

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 two 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.

The Community Mural Project celebrates WAA's 61 years of continued commitment to the community with its *second* 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 & Invest in local artists and showcase their work prominently in NK and RI

Empower youth artists and grow the local art community

CONCEPT This year's focus aligns with the celebration of the **350th anniversary** of the founding of North Kingstown. The design concept of **"Then & Now"** aims to increase the awareness of and connect people to the rich history and innovative future of the Town of North Kingstown. How has North Kingstown used its experience to shape its future? Or maybe you choose to explore the ways in which the natural environment has changed over time? Or the people? Or even the changing shoreline with rising seas? How has the past influenced the expectations of our future? 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 team and a description of the design - Design should be a square (1:1) or rectangle (2:1)
- Supply a biography and 3-5 images or original work from portfolio
- Must be a member of the Wickford Art Association (all North Kingstown High School students are members)
- **OPTIONAL:** New this year is the opportunity to be paired with a partner artist for an adult and youth artist collaboration. Please note in your submission if you are interested. - **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 **April 15th**
- Jury will convene and selected artists will be notified by email in mid-late April.
- Selected artists are required to attend **May 4th** Community Mural Workshop 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.