



"Portal," Photograph
by Diana Cole



OPEN CALL FOR ART FOR *THRESHOLDS*

Details, Submission Guidelines, Understandings

Important Dates

Application Due	November 1, 2026
Notification	November 21, 2026
Drop-Off	March 7, 2027, 2 -1 PM and March 8, 2027, 10 AM – 1 PM
On View	March 11 - April 9, 2027
Poetry Reading and Reception	March 18, 2027, 5:30 - 7:30 PM In Partnership with Gallery Night Providence
Pick-Up	April 11, 2027, 12 -1 PM and April 12, 2027, 10 AM – 1 PM

Click [HERE](#) to submit application by November 1, 2026.

What are those transitional moments when something begins, changes—when the familiar ends and the unknown begins? What imperative drives us, what hesitancy holds us back? This show challenges poets, artists, and viewers to pause and consider what a threshold is and why it matters.

15 pieces of artwork will be selected for their relevance to the theme and to ensure a variety of interpretations.

A separate call for entry has been made for 15 poems. The exhibition will feature the 15 selected pieces of artwork and the 15 selected poems.

Details:

The *Thresholds* poetry and art exhibition dates are March 11 - April 9, 2027. Gallery Hours: M - F, 9 AM - 5 PM & Sundays 9 AM - 1 PM. Location: One Benevolent Street, Providence RI 02906

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About the Atrium Gallery

The Atrium is a multi-purpose space at the First Unitarian Church of Providence (First U), One Benevolent St., Providence, RI 02906. The space is shared by different First U programs and open to the public six days a week. There is no gallery supervisor other than staff who walk through the gallery space to and from their offices. Click [HERE](#) (on any diamond image) to view a slide show of the gallery space.

Atrium Entrance and First U Parking

Entrance is on One Benevolent St., Providence, RI 02906.

Parking: There are three visitor parking spaces in the parking lot accessed from Benefit Street. You might find 2-hr or 3-hr street parking along Benefit and surrounding streets. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about parking at First U.

Curated by Karen Rand Anderson, Sally Barker, Ewa Rose, Chiara Romano Van Erp, Nancy Smith Worthen.

Collect information before submitting the form:

- Contact information (email, cell, mailing address)
- Statement (Explain how the artwork relates to theme - 50 words or less).
- Artwork: title, dimension, medium, price/not for sale

Prepare one image of original visual 2-D or 3-D artwork.

- Label the image with brief title.
- Format as JPEG. The dimensions of the file should be a high-resolution image - at least 1400 pixels on a side and at least 800 KB.

Renew your membership and \$25 annual dues.

To submit to *Thresholds*, you need to be a member in good standing of Art in the Atrium First U. The Membership Year is 7/1/26 - 6/30/27. To pay your \$25 annual dues, click [HERE](#). Scroll down to Join/Renew Membership. You do not need to be a member of First U to be a member of Art in the Atrium First U.

Understandings:

Sale of Artwork

75% of sales price goes to the artist and 25% goes to Art in the Atrium First U to support program expenses and a cause in the wider community. Transactions are handled by team members during the reception and exhibition period.

Maximum Dimensions of 2-D or 3-D Artwork, Presentation, and Hanging Wire

Maximum size of 2-D artwork is no greater than 36 inches on the longest side. 2-D artwork must be suitably presented, framed with a hanging wire installed. 3-D artwork is acceptable if the piece can stand safely on one of our nine pedestals. The base of the pedestal is about 15 x 15 in.

Liability Waiver Agreement

Exhibiting artists assume all responsibility for loss or damage to their artwork displayed at First U resulting from vandalism, theft, fire, natural disaster or any other cause. First U makes no representations, nor warranties, regarding the level of security in any of its buildings.

Publicity and Communications

By submitting images of your artwork to Art in the Atrium First U and First U, exhibiting artists grant Art in the Atrium First U and First U permission to feature the images in our publicity and communications, including our website, newsletters, bulletins, Facebook page, and First U Times. In every instance, copyright remains with the artist. Exhibiting artists are encouraged to promote the exhibition/opening reception with their friends, family, and followers using email/social media. A graphic image and information about the exhibition opening reception will be available several weeks before the opening.

Exhibiting artists grant Art in the Atrium permission to feature an image of their artwork in an exhibition catalog that includes artwork and poetry. Sales of the catalog help offset the cost of printing and help raise funds for Art in the Atrium program expenses and giving to a worthy cause.

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There is no storage space at First U for artwork. If artists/buyers can't pick up on these dates, please make alternate arrangements. Art in the Atrium First U reserves the right to donate or dispose of artwork that is not picked up 14 days after the pick-up dates/times.

Call for Art and Poetry Webpage www.aitafirstu.org/call-thresholds

Questions? Email admin@aitafirstu.org