We invite artists of all ages and experience to participate in the Musketaquid Earth Month Exhibit, a nonjuried community art show that will run in The Umbrella Community Arts Center Gallery.

Natural biological diversity gives us the colors of fall foliage, the meadow filled with wildflowers, the tapestry of greens on a spring hillside, and resilience in the face of climate change. Social, cultural, ethnic, racial, economic, and gender plurality enrich our world experience with a flowering of music, food, dance, literature, spirituality, ethical awareness, and point of view. Intellectual and political diversity provide new ideas and approaches to deal with an uncertain and threatening future. All types make the world more beautiful and interesting.

But climate change, invasive species, rampant economic development, political polarization, environmental-, immigration-, and tax policies, reactionary and short-sighted actions, internet mobs, as well as income and class segregation threaten diversity.

How can we as artists respond: Portray the richness and beauty of our existing natural and cultural environment? Memorialize lost species, habitats, and voices? Highlight current threats? Portray a dystopian future devoid of diversity, or a utopian future where diversity thrives? Express your response in any artistic medium: drawing, painting, sculpture, collage, multi-media, poetry, song, photography, dance, or performance.

GUIDELINES OF SUBMISSION OF ARTWORK:
Two-dimensional work must be framed or otherwise ready for hanging with screw eyes and wire attached. Artist must place heavy sculpture. Technology to display sound or video entries must be supplied by the artist. Two copies of prose or poetry should be delivered flat in an envelope. Maximum of two separate works per artist.

*Registration: Register online at TheUmbrellaArts.org/earth-day or email information to nancy@TheUmbrellaArts.org, or mail/deliver to 40 Stow Street during regular business hours.

*Delivery of Artwork: Deliver artwork to The Umbrella Gallery on Friday, April 12, between 3 and 6:30pm. Include two labels per piece.

*Opening and Artists' Reception: Monday, April 22, 6-8pm

*Pick up Artwork: Wednesday May 15, between 3 and 6:00 pm. Musketaquid and The Umbrella accept no responsibility for work not picked up on time unless other arrangements have been made in advance.

For further information: Contact Nancy Lippe, Director, Arts & Environment at nancy@TheUmbrellaArts.org, or 978-371-0820, x213, or see TheUmbrellaArts.org/earth-day.