

CANVAS RULES

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General Info

Hello! This document is an overview of the parameters needed to be met before you can submit your art to be hosted on our canvas page. Don't worry, I know it looks like a lot of words, but really most of this is to ensure my sanity down the road when I begin manually placing all of your art on this page. It doesn't have to be horror related, we encourage it, but you won't be rejected if it's not. We encourage artists of all levels to submit, you can submit a stick figure for all we care.

You don't need to read this whole document if you don't feel like it, simply jump to the section that applies to you, read Content, copy and paste from Email Format, and if you need any other info that's up here I'll redirect you.

How to Submit?

Broken down step by step the submission process is:

1. Read the parameters under the section that most aligns with your submission type (drawings, writings, games, etc.)
2. Once your submission meets the requirements (this includes the content guideline) go to the Email Format section
3. Copy and paste the template I made for you (writing your own is fine too, as long as I have the info I need)
4. Email us at thequeerhorrorcollective@gmail.com
5. Alternatively, you can send your files through discord by messaging us directly @sonofadam055 (Addison) or @rachelwrobs (Rachel). We'll still need the info under Email Format. *Note: Posting your art on the Art channel on Discord is not an equivalent of a submission. If you post on the Art channel we will not put your art on the website.*

If you have questions, concerns, or other messages, reaching out through social media such as Instagram or Discord is the fastest way for us to see them, but email is also acceptable.

What is hosting?

In a few of the sections below I talk about hosting. Think of our website as a building, there are lots of rooms, including a library. In our library is every asset that was

downloaded from my device and stored within the website. If an image is not in our library, it won't display on our website.

Let's break down an example:

<https://thequeerhorrorcollective.com/wp-content/uploads/2024/07/TSHD.jpg>

- <https://thequeerhorrorcollective.com>
 - Our website
- /wp-content/
 - Our media library
- /uploads/
 - Images I uploaded to the media library
- 2024/07/TSHD.jpg
 - Image name

Now let's say you have a webcomic you want to submit. That's too long to display on the canvas so we'll have to make a page, or if we stick with our metaphor, build another room. You'll have to decide whether we build a room for your comic, or if we redirect our visitors to another facility.

I'll go more in depth within the Comic section, but you have two options. Whether we host the comic or you do. Maybe you already posted your comic on Webtoons, storing your images in their media library. That makes our end easier, cause all we have to do is copy and paste the link to your Webtoons page. If your webcomic is not anywhere else on the internet and you decide to have us host, then all you need to do is follow the instructions under the Comic (or whatever larger file you're working with) section.

Lucky for us though, making a page on a website is not as hard as architecture.

Icons

In some cases your art can't be displayed directly onto the canvas page, in that case we'll put an icon. These are hyperlinked buttons that will transfer you to a new page (see Hosting above). Some sections below will be marked by a ° symbol next to the header, this means that you can also submit a personal icon for your work.

Icons *must* be a .SVG file.

If an icon is not included along with a submission° then we'll have the title of your work serve as the link, (credits and socials will be the same).

Content

Since we're covering all of our bases here, we have to follow the obligatory content guidelines (boring I know but you kinda have to read this section.) Unlike some of our socials, our content policy is a bit more relaxed here. We provide warnings at the top of the page, and do not require you to censor your art (if you feel more comfortable doing so then you are more than free to).

Content that is allowed on the Canvas page includes but is not limited to: nudity, obscenities, gore, torture, abuse, self harm, suicide, rape (descriptions, not depictions), violence, uncanny valley, mental illness, eating disorders, and other upsetting subjects. We are a horror club, and these are all themes that can appear within the genre. We do expect a level of decorum from our members, you are mature adults and there is a level of expectation that you will handle these subject matters with respect. We as club officers can remove any post (even if previously approved) or ban individuals from further submission at our discretion.

However, there are a few limitations to submissions that must be followed.

- No pornographic or fetish content, artistic nudity is fine but porn is not
- No depictions of real people, this includes writing fan fictions of them.
- No inflammatory political content.
 - Quick clarifications of this point, you can submit political art, you can not, however, make art that trivialises tragedies, dehumanises individuals/groups, or possesses any sort of hateful rhetoric that can be seen as a promotion of violence.
- No real gore.
- No submissions that involve any level of illegality. This can include piracy, terrorism, illegal drug use, child pornography, or any other content that falls out of Federal and Florida State law. (I have faith none of you would ever do anything like this, but if you were, we would have to report it and permanently ban you from all our accounts and meetings)
 - Depictions of these activities are permitted, the only exception is child pornography (see above).
- No plagiarised or unauthorised content. If we find out that you submitted another creator's work under your name, you will be banned from sending us any work in the future.
- No disrespectful or derogatory content. Content that disrespects another identity (race, gender, religion etc.) in *any* way will not be accepted.

We review all of our submissions prior to publications. If you feel one of our pieces on the Canvas Page violates any of these guidelines, please reach out to us. If you are

worried that your work may violate any of these rules, feel free to make a note in your submission email and we'll let you know whether we believe your content violates our guidelines.

Credit

Beneath every submission there will be credits as followed:

Title of your piece

Type of Medium of piece

Your Name

Your Socials (as many as you like)

If you want your submission to be anonymous, specify in your email. We will still need a title and medium type.

Email Format

* - Required Info

Email Subject Line: *Submission - [Title of Piece]

*[File]

[Icon] (If applicable)

*[Item description, including name and alternative text.]

[Additional File info. See your section for specifics]

*[Your Name]

[List of your social media links. These can include your discord, instagram, tumblr, spotify, portfolio, and more]

[Any further information or questions you'd like to include]

Submissions

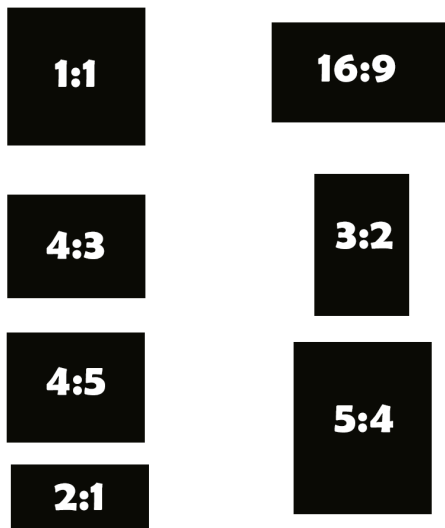
Below are the parameters for each submission type.

Images

In email please specify the W x H px size of your canvas. If you can't find the pixel size of your canvas, don't stress too much about it. Knowing ahead of time will just help me move faster in picture submissions.

File types: .JPG, .JPEG, .PNG, .SVG, .GIF

(Best) Aspect Ratios:



Digital Drawings/Paintings

For digital drawings, paintings, etc. it is recommended to use a .PNG or .JPG.

Photography

.JPEG is recommended for photography, other file types work as well. Please only photograph people with their express permission, any photos that have personally identifiable information (street numbers, IDs, etc.) will not be accepted.

GIFs

Submit as .GIF file.

3D Models

Do not submit a .MA, .MB, .FBX, .OBJ, or any other 3D file formats. We can't support a movable camera within the website. Take a screenshot/beauty shot of your model. Creating an infinity plane can help make a backdrop for your model.

Pixel art

.PNG and .GIF are recommended for pixel art.

Vector Art

.SVG and .PDF are recommended for vector art.

Webcomics°

When submitting a webcomic, you have a few options.

First you need to decide whether or not we will host your webcomic or not (see [hosting](#)).

- If your webcomic is hosted on a different site. Whether that be Webtoons, Tapas, or your own website, where you would have put your file in the email, place the link to your work.
- If we will host your webcomic, compile all your pages into a .PDF file. If you send multiple chapters/volumes of your web comic, feel free to split them up into multiple .PDF files. Label them appropriately, "Example Name Vol. 1", or something along those lines.

Send a .SVG file for your [icon](#) if you'd like a personalised button.

Videos

Our website is able to showcase YouTube videos on the Canvas Page, so the majority of videos will be hosted on the site. Similar to image [hosting](#) you have the option on where you'll post your videos.

- If you have a YouTube channel send us the link of your published video where you'd put the file.
- We also have a club YouTube channel, if you don't want to post your video on your own channel, send us a video file. All videos sent to us this way will be unlisted on our YouTube page.

File type recommendations: .MP4, .MOV, or .GIF (if a GIF you don't need to post on YouTube).

Examples of videos can include: short films, animations, animatics, edits, Tik Toks, etc.

Music

.MP3, .WAV, .AAC, or .FLAC are recommended file types. If hosted on a secondary website (Spotify, Soundcloud, YouTube, etc.), send a link where the file would've been. We do have a club Spotify, so if your song is accessible on that platform, we can add it to the playlist upon request.

TikToks

We do not have a club TikTok account as of the making of this document, so you would need to submit the URL to the video from your page. Or we can reupload your video as a YouTube short/video. Keep in mind that YouTube shorts can only be up to 60 seconds long.

Games°

Have a demo or a full fledged game you want to show off? Let us help!

We can not host games on our website, so they will need to be hosted somewhere else on the internet. The only exception is if your game is held within a downloadable file type (ex: Twine games) or if you can send us a QR code linking to it.

If you are sending us a game, you must include information such as play time, game type, jump scare warnings, and a list of possible offensive content. Since games take longer to screen, there will be a significant delay between your submission and approval. Don't forget there's only two of us and we are both full time students with jobs. Be patient, we will make sure to get to it.

Twine°

Since these can be sent as a .HTML file, you can submit these in an email. Don't forget to send us a .SVG [icon](#) if you'd like a thumbnail for your game.

Writings

Hello fellow writers, no we did not forget you. For your submissions, it's recommended to stick to the .DOCX, .DOC, .PDF file types. It will be easier for us to host them that way.

Short Stories °

Short stories can go up to 10,000 words, if you want to go beyond this limit that's completely fine. Remember though, that we have to screen every submission beforehand, so the longer your story the longer it'll take before we can publish.

Stories of 17,000+ words °

Keep in mind, we are not a legitimate publication journal that can be listed within a resume. This is a community page that shows off members' work. With that being said, we do not have a word or page count. If you want to submit a novel to us, go right ahead, but please stay within our guidelines. Keep in mind, if you send us an extremely large submission that has content that goes against our content policies, it is unlikely that we will consider any of your submissions in the future.

Blogs and Articles

If you go to our Articles page, you'll see that we have submission openings. To submit to our Articles page, you will have to go through both a content screening and editing. There is no word limit, but keep your readers in mind. Not many people are willing to read through an entire 20+ page article dissecting the political nuance of the Saw franchise. *Note: Not all art needs to be horror related. Contrary, articles and blogs should tie into the genre on some level*

- Articles- These are similar to essays in both length and formality. Don't be afraid to let your personality show in your writing, but also keep your arguments clear and concise. Some examples of articles could include:
 - Media analysis through literary theory (structuralism, disability, gender, marxism, etc.)
 - Book reports
 - Argumentative essays
 - Deconstructing media debates
- Blogs- These are shorter, more informal snippets. These can be as out there as you want. You can add a bit more visual flair if you'd like, be creative, have fun. Some examples of blogs could include
 - Reviews (it's generally recommended to keep it around 800)
 - Your favourite horror properties and why you like them
 - Your experience at the oddity faire, comic con, or other fan conventions
 - Rants

Unlike everything else on this list, articles and blogs are one of the few submissions that we require to host. We create the pages for our Article Page, (see the [Definitions](#) article as reference). When you submit, you can send us the same file type as other written works, or you can share a google doc or something similar to that. We will

replicate your formatting as closely as possible, including your spacing, picture (please cite if you do not own), fonts, etc. The only exception is that we prefer these submissions to not be .PDFs. Copying and pasting from a PDF throws the formatting off (had to find that out the hard way) so it'll be easier for us to keep it in a word/google doc.

We also use thumbnails on the Article Page instead of buttons, if you have a specific image you'd like us to use, send it to us in a separate file. If no image is provided, we'll find a random stock photo we think fits.

These are the only submissions where you are *required* to have your name (a screen/pen name will suffice) attached to these posts.