

CALL FOR

PUBLIC ART

Eden Prairie's Public Art Program

As part of a continued commitment to highlight original works of art throughout the community, the City of Eden Prairie is seeking projects created by Minnesota artists for public display from June 2019 through May 2020.



"Full Sail II" is installed at Purgatory Creek Park

Artists retain ownership and loan pieces to the City for the 11-month period, and artwork must be appropriate for Minnesota's extreme weather. Selected artists are paid a \$1,000 stipend to exhibit their work, and coordinate with the City staff on specific site selection and installation.

The City is seeking donors who would like to contribute to a fund for purchasing the artworks so they can remain on permanent display after the exhibition period. It is hoped this program contributes to the vitality of the City and builds a foundation for public art which adds meaning in our community for years to come.

BACKGROUND AND PROJECT DESCRIPTION

Providing a public venue for exhibiting and viewing artwork supports the City's vision by adding richness to the environment while building an appreciation for public art in our community.

Secure display platforms are available at the Art Center, Outdoor Center and Purgatory Creek Park. Additional exhibition locations may include the Senior Center, Minnesota River Vista overlook and tunnel, and more.

Proposals are reviewed by City staff and commission members, and are chosen based on artistic merit, safety, durability and relationship to the site.



"Eggcited" is installed at the Art Center



"Soul" is installed at the Outdoor Center

PROJECT TIMELINE

April 5, 8–10

Site tours available by appointment for interested artists

May 3

Deadline for entries

May 6–17

Jury process and selection

May 20

Notification of sculpture selections

June 3–7

Delivery and installation of sculptures

REQUIRED SUBMISSION MATERIALS

- Artists may submit more than one public artwork proposal for consideration, not to exceed three total pieces
- Artists must provide the materials and/or equipment and be able to install and disassemble any selected artwork for the exhibition period and have the resources to do so
- Artists must provide proof of insurance for the artwork

Please include the following information with your application

- Two high-quality digital images of each submitted artwork (videos no longer than 1 minute may also be submitted in lieu of digital images)
- Statement describing each submitted artwork including materials and process
- Artist résumé and brief statement about submitted work(s)
- Installation requirements and specs for each submitted artwork

Please submit materials to: ArtSubmissions@edenprairie.org

If digital attachments are too large to email, please send a link through a secure file-transfer program such as WeTransfer to ArtSubmissions@edenprairie.org, and note this in your submission email.

LOCATIONS

Art Center

The building that houses the Art Center was donated to the City in 2008 by the family of Roger Sampson, a former resident who built the structure as a place to create art before he passed away. It is the largest single gift ever given to the City. The mission of the Art Center is to enhance the quality of life and foster creativity in our community by providing access to the arts for people of all ages and abilities. The Art Center works to achieve its mission by offering exceptional programming in drawing, painting, sculpture, ceramics, glass, fiber, mixed media and more. There are opportunities for people of all ages and skill levels – from toddlers to older adults, beginner to advanced.

Outdoor Center

The Eden Prairie Outdoor Center is a refurbished historic cabin located on the north shore of Staring Lake. It offers a wide range of classes, workshops, trips and activities in the fields of outdoor recreation and environmental education. The site includes nature trails through forest, wetland and prairie environments, as well as a fishing pier and observatory.

Senior Center

The Eden Prairie Senior Center is a hub of activity for adults and seniors of all ages. Its mission is to provide for social, recreational, educational, psychological and physical needs; enhance the visibility of older adults; and promote their participation in all aspects of community life.

Purgatory Creek Park

Located at the busy intersection of Technology Drive and Prairie Center Drive, Purgatory Creek Park is a highly visible urban park. Amenities include the Veterans Memorial, hiking and biking trails, an open-air pavilion and beautiful plantings and flower beds.

Additional locations throughout the City may be available based on project and coordination with City staff.

Questions? Contact Jes Schrom at **952-949-8304** or JSchrom@edenprairie.org.

