



## 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

- **Art Now:** In June, Art Now will feature a previous episode highlighting the Public Art League. 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.

Staff is currently seeking recommendations for future artists for Art Now.

- **Art at the Market:** This past Saturday's June's Art at the Market featured original musical performances by acoustic trio, The Old Paints and a Make-It-Take-It puppet craft workshop with Anne Newman. Workshops (from 8am to 12pm) and performances (from 9:30am to 11:30am) will take place every second Saturday on the following dates for the remainder of the Art at the Market season: July 8th, August 12th, September 9th, and October 14th. The full summer 2017 schedule with project descriptions can be found online at: [www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops](http://www.urbanaininois.us/artworkshops).



- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show features the art of Rusty Clevenger's 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Students at Dr. Preston L. Williams Jr. Elementary School. On March 31<sup>st</sup>, two groups of classes came in to see their artwork displayed in the City Building where they also had a brief question and answer session with Mayor Prussing. The students' exhibition will continue through June.

Staff is currently seeking recommendations for future exhibitions for the Artist of the Corridor.



- **Open Scene:** All four Artists have held weekend intensives at the IMC with youth and young adult participants. The Final Workshop combined with a silent Art Auction featuring artwork by Langston Allston was used to start building a framework of how the program will continue after the concluding workshop.

- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** A web-based, downloadable sculpture guide is now available for download on the city website at [urbanaininois.us/sculptures](http://urbanaininois.us/sculptures). Postcard-sized flyers are also being distributed to promote the new sculptures throughout the city.
- **Marketing:** The program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,443 page likes (an increase of 21 likes), 1,926 followers (an increase of 15 followers); and 491 followers (an increase of 25 followers), respectively from last month.