



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report September 8th – November 4th, 2010

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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

- Urbana Arts Grants Program—Many of the 2010 projects have been completed and several are still yet to occur. Staff is preparing the 2011 grant cycle application materials and expect to release them in the next week. Information will be available on-line at: www.urbanaininois.us/artsgrants.
- Art at the Market: Art Workshops—The last two art workshop of the season took place on September 25th and October 30th. In September, Roberta Bennett led a “Mother Nature Mobile” workshop using sticks and seed pods to make hanging mobiles. In October, Jessica Roberts led a “Plantable Papermaking” workshop where participants turned discarded paper into new biodegradable paper with plant seeds. Images of all the workshops can be seen on the program’s Facebook page at www.facebook.com/urbanapublicarts.
- City Building Exhibit Space—The Artist of the Corridor exhibit began on September 30th, featuring the watercolor work of Sandra Batzli. Her exhibit will be on display until November 30th.
- *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: The hiring process for the Public Arts Coordinator position is continuing. Interviews will be scheduled within the month.
- 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: December 14th, 4:30 PM.
- Contemporary Triptych – Nov. 7th at 5:00PM in the University of Illinois Music Building Auditorium