

“Dexter Art Gardens”

Sculptures From Nature

2015 / 2016 Call for Outdoor Sculptures / Dexter, MI

Welcome to the City of Dexter

The City of Dexter is located in Southeast Michigan, along the banks of the Huron River and Mill Creek. Residents and visitors can enjoy a day on a river, walking along nature trails, or biking on the County Border-to-Border trail, stopping in our historic downtown for lunch and some shopping. Cultural activities include a sculpture display, local theater, historical museum, summer concerts, ice skating in the winter, festivals, and simply playing in the parks.

Project Description

“Dexter Art Gardens” is an annual sculpture exhibit sponsored by the Dexter Arts, Culture & Heritage Committee. 4 new outdoor sculptures will be juried into the current, permanent collection and displayed for 1 year. The artworks will be installed on concrete pads in high profile locations in historic Dexter, Michigan, (located 7 miles west of Ann Arbor). These 4 new sculptures will also have complimentary garden displays designed by local garden enthusiasts to enhance the artwork. Online and print brochures will be provided to the public throughout the year to inspire self-guided walking tours of the exhibit. These brochures will also be distributed during the well known annual festival “Dexter Daze” and the “Paint Dexter Plein Air Festival”. All work must be for sale and remain in the exhibit for the entire year (August 2015 - August 2016).

Each artist accepted will receive a \$700 stipend. The deadline for submissions is June 19, 2015

Selection Criteria

Sculptures must be representational and have nature as a theme. Entries will be critiqued on artistic merit, originality and technical quality. There are 2 spots available for very large scale work. Finalists will have to meet standards of public safety and durability of design and materials. Freestanding sculptures only will be considered. Work must be original, created by the artist, for sale, and remain in the exhibit for one year. Artists selected will be notified by the week of July 6th. The artists selected will be contacted by phone and email. The list of finalists will be announced on City of Dexters website and facebook.

Submission Procedure

“Dexter Art Gardens” is open to all artists 18 years of age and older. Artists may submit up to three (3) original sculptures. Please download and print a copy of the application and complete it in its entirety. Artists are required to include a copy of their resume, and an artist statement. Each application must include a CD with digital images of the artwork and each image file must specify the entry number, title and artist’s last name (ie #1-SportFish-Smith, #2 - Mable Moose - Smith). Each image submitted via cd must be a high resolution, 300 dpi. and measure 5” X 7”. Email submissions will be accepted. File size should be 72 dpi at 8” x 10”. Each submission must also include information about each sculpture which includes artist name, title, dimensions, media, and retail price.

Benefits to the Exhibiting Sculptor

- \$700 stipend
- High visibility sites in the heart of Dexter, a cultural destination city in Southeast Michigan
- A year long marketing campaign, including press releases and brochures distributed in Southeast Michigan.
- A facebook page, a page on the City of Dexter's website.

In order to be included in the selection process each application package (whether emailed or mailed) must contain the following:

1. Completed application
2. Resume
3. Artist statement
4. CD with high resolution images of each submitted piece and a detailed description of each piece OR
5. Email images of each submitted piece at 72 dpi (jpeg) with a detailed description of each piece
6. Artists that wish for return of materials must include a self addressed stamped envelope

Mail to: River Gallery + Exhibits
or email to: dexterartgardens@dextermi.gov
Attn: Patti Schwarz (project coordinator)
118 S. Main St., Suite B, Chelsea, MI 48118

Installation Dates: Week of August 3, 2015

Artists are responsible for delivery and pick up of their sculptures and are required to be present during installation by the City of Dexter. The City of Dexter will provide the equipment needed for unloading, placing, and securing of the sculptures to the assigned concrete pads. Artists are responsible for providing the bolts to secure the sculptures. Each artist will be contacted for an appointment date for installation. Free standing sculptures will need to be adaptable for installation on a cement pad.

Financials

Each artist that is accepted into the exhibition will be awarded a \$700 stipend. Artwork must be for sale during the exhibition, and if a piece is sold, a 70% commission of the sale price, will go to the artist.

Project End

"Dexter Art Gardens" will release all works to the artists at the projects end. The City of Dexter will provide the equipment needed for detachment and loading of the sculptures from their assigned concrete pads by appointment August, 2016. Artists are required to make arrangements for the transportation of their sculptures.

Timeline

2015	
June 19	Call for sculptures postmark deadline
Week of July 17th	Artists notified of results of jurying process
Week of August 3	Art installation appointments
Week of August 17	Launch and reception for the artists
2016	
August	Sculpture removal appointments

Contact Information

Questions? Call Patti Schwarz (project coordinator) @ 734.433.0826
Please enter "Dexter Art Gardens" in the subject line of all emails.
We look forward to your submissions!

APPLICATION

Up to three original sculptures per entry.

Please complete form in its entirety. Return to River Gallery with resume and artist statement, CD with high resolution images, and self addressed stamped envelope if return of materials is requested. The title of each sculpture must be included in the image file name.

Mail to: River Gallery or email to: dexterartgardens@dextermi.gov

River Gallery (project coordinator)
Attn: Dexter Art Gardens
118 S. Main Street, Suite B / Chelsea, MI 48118 / 734.433.0826
fax: 734.433.1930

Artist Name _____
Address _____
City _____ State _____ Zip _____
Phone: () _____
email: _____
Website _____
Facebook: _____

Sculpture #1
Title _____
Media _____
Dimensions (HxWxD) _____
Retail Price _____
Date Created _____

Sculpture #2
Title _____
Media _____
Dimensions (HxWxD) _____
Retail Price _____
Date Created _____

Sculpture #3
Title _____
Media _____
Dimensions (HxWxD) _____
Retail Price _____
Date Created _____

Where did you learn about the "Dexter Art Gardens" Call for Entries?
