



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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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

- **Artist of the Corridor:** Judy Lee's exhibition, "Mini Masterpainters" is featured in the lobby of the City Building and The Urbana Free Library until September 12th. The opening reception will be on Thursday, July 14, from 5:00 pm to 6:30pm at the City Building.



- **Art at the Market:** The next Art at the Market, to be held Saturday, July 9th, will feature music by Bones Jugs from 9:30am to 11:30am; and *Monster Rocks*, a rock-decorating workshop by Karissa McDermott, from 8:00am to 12:00pm.



- **Art Now:** The July episode of Art Now features Lynn Smith, who captures the beauty of Central Illinois using colored pencils, photography, and other media. All Art Now episodes

can be found online on the Art Now YouTube channel or <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.

- **Urbana Art Expo:** Staff and commissioners are working with 40 North to plan the next Urbana Art Expo, which will be on Sunday, September 18, from 10am to 5pm, at the Urbana Civic Center. Deadline to apply is August 1.

The initiative has been promoted through social media, the e-newsletter, online ads, and the Art Expo website (www.urbanaartexpo.com).



- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** Deadline to apply to the Public Art League's (PAL) sculpture call is July 14. They will hold a jury meeting on July 19. Pat Sammann will attend this meeting and help select sculptures for the 2016-2018 cycle. This fiscal year, the Urbana Public Arts Program has \$6,000 available to sponsor sculptures.

The leases for *Athirst* by Sarah Deppe, *Whirlwind is in Thorntree* by V. Skip Willits, *Twistah-Tous* by Bennett Wine, and *Maelstrom II* by Craig Snyder are expiring this fall and will not be renewed.

- **Marketing:** The program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,198 page likes (an increase of 25 likes), 1,749 followers (an increase of 17 followers); and 238 followers (an increase of 17 followers), respectively. There are three Urbana Public Arts Program ads featured on SmilePolitely.com, which promote the Urbana Art Expo, Artist of the Corridor, and Art Now.

