**SUGGESTIONS FOR PREPARING 2-D ARTWORK FOR DISPLAY**

***PAINTINGS ON CANVAS***

* Either frame the painting, or if you do not plan to frame it, continue the painting around all 4 edges of the painting. Do not submit works on canvas that have unfinished or unframed edges.
* The back of the artwork must have an eyehook attached near each corner no more than 2” down from the top edge. Please do not use sawtooth hangers.

***WORKS ON PAPER***

* Works on paper have the best protection if they are framed behind plexiglass or glass. Plexiglass scratches more easily than glass, but glass breaks more easily often damaging the artwork when it does.
* Works on paper usually look their best when they are framed with a mat around the image, giving the image space to “breathe” and a professional look.
* The back of the artwork must have a eyehook attached near each corner no more than 2” down from the top edge. Please do not use sawtooth hangers.

***WHERE TO FIND INEXPENSIVE FRAMES AND FRAMING SERVICES***

* If you want to frame your work yourself:
  + Aaron Bros. has ready-made framing kits that contain frame, glass, mat, and backing. They also sell pre-cut mats alone in standard sizes. If you are framing a canvas, you can also find pre-made wooden frames. All of these items come in only a few standard sizes. They also do custom framing. The staff is usually very helpful whether you are buying a kit or custom framing. Their prices are generally reasonable, especially during one of their frequent specials.
  + Very inexpensive and good quality frames can often be found at discount stores such as T.J. Home Store and Ross, where you buy a framed print or poster and discard the print or poster, using the frame and other materials for your own work.
  + Thrift stores such as Goodwill and Salvation Army are also possible sources of inexpensive frames.
  + If you find a frame for a work on paper, but need a mat and/or plexiglass, you can get the mat ready-cut or custom-cut from someplace like Aaron Bros. and the plexi from TAP Plastics or Orchard Supply Hardware.
* If want to have your work framed:
  + Aaron Bros does custom framing
  + Art and Frames Unlimited on Old Middlefield Rd. in Mountain View is more expensive and does very nice work.
  + Michaels. At Michaels.com, 50% off coupons are available.