



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

- **Artist of the Corridor:** Peggy Flavin's exhibition, "A Long Way Down," is featured in the lobby of the City Building and The Urbana Free Library through early June.
- **Art at the Market:** On Saturday, May 14, local band Mackville will perform at Art at the Market from 9:30am to 11:30am. The art workshop, from 8:00am to noon, will be led by local artist Maxx Gogski, who will teach visitors how to make a mini monster by assembling materials and sewing. A simpler option with no sewing will be available for younger children.



- **Urbana Celebrates the Boneyard:** *Urbana Celebrates the Boneyard 2016* took place on Saturday, April 9, from 1:00pm to 4:00pm, at the Boneyard Creek Improvements Project (corner of Race and Griggs Streets). The festivities included performances by Hobnob String Band and Capoeira Angola, food trucks, a bubble demo by Joyful Bubbles, a banner exhibit by USD#116 students, and a scavenger hunt designed by Urbana artist Judiee. Visitors who completed the scavenger hunt received a small prize.



- **Fundraising:** Staff was notified by the National Endowment of the Arts that its proposed project, titled *Open Scene*, which was submitted in collaboration with the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center (UCIMC), has been recommended for funding through the Our Town grant program. The NEA will make an official announcement about the award on May 9.

The City of Urbana and UCIMC will hold a joint announcement event on Tuesday, May 10, at the IMC (202 S. Broadway). Doors will open at 6:30pm, and the official announcement will be at 7:30pm. This press event will also have performances by local artists.

- **Art Now:** In the March episode, John Morrison interviewed Dennis Rowan. This month, the 67th episode of Art Now highlighted Urbana-based mixed-media artist Travis Hocutt. All Art Now episodes can be found online on the Art Now YouTube channel or <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.



- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** On April 29, staff led a sculpture van tour for residents of Clark-Lindsey Retirement Village. Twelve residents participated.



- **Urbana Art Expo:** Staff and commissioners are working with Kelly White from 40 North to plan the next Urbana Art Expo, which will be on Sunday, September 18, from 10am to 5pm, at the Urbana Civic Center.
- **Marketing:** The program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,159 fans (an increase of 74 fans), 1,702 followers (an increase of 54 followers), and 188 followers (an increase of 67 followers), respectively. There are two Urbana Public Arts Program ads featured on SmilePolitely.com, which promote Artist of the Corridor and Art Now.