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This document was created to help photographers and artists who enter the Friends of the Agawam Public Library Open Juried Photography and Art Shows. In no way is it to be construed that the Friends of the Agawam Public Library endorses any company or product described in this document.

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Why we did this – a quote from a contributor

“It looks terrific. What a great resource for photographers who enter the juried show. It is very thorough and offers some choices recommended by those with experience which makes it more valuable. I would love getting such a resource when submitting to an exhibit. It is well worth the entrance fee to get it!”

Where do you get photo enlargements?

I go to *In A Flash* in Springfield. Dave does a very professional job. He is willing to work with you to assure you get what you expect.

I get my enlargements from *Bay Photo Lab* in CA. They do very high-quality work.

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You upload your images, select the size(s,) and you get your photos in a week. I love their metallic finish option. It gives colors a shine, especially browns, grays, and golds which come out looking like shiny metals.

Local camera shops that print can do a nice job for you, too.

Remember that a print on your screen is backlit and is about 10% brighter than prints will be. Box stores (Sam's, Walgreens, Wal-Mart) tend to print dark and I would avoid them. If you do print there, lighten your prints at the kiosk.

I've been getting my prints from *Mpix*.

I think they do good work and are reasonably priced.

I do my enlargements on-line at Professional Photo Printing & Photo Gifts | **Nations Photo Lab**

I try to sock away pictures and then do them on a sale. Another company is **Bay Photo Lab** — Professional Photo Printing | Digital Prints, Photo Canvas, MetalPrints, ThinWraps, Albums, Books, ROES

I'm not sure exactly what to tell you about the aluminum prints except that they are widely available and vary widely in quality. The best quality aluminum prints I've gotten made are from Bay Photo. I have used Adoramapix.com and found quality and consistency lacking. I've used Mpix.com with good print results, but they cost the same as Bay Photo and use particle board for backing which makes them vulnerable to moisture. There are many online print houses I haven't tried, and even places like CVS, Walgreens, Costco offer aluminum prints. Because of the expense it is important that the files you send out are prepared properly. If your monitor is too dark or too light you may get back a print that is different than what you expect. For photographers who don't insist on complete control over their images, Bay Photo offers color and white balance corrections of your files at a slightly higher price. If you are unsure about the accuracy your monitor this is a good idea.

Where do you go to get your photo framed, matted, and wired for hanging?

Frames and mats I've gotten from *Jerry's Artarama* in West Hartford. I buy standard size aluminum frames and mats and mount the pics in the frames myself. They also sell the wire on a spool and the clips that you can attach to the frame to attach the wire so I also do that myself.

I get all my prints done at *In A Flash* in Springfield near WNEC. You can email a large file to him with size and glossy or matte finish instructions. He can also do custom matting and framing. He sells standard size mats, too. I buy my frames at AC Moore. They are one of the few stores locally that have frames with backs that allow you to wire your own.

I print and matt my own images in my South Hadley Print Studio, as for frames a possible store would be *AC Moore* at the Holyoke Mall.

I get my frames and mats at *Michaels*. They have sales and coupons weekly in the Sunday paper. I have a wire cutter and buy wire in a roll at the hardware store.

For mats of very unique colors and special color combinations, *Golden State Art* is great!!! You can also buy mats boards in bulk (with backboard and plastic bag) for an exhibit or if you are preparing matted prints to sell.

I am a custom framer and sell to the public.

Most of my prints are made at labs that deal strictly with professional photographers. However, I sometimes use *Giclee of New England* in Palmer for giclee prints.

I don't know of any prohibition against Giclee prints. Photographic Society of America (PSA) rules for prints are pretty wide open.

From the PSA web site:

"The prints may be in color or monochrome. Digital capture, film photography, desktop and darkroom processing, and commercial prints are all included in the Division's activities. The content or subject matter of an image submitted to a PPD program or activity is unrestricted. There may be a theme specified for some PSA-recognized PPD exhibitions and the exhibition's definition of the theme should be consulted."

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Paul's Picture Framing by Keith has made my frames and mats for over 20 years, and Keith is meticulous and fairly priced.

Affordable Framing in East Granby is also a good source.

As for ways to wire them for hanging on the Agawam library hanging system I can only share that for Bay Photo aluminum prints that are at least 16" wide I used clear hanging wire. I was able to thread it through the outer hanging openings on the back of the mounting plate and push the wire through the rigid foam that gives the mount its depth. Then I tied it off into a loop. Smaller prints only have one mounting hole in the center which makes them a little trickier for use on the Agawam system. It seems as though it would be difficult to get the lightweight prints to hang level using that single center loop.

RESOURCES

IN A FLASH

Photo processing and digital services

www.iafphoto.com/

At "In A Flash" we believe that quality matters most when it comes to the processing ... Founded in 1990 by a professional photographer, "In A Flash" provides a ...

In A Flash Digital & Photo Lab

Photo Lab · Sixteen Acres

Located in: Breckwood Shoppes At Wilbraham

Address: Breckwood Shoppes At Wilbraham

477 Breckwood Blvd

Springfield, MA 01109

Phone: (413) 782-0868

Hours: 9AM–6PM

Bay Photo Lab

<https://www.bayphoto.com/>

Address: 920 Disc Dr

Scotts Valley, CA 95066

Hours: 9AM–6PM

Phone: (831) 475-6686

Bay Photo Lab — Professional Photo Printing | Digital Prints, Photo Canvas, MetalPrints, ThinWraps, Albums, Books, ROES

Professional photographic printing, press printing, canvas wraps, mounting, Metal Prints, and more for pro photo...

They have high quality and get photos back to you within a week or so. Upload images online.

Jerry's Artarama of Connecticut

Art Supply Store

Retailer selling an extensive selection of art supplies, from paints to paper to portfolios.

1109 New Britain Ave, West Hartford, CT 06110

Hours: Open today · 9:30AM–7PM

Phone: (860) 232-0073

www.jerrysartarama.com

A.C. Moore Arts and Crafts

\$\$ · Craft Store

Retail chain stocking an assortment of arts & crafts supplies, plus seasonal decor & custom framing.

Located in: Holyoke Mall

Holyoke Mall, 50 Holyoke St, Holyoke, MA 01040

Hours: Open today · 9AM–10PM

Phone: (413) 362-3852

Paul's Picture Framing by Keith

22 Cherry Street

Westfield, MA 01085

413-562-6117

Independently owned and operated by Keith Browning

J H Miller Picture Framing Co.

Custom Framing and Picture Gallery

86 Elm St, West Springfield, MA 01089

Phone: (413) 732-9128

<https://jhmillierframing.com/>

Affordable Framing LLC

3 Turkey Hills Road, Suite N (in the Center Shops at the intersection of Routes 20 & 187) in
East Granby, CT 06026

Phone 860-413-9948 Donna Duquette, owner

www.affordableframingshop.com

Giclée of New England, Inc.

Art gallery in Palmer, Massachusetts · Depot Village

Address: 1240 Park St, Palmer, MA 01069

Phone: (413) 284-4344

Hours: Open today · 9AM–12PM

<http://gicleeofnewengland.com/>

Information and prices for Fred LeBlanc Custom Print Studio

12 Hunter Terrace, South Hadley, MA 01075 413-533-1914

<http://frederickleblanc.com/>



Custom Printing on Exhibition Fiber Paper

This paper has the look and feel of silver halide F surface, air dried prints, this paper offers the highest Dmax and a wide color gamut for stunning color or neutral black&white prints.

Custom Matting

Custom size and multi opening mats for your fine art prints. These mats are custom cut for your fine art print on the highest quality Crescent and Bainbridge matboard.

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One on one Lightroom post processing to make your digital file into a Fine Art image ready to print on fine art paper and matting.

Fine Art Print	Unit Cost	Single Mat	Double Mat	Backing
8.5x11	\$15.00	\$ 7.00	\$14.00	\$2.00
13x19	\$25.00	\$ 7.00	\$14.00	\$3.00
17x22	\$35.00	\$14.00	\$28.00	\$6.00

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Nations Photo Lab

<http://www.nationsphotolab.com/>

Professional Photo Printing & Photo Gifts | Nations Photo Lab

Nations Photo Lab is a leading professional photo printing lab that offers the highest quality photo gifts &...

Michaels

Craft Store

Chain retailer carrying art & hobby supplies plus home decor (most offer classes & custom framing).

Hours: Open today · 9AM–10PM

Michaels - West Springfield, Ma

1081 Riverdale St

Riverdale Shops Plaza

West Springfield, Massachusetts 01089-4614

Phone: (413) 732-7221

<http://www.michaels.com/>

Custom Framing & Matting available from Photography by Duval

1257 S Main St

PO Box 780

Palmer, MA 01069

413-283-9341

Madeline Duval

M.Photog. Cr., C.P.P.

www.madelineduval.com

www.duvalphoto.com

Mpix

Quality Prints Photo Books Cards Home Decor Photo Gifts

<https://www.mpix.com/>

<http://www.mpix.com/products/homedecor/framedprints>

<http://www.mpix.com/help/topics>

Golden State Art

Email: sales@goldenstateart.com

Phone Numbers: 800-880-2832, 650-226-8119.

Hour: 9 am to 5 pm, Pacific time.

218 Shaw Rd, # 7, South San Francisco, CA 94080

www.goldenstateart.com

Fine Art Reproductions

Scanning & Giclee Printing

Lori M. Rapuano

16 Tunxis Avenue

East Granby, CT 06026

860-658-7500

By appointment

lrwatercolors@gmail.com

www.lorisartandprintmaking.com

I use top quality archival inks and papers and canvas. I will match the colors to the original artwork, and can also work with the artist to make any desired changes or various file types. The artist will receive a copy of their digital file to keep as well.

AdoramaPix

<http://www.adoramapix.com/app/products/prints>

AdoramaPix has been serving the needs of the photographic community for over a decade. Well known for the superior quality of our prints and our excellent customer service, we have become the lab of choice for professional photographers and savvy consumers all over the country.

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