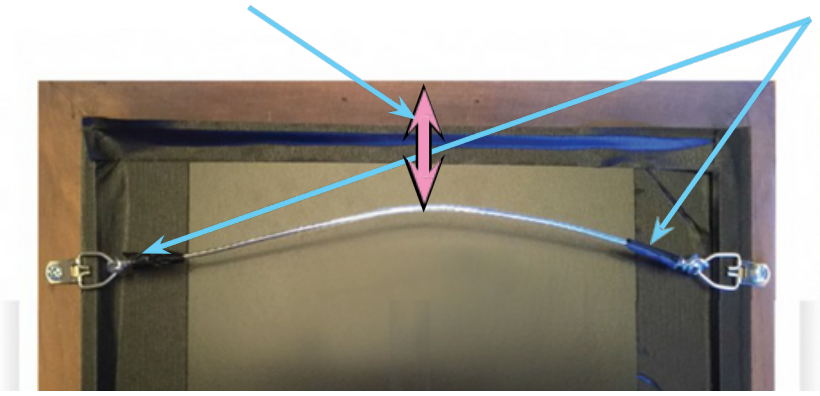
NO SCREWEYES

NO SAWTOOTH HANGERS

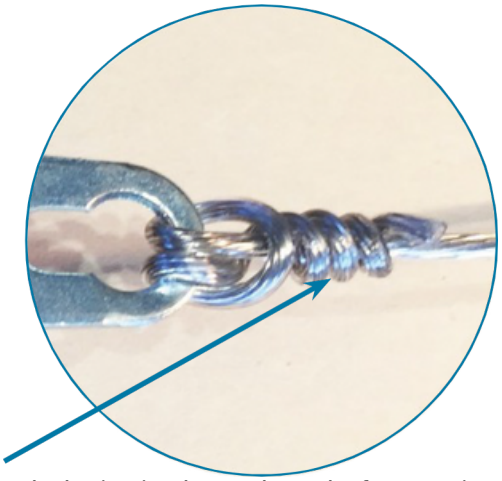
NO RINGS OR HANGERS MOUNTED ON BACKING BOARD

Hanging wire should be taut enough so that when the art is hung, the picture hanger will not be visible.
When hung, the pulled center of the hanging wire should
Be about 2-inches away from the top of the frame.

The wrapped ends of the hanging wire must be covered with masking tape or blue painting tape to protect against injury.



Hanging wire should be threaded through the D-ring and the end should be wound around the hanging section of the wire and then taped to avoid fraying/sharp edges.



Threaded wire is shown here before taping over the end of the wire.

Suggested wire size/type with a weight spec of up to 20lbs
Super SoftStrand, Size #3
Plastic coated, stranded stainless steel picture wire

Note: This wire spool comes with convenient step-by- step visual instructions for attaching the wire to a D-ring. (Super Softstrand can be purchased on Amazon or other art/framing supply stores.)