



Call for Artists

Lebanon Rail Trail Public Art Installations

Invitation:

You are invited and encouraged to apply to participate in a program to design, fabricate, and install public sculptural artworks for long-term display along Lebanon's Rail Trail. Installations will be located on sites between the bridge over the Mascoma River at the downtown Lebanon tunnel (eastern end) and Glen Road in West Lebanon (western end). Artists are encouraged to select themes related to Lebanon's history, geography, natural environment, recreational activities, or railroad activities. Winning artists will be granted temporary access to the studios in the AVA Gallery and Art Center's new Bente Torjusen West Sculptural Studies Building at 9 Bank Street, Lebanon.

Design Challenge:

Submitting artists are strongly encouraged to incorporate the railroad spikes collected by the City of Lebanon Recreation Department and the Mascoma River Greenway Coalition during the clean-up of the rail trail. Designs must be ruggedly constructed to withstand outdoor public display and four seasons of New England weather. Artwork installations are expected to remain in place for the life of the sculpture, at least ten (10) years, and will be owned by the City. There are roughly 1,000 spikes available for public art use. Each spike weighs approximately one pound. The existing spikes will be partially rusted and may have sharp edges. Precautions should be taken to prevent rusted metal and sharp edges from puncturing skin. Individual artists or teams of artists are encouraged to apply. Selected artists are expected to fabricate their winning designs, with technical assistance, if needed, as described below.

Juried Process:

An "*Intent-to-Submit*" form must be received by Lebanon Recreation and Parks Department by 5:00pm February 26, 2018. Precise details for submission of final design packages will be available to all registered artists or artist teams by no later than March 1, 2018. Submitting artists/teams are required to submit three-dimensional sketches, scale models, or 3-D prototypes of their proposed designs. Design submissions must not be larger than 18" x 18" x 18". Submissions must also provide a list of materials required for fabrication, material cost estimates, fabrication time estimates, a description of fabrication processes, and estimated weight of the finished piece. A selection jury of no less than three and no more than five will be

appointed by Lebanon Recreation and Parks Department and will consist of Lebanon arts, cultural, business and civic leaders. At present two (2) winning designs will be selected. The City of Lebanon reserves the right, at its sole discretion, to change the number of winners.

Schedule

- Public Release of the “Call for Artists” February 12, 2018
- Intent to Submit Design Form Due: February 26 2018, 5:00 pm
- Final Design Package Submission Date: March 30, 2018, 5:00 pm
- Juried Design Awards Announced: April 15, 2018
- Fabrication Window April 15 – June 30, 2018
- Installation Window: July 1 to July 13, 2018
- Grand Opening Celebration: July 21, 2018

Technical & Installation Assistance:

Juried winners will be eligible for technical and installation assistance by the sculptural studies instructors at AVA Gallery and Art Center and granted access to the metal-working, wood-working, stone-carving and ceramics studios in the Bente Torjusen West Sculptural Studies Building at 9 Bank Street. Winning artists/teams are expected to fabricate their artwork and participate in installation of their winning designs.

Winners receive:

- \$2,500 award stipend, plus up to \$2,000 reimbursement for materials & installation expenses
- Technical and Installation assistance as noted above
- Exposure in a scenic, well-traveled, pedestrian/bike path
- A plaque at each site identifying the artist and his/her contact information
- Inclusion in on-line promotions and trail maps
- Active engagement with social media audience
- Regular press releases to local and regional media outlets
- Recognition at a Grand Opening Celebration