



## *DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES*

Economic Development Division

### **Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report September 9<sup>th</sup> – November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016**

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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:** Rachel Storm's exhibition, "Carichina Women," is on view in the lobby of the City Building and The Urbana Free Library until December 8<sup>th</sup>.

The next show will feature paintings and drawings by Lori Fuller. The exhibition will start on December 9<sup>th</sup>, with an opening reception on December 14<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm to 6:30pm.

- **Art at the Market:** The last Art at the Market this season was on October 8<sup>th</sup>. The music featured was The Music Boxers, an ensemble that consisted of Community Center for the Arts faculty members. Carol Farnum was scheduled to lead a workshop of freestyle painting, but had to drop out at the last minute. Judy Lee took her place with another button-making workshop.
- **Art Now:** The September episode highlighted abstract expressionist Judith Adanma Johnson. For the October episode, Commissioner Sara Jones interviewed mixed-media artist Nathan Westerman. Stacey Gross, photographer and art educator, is featured in the November episode. All Art Now episodes can be found online on the Art Now YouTube channel or <http://www.urbanaininois.us/artnow>.



- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** Five sculptures will be installed in Urbana in fall 2016. Three of them are sponsored by the City, while two are sponsored by members of the community.
- **Marketing:** The program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,274 page likes (an increase of 26 likes), 1,821 followers (an increase of 31 followers); and 336 followers (an increase of 46 followers), respectively. There are two Urbana Public Arts Program ads featured on SmilePolitely.com, which promote the Art Now and Artist of the Corridor.
- **Arts in the Schools:** The selection committee will select the recipient(s) of this art education grant in mid-November.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** The application guidelines and form will be available starting on November 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2016. The deadline to apply is February 6<sup>th</sup>, 2017.

The Urbana Arts Grants Program will be promoted through social media, the e-newsletter, a SmilePolitely ad, and print materials. Staff will hold an information session at the University of Illinois on November 4<sup>th</sup>, and at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center on December 1<sup>st</sup>.

