

Gander Press Review Line Art Requirements

Gander Press Review is looking for line art to feature throughout its April edition, and we (the editors) invite artists to submit their work to us for consideration.

If you're reading this, you're probably an artist, and we've tried to anticipate your questions, but if you have any that we've not addressed, please contact Brant at brant_goble@ganderpress.com

Frequently Asked Questions

Why should I submit my artwork? What will I receive if my artwork is featured in GPR?

If your artwork is selected for inclusion in *Gander Press Review*, you will receive a contributor's copy, a publishing credit, and a virtual pat on the back. (You'll also be listed in the Books in Print database as a contributing artist.)

What type of artwork do you want?

We're looking for line drawings that we will be able to feature throughout the April print and online editions of *Gander Press Review*.

Why line drawings?

We like the crafted look of drawings (and they're easier to print than photographs).

Okay, should the art have a theme, or can I just wing it?

Ha! The theme for the April cover is "The Summer Goose." What exactly is a "summer goose?" That's up to you to decide. Just remember that your work must meet our technical and aesthetic specifications.

What are your technical specifications?

Line art can be either hand drawn or created in a graphics program, such as Adobe Illustrator. Regardless of media, all drawings must be designed to fit within the 6x9 inch page area and provide for a 1/8" margin on all sides. If delivered as a raster image, artwork should be at least 300 PPI (but no more than 600 PPI).

Remember that proportions matter more than absolute size. If your illustration is larger than 6x9 (but still proportioned correctly), it can be scaled down. If your artwork isn't proportioned correctly, it will need to be cropped. Finally, images that are too large to print are preferable to images that are too small. Reducing resolution is easy, but adding it, impossible.

Grayscale images can be beautiful, but we're looking for scalability and printability, and charcoal drawings with significant smudging may not print (or scale) correctly.

Below are the image file formats we can accept.

TIFF (.tif, .tiff)
JPEG (.jpg, jpeg)
PSD (.psd)
BMP (.bmp)
PDF (.PDF)
GIMP XCF (.xcf)
GIF (.gif)
AI (.ai)
PDF (.pdf)

We *strongly* prefer uncompressed file formats, but if you feel compelled to send your artwork in a compressed file format, please use the lightest compression possible.

Scans of hand drawn artwork are acceptable, but they must be at least 300 PPI.

Where do I send my illustrations?

Email your artwork as an attachment to artwork@ganderpress.com

If that email address doesn't work, send your submission to brant_goble@ganderpress.com

Please don't mail original drawings to us—we'd hate to risk losing them.

How long do I have to enter the contest?

All artwork must be received no later than 11:59PM CDT March 27, 2009.

How many illustrations may I send?

Please don't send more than 100 illustrations per contest period. (Of course, we're joking. You may send up to 105.) There's no set number of illustrations we're willing to feature. The more excellent artwork we receive, the more we'll feature.

Anything else I should know?

Remember to include your name and email address with your submission.