



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report May 14, 2014 – June 10, 2014

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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

- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** Staff created and sent out a survey of the application process and grant program to past grantees (2013-14). Good information and feedback about the application process was received. Over the summer, staff and the grants subcommittee will work with results of the survey to streamline and further improve grants program process and visibility.
- **Boneyard Creek Public Art:** It is looking like late August is still the timeframe for park/construction/public art project to be finished. Staff is looking into pricing for banners on poles in park to advertise public art program and projects. Most likely, there will be a ribbon cutting event in August.
- **Art Now!:** The June episode and profile featured the photography and writings of the natural world of Dr. Michael Jeffords and Susan Post, interviewed by Pat Sammann. See episodes at: <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Art at the Market:** The 2nd session of the 2014 Art at the Market season is this Saturday, June 14th with an eco-art workshop with artist Meredith Foster. This workshop will utilize natural materials like plants and charcoal from around Illinois to create art. The musical performance will be local group Don't Ask, who specialize in klezmer music of Eastern Europe.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating Facebook and Twitter accounts, with 713 fans and 1070 followers, respectively.
- **Art in the Corridor:** Tree-based artwork by students from Prairie Elementary and University Primary Schools is on view until August 3, 2014.
- **Grants:** Staff has not yet been notified of the status of the application for FY14-15 general operating support in the local arts agency category from the Illinois Arts Council.

Upcoming Events

- Next Art at the Market- June 14
 - Klezmer music and a biodegradable art workshop utilizing Illinois-specific materials
- June 14th- Uncork: Urbana Wine Festival (1-9pm)- this is a new event sponsored and created by the UBA.