



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report October 12, 2015 – December 7, 2015

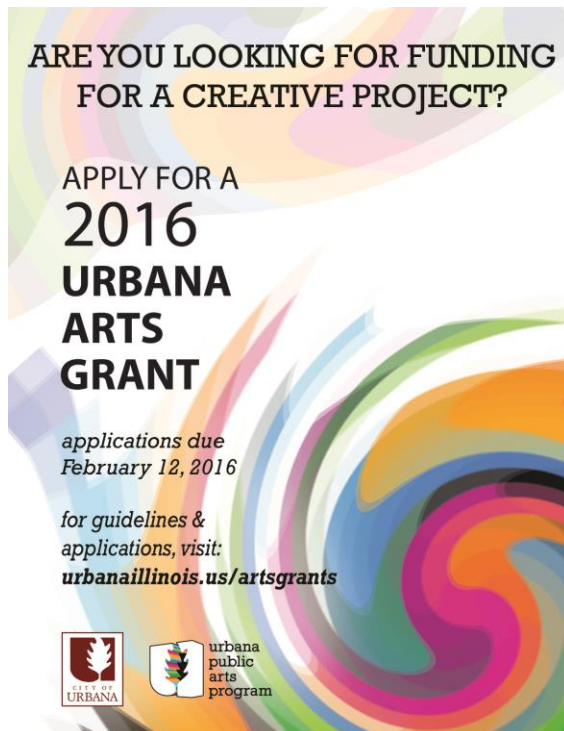
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Introduction

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 progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** The Grants Program is now accepting applications until February 12, 2016 at 5:00 p.m. CST. Staff held a grant workshop to introduce the initiative to the community of Monday, December 21 at the Urbana Champaign Independent Media Center. The next grant workshop will be on January 22 at the School of Art and Design at the University.



- **Arts in the Schools:** The 2016 Arts in the Schools grant has been awarded to King School and Wiley School. Each received \$1,500. Wiley's project is titled *Shakespeare Alive for Elementary Students!*, and King's project is *Seasonal Art Mural with Artist Glen Davies*.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** Ellie Pinzarrone's exhibition ended in November. Travis Hocutt is the current Artist of the Corridor, and his work is on view at the City Building and the

Urbana Free Library until February 29. An opening reception was held at the City Building lobby on December 18. The next exhibition will feature student Peggy Flavin.



- **Art in the Park:** A set of marble table and chairs have been installed at Art in the Park, north of the City Building. This addition is a part of John David Mooney's design for the park.
- **Boneyard Park:** Three plaques have been installed under the Race Street bridge, explaining the public art component of the park. The City is planning another event there in April, similar to *Urbana Celebrates the Boneyard!* last year. Staff will again invite teachers from the local school district to submit artworks by their students, which will then be printed as banners and installed on the street pole banners around Race and Griggs Streets.
- **Art at the Market:** Staff will begin accepting applications for the 2016 market season in mid-January. This season will run from May to October. Application deadline is February 15, 2016. Six performers and six arts instructors will be selected in March.



Art at the Market

SEEKING ARTISTS TO PERFORM OR TEACH
ALL-AGES ARTS ACTIVITIES AT
URBANA'S MARKET AT THE SQUARE,
MAY TO OCTOBER 2016



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DEADLINE TO APPLY:
FEBRUARY 15, 2016



- **Marketing:** Staff continues to update the program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, which now have 1,053 fans, 1,616 followers, and 78 followers, respectively. The e-newsletter has 658 followers. Two Public Arts ads are currently up on SmilePolitely.com: one for the Urbana Arts Grants Program, and one for Artist of the Corridor.
- **Art Now!:** The November and December episodes featured Maria Lux and Christina Nordholm. In January, the featured artist is Jon Bryan, whose unique creations using old doorknobs tell stories of American history. Episodes can be found online at <http://www.urbanainlinois.us/artnow>.