



## **CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

### **Huntersville SculptOUR**

Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition, Huntersville, NC  
Issued by the Public Art Commission  
October 2023 - August 2025 Cycle

The Public Art Commission of Huntersville, NC, is seeking five (5) pieces of leasable outdoor sculpture to be installed for two years on the Downtown Greenway running through Holbrook Park in town of Huntersville, NC (the “Town”).

Compensation to the selected artists will be provided by private donations and grants awarded by the Mecklenburg County Arts and Science Council, and Electricities. Each artist will receive a \$2,000 stipend (per piece), exposure on the Town’s website, including a virtual map and tour of all public art installations, and other related media.

#### **Exhibition Site:**

This sculpture exhibition will be located in Holbrook Park along the Downtown Greenway, which is part of a larger greenway vision for the Town, The Huntersville Vine. The Downtown Greenway includes sites for public art, functional items such as benches, swings, and a shelter. It also includes areas for active play such as pickleball/tennis courts, two (2) playgrounds, and bike racks. The Huntersville Vine is visualized as both symbolic and practical: feeding culture and commerce within the community, connecting residents to each other and businesses, and physically nurturing the environment by providing a habitat that is beneficial to all.

#### **Huntersville, North Carolina:**

Huntersville is a large suburban town in Mecklenburg County, North Carolina, part of the Charlotte metropolitan area. The Town of Huntersville’s population is close to 70,000, making it the 17th largest municipality in North Carolina. It is located 14 miles (23 km) north of Charlotte and was officially incorporated in 1873.

It is the sense of Huntersville’s past, and the small town feel that has brought so many new residents to the town. The simple commute into the city of Charlotte and the proximity to Lake Norman are also some of Huntersville’s enticements.

**Eligibility:** The exhibition is open to all artists, preferably professional sculptors, who are at least 18 years of age and reside in the United States. *Town employees and members of the Huntersville Public Art Commission are not eligible to apply.*

**Sculpture:** The committee is seeking original art works that may be functional or nonfunctional, temporary, or permanent work in any media suitable for outdoor public space. All sculpture must meet the following basic requirements:

1. The work must be structurally sound to stand-alone or to be secured to a 4'x4' concrete pad. The project must be of a scale large enough to be clearly visible.
2. The work must be capable of withstanding adverse weather conditions, including hot summers, cold winters, rain, wind and snow.
3. The work must be suitable for pedestrian interaction with a low risk of injury. The public must be protected from possible injury from materials and the work must not include moving parts.
4. The work must be original and preferably (but not required) be relatable to features of Huntersville and the Huntersville Vine.
5. The work must be available for a period of two years, from installation in late September 2023 to removal in early August 2025.

**General Information:**

**Installation:** Selected artists are responsible for transportation of their work to and from the site. Installation costs regarding site preparation will not be the responsibility of the artists. The town will provide adequate staff and any heavy equipment required (i.e., crane or forklift) to assist artists with installations.

**Stipend/Awards:** Upon the successful installation of selected sculptures, the artists will receive a \$2000.00 stipend for the 23-month lease of the piece. Hotel accommodations for a total of one (1) night will be provided to accepted artists for installation.

**Purchases:** Negotiation and sale of the sculpture is the responsibility of the artists. However, the Huntersville Public Art Commission will make best efforts to promote the artists' work to potential buyers. Purchased sculptures will be available for pick-up at the end of the exhibition. Artists shall pay the Huntersville Parks & Recreation Department a fee of twenty percent (20%) of any sale that occurs while the artwork is on exhibit or within six (6) months thereafter. Fees paid after a sale will be used to fund future Huntersville SculpTOURs.

### **Additional Information:**

- Artists chosen shall enter a contract with the Town and will agree to temporarily lease sculpture to the Town. In return the Town agrees to temporarily display Artist's sculpture.
- Artist shall have full legal title and copyrights to the sculpture while on temporary lease to the Town.
- Artist shall be responsible for maintaining the sculpture. Town shall be responsible for maintaining the exhibition site.
- Each artist shall be solely responsible for risk of loss and for providing all insurance coverage for the sculpture while on lease and during transportation to and removal from the exhibition site. The artists shall provide the Town with a certificate of insurance for the duration of the exhibit prior to installation of the sculpture.

### **Exhibition Calendar:**

- Dates for upload of applications: February 2023 - June 9, 2023
- Notification to selected artists: July 19, 2023
- Installation of sculptures: September 11-30, 2023
- Huntersville SculpTOUR Ribbon Cutting: TBD - Early October 2023

## **Town of Huntersville SculpTOUR Application Guidelines:**

Artists may submit up to five (5) pieces for consideration. All must be available for display during the October 2023 - August 2025 time period.

Artists must submit a digital application package to [thouk@huntersville.org](mailto:thouk@huntersville.org) including the following:

- **Cover Letter/Letter of Intent** - Letter of intent, not to exceed one page for each sculpture, that includes a description of the sculpture(s) and the media in which the sculpture(s) were fabricated. Label each sculpture description as indicated below.
- **Resume Tab (All One Document)** - Recent Resume/CV and brief artists' statement (150 words max), image detail sheet with one thumbnail view of each piece submitted. Label each image with: entry #, title, medium, date completed, dimensions, and price.
- **Two images of each submitted piece** - Please label images using the following format: LASTNAME.#.title. For each entry, use a new number (i.e. #1, #2) and for each view of the same entry, use a new letter (i.e. #1A, #1B) and so on.
- **Three Professional References** - Each reference should be able to speak to your qualifications. Please provide a phone number and email address for each reference.

Entries must be submitted by 5 pm on June 30, 2023.

### **Point of Contact:**

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