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Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report January 9, 2015 – February 3, 2015

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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.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Forty-four applications total were received by the January 16 deadline. Two groups of jurors will meet on February 14 and February 21 to review applications and make recommendations. Members of the February 14 jury, who will evaluate the *Here and Now* and *Envision 365* categories, have been confirmed; they are David Hays (Architecture), John Morrison (Art and Design), Austin McCann (Film), Kelly White (Arts and Community Engagement), Kirstie Simson (Dance), and Tom Faux (Music). Staff is currently finalizing the list of jurors for February 21, who will review the other two categories, *Creative Mix* and *Urbana Festivals*.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating the Facebook and Twitter accounts, which keep growing with 772 fans and 1,287 followers now, respectively. The Program's Instagram account has 20 followers. A new template for the program's e-newsletter, which currently has 650 subscribers, will soon be designed, and will be ready before the April newsletter. In January, the program purchased an ad space in *At Home* magazine, and around Valentine's Day, the program will place ads in the *News-Gazette*, *Accent*, and www.news-gazette.com.

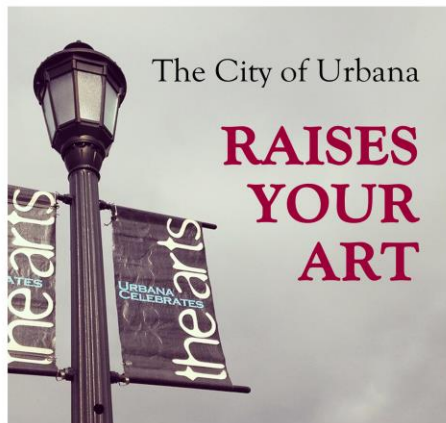


- **Artist of the Corridor:** Artist of the Corridor has officially expanded to the Urbana Free Library. The current exhibition, which started on February 2 and will end on May 1, features works by students from Wiley Elementary School. Rusty Clevenger, Wiley's art

teacher, installed the students' costume design sketches on February 2, and will add photos of the costumes on February 13. On February 27, the City will host a fashion show in the Council Chambers for the students to showcase their creations.



- **Art Now!:** The January episode of *Art Now!* featured artist and sculptor Harry Breen. This month, *Art Now!* interviews Sandra Batzli, an Illinois Artisan and past president of Krannert Art Museum Council. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Boneyard Commemoration Event:** Staff has launched a naming contest for the site of this event, which will be juried on February 12 by local business owners Mike Hosier and Allen Strong, journalist Drew Wilder, Urbana School District Superintendent Don Owen, Representative Carol Ammons, and Mayor Prussing. Ninety-eight ideas were submitted. The jurors will select three finalists for a final vote by the public. Staff is also organizing a call for entries to fill the street pole banners on Broadway Avenue with artworks. Art teachers in Urbana elementary schools have been invited to submit works by their students for the street pole banners on Race Street. All works will be acknowledged at the commemoration event.



Calling all visual artists to submit their designs.

The winning work will be installed on a group of street pole banners at the **Boneyard Creek Improvements Project**.

Deadline: March 6, 2015

For more information, visit www.urbanaininois.us/banner-call.

