

**CALL FOR ARTISTS – PERMANENT ART, RETAINING WALL
MIDDLETON, IDAHO**

INTRODUCTION:

The Middleton Library Foundation seeks to place art in prominent locations throughout our library buildings to enliven our library with work of high artistic quality. All plans for permanent and semi-permanent installations are subject to design review by the Library Board of Trustees and the Middleton City.

All artwork must be durable and free of materials that may be considered precious or fragile. All materials used in the fabrication and installation of outdoor art must be suitable to an outdoor setting exposed to all weather conditions with pedestrian, skateboard and bicycle traffic, and must be reasonably vandal-resistant. The artwork should be easily maintained, and must meet all public safety and accessibility requirements.

The Middleton Public Library is a part of a growing historical district in the heart of Middleton, Idaho. All outdoor artwork must contribute to the overall sense of place as well as be representative of the community as a whole.

OVERVIEW:

Artists are invited to submit proposals for art to enhance the Middleton Public Library garden area. This art will be the first thing that many patrons see as they approach the library, and this piece will set the tone for the overall atmosphere of our library. This opportunity is open to all Artists. The budget for this installation is \$1,200. The artist will be responsible for purchasing materials out of the allotted budget. The artist is invited to submit suggestions for plantings in the bed immediately in front of the proposed art, along with their proposal for the installation. The plantings will not be a part of the art budget- they will be purchased and maintained by the Middleton Public Library. The Middleton Public Library will maintain the artwork, create publicity materials and feature the work on our website.

THE DEADLINE FOR PROPOSALS IS THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 1st, 2016. A decision will be made by September 15th, 2016 and Artists will be notified soon after. Installation to be completed by October, 31st, 2016.

THE SITE:

The proposed art piece will cover a 2ft high by 30ft long retaining wall that supports the library lawn, and spans the front of the library. The artist is invited to submit suggestions for plantings in the bed immediately in front of the proposed art, along with their proposal for the installation. The plantings will not be a part of the art budget- they will be purchased and maintained by the Middleton Public Library.



COMPENSATION/BUDGET:

A total foundation budget for this project will not exceed \$1,200. This budget covers Artist compensation and art related materials. The allocation of that budget is left to the discretion of the Artist.

ARTIST SELECTION & ELIGIBILITY:

All Artists are welcome to apply.

ARTIST SELECTION PROCESS AND CRITERIA:

Artists should submit proposals to create original, outdoor work on the site detailed in the CFA. All submitted and complete proposals (including visuals) will be subjected to a juried evaluation process. High scoring applicants may be required to present to the committee, and answer questions as a part of the selection process.

There is no fee to apply.

Deadline: Thursday, September 1st, 2016 11:59 pm Mountain Standard Time.

ALL APPLICATIONS MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING:

1. An Artist's Statement, not exceeding 1000 characters including spaces, describing the artist's work.
2. 3- 6 images of previous work in digital format. Multiple views of individual works are acceptable and should be clearly annotated. Please limit each image's size to 2000 x 2000 pixels. File types include the following: PDF, DOC, DOCX, PNG, JPEG, PPT.
3. 1 copy of current resume not exceeding 2 pages for each artist in either Word Doc or PDF
4. No less than (2) references from prior projects.
5. 1 proposal for the advertised project. The proposal should include sketches or images, a description of the process and materials, and a short statement outlining how the proposed art will contribute to the overall atmosphere of the Middleton Public Library. The statement should also describe how the Artist envisions the piece contributing to the overall sense of place developing in the Middleton historical district.





Incomplete Applications will not be considered.

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