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Introduction

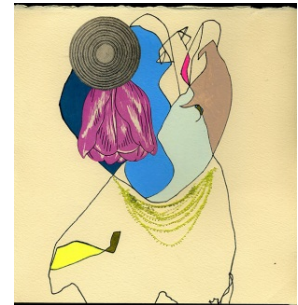
The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show features landscape paintings and drawings by Lori Fuller. The opening reception was on December 14th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, and attended by approximately 25 people. Lori's exhibition will run up until March 3rd, 2017.



- **Art Now:** In February, Art Now highlights the work of local artist and art educator Lara Orr who creates beautifully intriguing tiles and fabrics. Episodes are aired on UPTV 6 every Monday at 6:30 pm, with reruns every Tuesday at 11:00 pm, and are available on YouTube. The March episode will feature Capoeira Angola.



- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** A web-based, downloadable sculpture guide is now available for download on the city website at urbanaininois.us/sculptures. Postcard-sized flyers are also being distributed to promote the new sculptures throughout the city.
- **Open Scene:** Four artists have been selected to lead weekend intensives at the IMC with youth and adult participants. The artists include Derek Linzy, Andrea Perkins, Mother Nature, and Hill L. Waters/Lisa Fay. These weekend intensives will include arts workshops, dialogues, and public showcases to explore themes of social justice and community development through a variety of artistic disciplines. Public events will take place on selected Fridays from 6 pm to 8pm and on selected Sundays from 2 pm to 4pm. All events will take place at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center (UCIMC). A full schedule of dates and times is below:

Open Scene Schedule

Derek Linzy (music composition)	Friday, Feb. 24 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, Feb. 26 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Andrea Perkins (storytelling)	Friday, March 10 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, March 12 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Mother Nature (hip-hop performance)	Friday, March 24 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, March 26 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Hill L. Waters/ Lisa Fay (theatre)	Friday, April 14 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, April 16 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC

- **Boneyard Celebration:** Citispace can no longer perform the proposed “Unity Project” at the Boneyard Creek Crossing in April 8th, 2017. Staff will arrange a different event at this location as part of the annual Boneyard Arts Festival in cooperation with 40 North.
- **Marketing:** The program’s Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,332 page likes (an increase of 26 likes), 1,880 followers (an increase of 34 followers); and 413 followers (an increase of 30 followers), respectively. There are two Urbana Public Arts Program ads featured on SmilePolitely.com, which promote Art Now and the Urbana Arts Grants Program.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** This year, we received 46 applications requesting \$151,605, while this is a strong showing; it is a decrease in total number of applicants from last year and amount requested. Last year’s cycle we received 62 applications requesting a total of \$193,566.86.

The deadline to apply for Arts Grants passed on February 6th, 2017. With the support of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) in the amount of \$500, the total amount available for funding this cycle is \$48,000.

The Urbana Arts Grants Program has been promoted through social media, the e-newsletter, a SmilePolitely ad, and print materials. Staff held two separate information sessions at the University of Illinois and the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center. A total of about 20 people attended.

- **Public Arts Coordinator Position:** With the departure of Pauline Tannos, the Public Arts program is currently being staffed Interim Public Arts Coordinator Brandon Boys and Morgan White, Public Arts Intern, with additional support from Public Arts Specialists Libby Horwitz and William Kolschowsky. Advertisement to fill the full-time Public Arts Coordinator position is expected to begin in the coming days.