



## *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 process, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

### **Update on Current Projects**

- **Martin Luther King, Jr. Park Project:** The sculpture dedication took place on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, 2014 at 4:00pm. A reception at Cinema Gallery followed. There were roughly 45 people in attendance for the dedication and reception.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** The remaining 2013 grant projects are presenting their final reports while almost 90% of the 2014 grantees have their funds and are working on their projects.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** Jack Mackie is working with the design team and contractors as the last phase of the project progresses towards completion in late summer.
- **Fundraising:** Nothing new to report on fundraising at this time.
- **Marketing subcommittee:** The program has been receiving a lot of press recently from a feature article on Preston Jackson and the King Park sculpture in the News Gazette to all of the build up to the Art in the Market programming and the Market in the Square.
- **Downtown Arts subcommittee:** The Downtown Arts subcommittee is in the process of meeting and planning for possible Boneyard events this summer to coincide with the unveiling of the Jack Mackie installation along Boneyard Creek.
- **Annual Planning:** The FY 14-15 Program plan motion was approved by Council on May 5, 2014.
- **Art Now!:** The May episode and profile featured Urbana artist Jason Patterson (recent Artist of the Corridor for 2014), interviewed by Ginny Waaler. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanainllinois.us/artnow>.
- **Artist of the Corridor:** A new Artist of the Corridor exhibition opened on May 5 with Tree Artwork from Prairie Elementary and University Primary Schools. The exhibition is up until August 3, 2104.
- **Art at the Market:** The 2014 Art at the Market season has been booked and started May 10<sup>th</sup> with suminagashi printing (ancient Japanese marbling technique) and West African Drumming and Dancing with Djibril Camara and the Mara Giri Ensemble.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 703 fans and 1033 followers, respectively.
- **Grants:** Staff submitted the grant application for FY14-15 for general operating support in the local arts agency category from the Illinois Arts Council and is actively looking for other grant opportunities.

## **Upcoming Events**

- Next Art at the Market- June 14
  - Klezmer music and a biodegradable art workshop
- June 14<sup>th</sup> - Urbana Wine Festival (1-9pm)