



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

Updates on Current Projects

- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** The Grants jury panel has held its first selection panel on February 27th, where applications for Nonprofit and Festival categories were reviewed. The next jury panel will be held on Saturday, March 5th, and the jury will discuss the applications in the Individual and Group categories. An announcement reception to announce the 2016 Urbana Arts grantees will be held at Pizza M on Friday, April 15th.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** Peggy Flavin's exhibition, "A Long Way Down" will be featured in the lobby of the City Building and The Urbana Free Library starting March 4th. Flavin is a mixed media artist and student at the University of Illinois. An opening reception will be held Friday, April 1st from 5pm to 6:30pm in the City Building Lobby.



- **Urbana Celebrates the Boneyard:** Staff is planning another event at the Boneyard Creek Improvements Project area on April 9, similar to last year. This will be during 40 North's Boneyard Arts Festival and Mom's Weekend. Staff has invited 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. The event will also have music by Desafinado, a participatory Capoeira performance by teachers and students from the Capoeira Angola Center, and arts activities for all ages.

- **Art at the Market:** Staff has reviewed and selected six music groups and six visual artists for the 2016 Art at the Market. The performers chosen are Mackville, Matt and Tom Turino, The Music Boxers, Bones Jugs, Los Guapos, and elizaBeth Simpson. The art workshops this season will be led by Karissa McDermott, Emmy Lingscheit and Guen Montgomery, Makerspace, Judy Lee, Carol Farnum, and Maxx Gogski.
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** The survey for the public's thoughts on Stranger Reduction has been closed and the results have been downloaded. Out of the 36 responses received, almost 70% say that the City of Urbana should try making Stranger Reduction Zone a permanent part of The Urbana Free Library.
- **Art Now!:** In the March episode of Art Now, Ginny Waaler interviews Hua Nian, a painter and educator whose work has appeared in international and national exhibitions, winning awards at local, state and national shows. The interview can be found online on the Art Now YouTube channel or <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.



- **Marketing:** Staff continues to update the program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, which now have 1,085 fans, 1,648 followers, and 121 followers, respectively.