

CALL TO ARTISTS
Issued by the Town of Decatur
August 15, 2021

Request for Proposals (RFP): Decatur Art Trail Sculpture Art, Decatur, TN

The Town of Decatur is seeking proposals from artists to design and create a sculpture to be placed at the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park.

Sculpture Art – Selected artist/artist team will design, create, and install a sculpture in the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park. Committee will provide input to artist/team on theme ideas. The Decatur Veterans Memorial Park attracts citizens of all ages to enjoy sporting activities (basketball, disc golf, tennis, and skateboarding), children’s playground equipment, adult exercise equipment, and walking tracks. Desired sculpture art would include that which would be considered bright and playful and provide interest to the outdoor space. We are open to different materials of art including, but not limited to, painted stainless steel, powder coated steel, and aluminum. Construction should be durable, sturdy and safe for use in an outdoor public setting where families frequent, and therefore may be touched in rough ways. We imagine geometrical shapes, free form, abstract, or simple designs in small to medium size installations. During consultations with committee, it could be determined that 2 smaller size sculptures may work better if it can be done within allotted budget.

Eligibility: The RFP is open to all artists and artist teams who wish to participate.

Application Deadline: Applications must be submitted electronically via email to laurasmith@decaturtn.net by **11:59 pm Eastern Time on *September 15, 2021.***

Project Timeline: *August 15 – September 15:* Open Call for Applications for artists/artist teams

September 16-20: Artists/Teams Notified of Selections and Meet with Committee to discuss project themes

September 21 – December 15: Art design, creation, and installation.

Project Overview and Description

The Decatur Art Trail will connect downtown Decatur to the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park with 3 unique artistic installations: sidewalk art, murals, and a sculpture. These 3 forms of artistic expression will serve to bring interest and vibrancy to the area and will inspire movement for residents and tourists. The trail will lead people through downtown Decatur, connecting the downtown business district, encouraging engagement with local community organizations and businesses and lead them to the Decatur Veterans Memorial Park where they can partake in a variety of recreational activities including walking tracks and various sporting opportunities.

Artwork Deliverables

- Preliminary and final concept designs
- Collaborate with project committee as needed throughout the process
- Final artwork design and technical details
- Artwork installation including site prep and repair. Special attention shall be paid to the location being one frequented by young children and youth, therefore durable installation is essential.

Budget (fees, supplies, installation)

Sculpture Art -- \$10,000

Application Requirements

The following materials are required for electronic submission to laurasmith@decaturtn.net by **11:59 pm Eastern Time on *September 15, 2021***.

- Electronic Images of the artist's prior work exhibiting their style and capabilities
- An Artistic Statement (1-page maximum) providing a description of the artist's design style, how the artist works, production style, etc.
- Artist Resume or C.V. detailing experience, education (if available), and similar commissions or projects
- List of References

Contact & Additional Sources on the Decatur Art Trail project

For questions about the Call and other inquiries regarding the Decatur Art Trail project, contact Laura Smith via email at laurasmith@decaturtn.net with "Decatur Art Trail Call for Artists – Sculpture Art" in the subject line or via phone: (423) 334-5716 or 423-333-9870.