

S. is for Spring/Summer. Any day of Memorial Day Weekend is the *official* start (but any time in spring that you see the first yard sales of the year advertised is OK to begin hunting). The last official day of summer (before the autumnal equinox) is always your final day to hunt.

L. is for Long. Make use of the entire Spring/Summer period and don't necessarily stop just because you found something. The hunt is meant to be *engaging*, and if you find S.L.U.A.T.H.ing fun, know that there *may* be space in the exhibit for more than one submission per participant.

U. is for Used. No items purchased new! If you are the *first* owner—even if the item is inexpensive, craft-y, etc—that is not *used* art & won't be included in the display. Remember that we are looking for artwork that has been *cast off* (at least once), so make sure the art you find is *secondhand* at minimum. Ask yourself if someone else—other than the original artist—owned it before you. Hunters run afoul of the rules when they buy something directly from its maker. Remember that artists' trunk sales of 'seconds' or cheaper items don't constitute *used* art. People running garage/yard sales sometimes offer folkart or crafts they've made themselves—these aren't used either! Absolutely no new art purchased retail, no commissioned pieces, no original art by you, your family members, friends, etc.

A. is for Art. We're looking for things like...paintings, drawings, pastels, watercolors, etchings, charcoals, photographs, pictures, portraits, lithographs, etc. Hunt only for *art intended as art*: No found 'art' such as discarded plastic bags, crushed tin cans, etc that you simply find unintentionally artistic or beautiful. Please no sculptural or dimensional items; for the exhibit, we are only able to display 'flat art that hangs on a wall,' as it were. Things that are matted, or framed, or have hardware on the back for hanging are good indicators that you have found a S.L.U.A.T.H. item!

T. is for Treasure. Are you attracted to it? That's what matters: Show us something that reflects your own aesthetic. Hunt for art you really like! This is especially important because, if you offer your item for sale in the exhibit, and it doesn't sell, it is yours to keep, so you had better like what you find. There is no spending limit. However, the majority of the show will be 'nickel & dime' pieces: that is, \$5–\$10 castoff works of art (so antiquing is the wrong idea). And while taste is subjective, and kitschy stuff is fine if that's what attracts you, please note that S.L.U.A.T.H. as a gestalt is not meant to be all kitsch or a goof. If you're still emptyhanded toward the *end* of summer, it is OK to relax your standards at that time and, instead of holding out for something you really love, focus simply on hunting for art that is 'show worthy.'

H. is for Hunt. Stop & look everywhere—that's the point of the event! *It is mission & adventure driven*. Hit those free piles, garage sales, & thrift stores wherever you may be. (S.L.U.A.T.H.s have had luck while traveling, and there is no 'local' requirement to participate.) You don't fail if you never find anything: success is *getting out there!* Take your time, hit a lot of yard sales & the like, and be discerning. (Do not submit art that's been hanging on your walls that you no longer want. Also: This is not an art swap, nor should you submit art you got via art swap. That's not hunting!)

Before hunting, you must register by emailing info@wooo.tv: Space is limited. • After summer is over, the S.L.U.A.T.H. artshow will open to the public. Submit for display the art that you found; it is your choice to offer it for sale or not (if not, it will be returned to you after the exhibit's run). • **Pieces that are broken, dirty, moldy, etc will not be displayed.** It is OK to clean art, repair framing, re-affix matting, etc, but adding/subtracting any *artistic* element (frame notwithstanding) is strictly verboten. • You are responsible for making certain there is hardware on your art so that it can be hung safely & securely—**you must test-hang before submitting!** • We reserve the right not to display.