



2026 Yampa Valley Crane Festival Crane Artist Application

You are invited to apply to be a Crane Yard Art or Crane Gourd artist for the Yampa Valley Crane Festival's Crane Art Auction - a fundraiser for the Yampa Valley Crane Festival!

Hosted by Colorado Crane Conservation Coalition, artists will be selected to decorate 12 Yard Art Cranes and 12 Gourds. You may apply for both types of art if you wish.

- Please submit your crane art proposal by **May 4, 2026** to **elizabeth@coloradocranes.org** .
- Applications will be reviewed and artists will be notified by **May 22, 2026**.
- CCCC will provide the naked yard art crane or gourd. Artists are asked to contribute their time and materials.
- All artwork must be completed and returned to CCCC by **July 15, 2026**.

Crane Yard Art - Artist Application:



Guidelines:

Yard art cranes must be:

- Durable enough for outdoor use
- Must stick in the ground using the provided "feet" (i.e., not designed to hang, or in need of other supports)
- Must be sturdy - no fragile or breakable additions to the wooden bird

Practices to avoid for yard art crane decoration:

- Decoupage, paper collages, and standard glues
- Waterbased markers and standard sharpies
- Any non-weatherproof decorations

Artist Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Artist Bio: *(please include a few sentences about you & your work)*

Title of Work: _____

Interest in Cranes: (please describe why you would like to participate in this event)

Crane yard art proposal: (please describe your vision - the theme, materials used, process, etc)

Attach a sketch or digital mock-up of your design, if you wish.

Crane Gourd Art - Artist Application:



Guidelines:

- Gourds can be decorated using a variety of mediums - they can be painted, carved, etc.

Artist Name: _____

Phone number: _____ Email: _____

Artist Bio: *(please include a few sentences about you & your work)*

Title of Work: _____

Interest in Cranes: *(please describe why you would like to participate in this event)*

Crane Gourd proposal: (please describe your vision - the theme, materials used, process, etc)

Attach a sketch or digital mock-up of your design, if you wish.