



## **DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES**

### *Economic Development Division*

### **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report**

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#### **Introduction**

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

#### **Update on Current Projects**

- Gallery District Incentive Program—continues to receive inquiries and business participation.
- Urbana Arts Grants Program—Final Reports are being received and reviewed. Attached is the report for Andrea del Moral's project. Many of the 2010 project are underway.
- Art at the Market: Art Workshops—The forth art workshop of the season took place on August 28<sup>th</sup>. Justine Bursoni led a homemade paints painting workshop which featured paints made from natural materials such as coffee, beets, cabbage, turmeric, and spinach. The next workshop will be led by Roberta Bennett on September 25th. Additional information can be found on-line at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops>.
- City Building Exhibit Space—The Artist of the Corridor exhibit began on August 2<sup>nd</sup>, featuring photographic works by Alexei Lyosha Svinarski. The exhibit, entitled "InFocus: Urbana, Illinois" will be on display August 2<sup>nd</sup> – September 30<sup>th</sup>.
- *Art Now!* UPTV Arts Program—The program continues to run on UPTV each Monday from 6:30pm – 7:00pm. Commission member Sarah Ross has interviewed the next three featured artists: Aaron Ammons, Amy Rueffert and Bonnie Fortune
- Marketing: Staff is regularly updating the Facebook page which has 307 fans.
- Staff Update: 120 applications for the Public Arts Coordinator position were received and are being reviewed.
- Projects with Partners:
  - Public Art League
  - 40 North | 88 West Board of Directors and Committees
  - Urbana Business Association

#### **Upcoming Events**

- Public Arts Commission Meeting date: October 12th, 4:30 PM.
- Contemporary Triptych – Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> at 5:00PM in the Smith Recital Hall, 805 S. Mathews
- Poetry for the People Workshop series begins on September 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm with "Write from Life: A Poetry Workshop" with Matt Murrey, at the Urbana Free Library. The second workshop will be hosted by artist and poet Ruth Nicole Brown on Saturday, September 18 at 3:00 pm., also at the Urbana Free Library.
- Pygmalion Music Festival, September 22<sup>nd</sup> – 25th at various locations in Urbana-Champaign
- CU Folk and Roots Festival, September 23<sup>rd</sup> – 25<sup>th</sup> at various locations in Urbana
- BAG photographic installation: September 1 – 29<sup>th</sup> at the Independent Media Center