

Call for Designs - Community Mural Project

Have you ever wanted to create a piece of art on a large scale? Are you interested in learning how to create a mural from concept inception to completion? The Wickford Art Association (WAA) Community Mural Project is a juried art contest that will select up to three entries to be featured on the exterior of the WAA building. Participation in the project includes professional development opportunities and selected artists will receive a \$500 award. This call for entry is open through March 31, 2023.

The Community Mural Project celebrates WAA's 60 years of continued commitment to the community with its first exterior public installation. The project intends to:

- Activate** the exterior of the Wickford Art Association's edifice by creating large outdoor installation
- Engage** the community around the Wickford Art Association with thought provoking art
- Encourage** artists to explore their ideas and work within the context of public art
- Support and invest** in local artists and showcase their work prominently in NK and RI
- Empower** youth artists and grow the local art community

CONCEPT The design concept focuses on 'community'. What does the term 'community' mean to you? What do you enjoy about the place you call home? What makes it special? Is it a Place? The People? The Natural Elements? Or all the above? We encourage artists to be bold, inspired, graphic, and impactful up close and when viewed from a distance. Abstract colorful representations are welcome.

SUBMISSION GUIDELINES

- Submit an original design as an individual or two (2) member team and a description of the design
- Design should be a square (1:1) or rectangle (2 wide:1 tall)
- Design should not contain words or slogans
- Supply a biography and 3-5 images or original work from portfolio
- Must be a member of the Wickford Art Association or a student at the North Kingstown High School
- **NOTES:** There is no registration fee to submit work for this project. No fine-art reproductions. If accepted, artwork design cannot be reproduced at another venue. Upon completion of the physical mural - the artwork becomes and remains the sole property of the Wickford Art Association.

TIMELINE

- Submission deadline by **March 31, 2023**.
- Jury will convene and selected artists will be notified at the Up Close and Personal exhibit opening reception on **April 21, 2023**.
- Selected artists are required to attend **May 6th** Community Mural Launch including professional development and start of project
- Estimated 10 – 20 working hours during the month of May coordinated with the project leader
- Still have questions? Please email the gallery: waaexhibits@gmail.com or call us at 401-294-6840.