



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Economic Development Division

Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report April 9, 2015 – May 6, 2015

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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:** Beth Darling's exhibition at the City Building lobby and the Urbana Free Library opened on May 4. Her landscape and garden paintings are on view until July 6. The opening reception will be at the City Building lobby on Thursday, May 21, from 5:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.
- **Art at the Market:** This series offers free and family-friendly workshop and performance by local artists at Urbana's Market at the Square every second Saturday, from May to September. Ten artists or artist groups have been scheduled to perform or lead workshops. On May 9, Neutral Cycle will lead a jewelry-making workshop using old bicycle parts from 8:00 a.m. to noon, and the C4A String Band will perform from 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.

Art at the Market

Join the Urbana Public Arts Program for **FREE** art workshops & **FREE** performances from 8 a.m. to noon on the following Saturdays:

- Art: **Bicycle Jewelry & Free Tune-Ups w/ Neutral Cycle**
Performance: C4A String Band
- Art: **Veggies are Beautiful w/ Maria Ludeke**
Performance: Djibril Camara & Ballet Allah Tantou
- Art: **Veggie Stamping w/ Ellie Pinzarrone**
Performance: Sam Payne
- Art: **Recycled Friendship Bracelets w/ Rachel Lauren Storm & the Youth from Girl Radio, Inc.**
Performance: Bones Jugs N Harmony
- Art: **Hula-hooping w/ Michael Braswell**
Performance: Rebecca Rego & The Trainmen

Urbana's Market at the Square is located at the corner of Illinois & Vine Streets.

SATURDAY MAY 9TH

NEUTRAL CYCLE

BICYCLE JEWELRY AND FREE TUNE UPS

MAKE JEWELRY FROM BICYCLE PARTS

TAKE HOME YOUR CREATIONS

FREE

ALL AGES

ART AT THE MARKET. 8AM-NOON

- **Art Now!:** In last month's episode, the featured artist was Jerry Savage. This month, Art Now! reruns an old episode featuring Beth Darling, from October 2014. See episodes at <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.
- **Marketing:** Staff is regularly updating the Public Arts Program Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts, which now have 789 fans, 1,410 followers, and 45 followers, respectively. A new template for the program's e-newsletter, which currently has 669 subscribers, has recently been completed by design firm VE Websites, and was used for the April newsletter. A brochure of the Urbana Sculpture Project has also been printed.
- **Murals on Glass:** This call for entries was announced on April 30. All Champaign County artists are invited to apply by filling out a form and uploading their images online. June 19 is the deadline for all application materials. Three works will be selected by jury in June, then printed on adhesive vinyl sheets, and displayed on downtown Urbana windows. One work will be installed on the Urbana Business Association office, and two works will be on the east windows of the Civic Center. The existing murals on the Urbana Parking Deck and the Civic Center are still in great condition and will be kept as they are.



Selected works will be displayed on **Downtown Urbana** windows.
 All **Champaign County** artists are invited to apply.
 Deadline: June 19, 2015

For more information:
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