



DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

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Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report

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Introduction

The following Urbana Public Arts Program Monthly Progress Report describes activities of the Public Arts Program for the Urbana Public Arts Commission. The report includes information regarding projects which are in progress, recent requests and recommendations from the public, staff activities, and upcoming events.

Updates on Current Projects

- **Artist of the Corridor:** The current show features landscape paintings and drawings by Lori Fuller. The opening reception was on December 14th from 5:00pm to 6:30pm, and attended by approximately 25 people. The next Artist of the Corridor is scheduled to be Rusty Clevenger exhibiting his student's artwork. He is still in the process of collecting the artwork but planning on displaying their work by the end of March.
- **Art Now:** In March, Art Now highlights the work of the Capoeira Angola Center. Aisha and Denis Chiaramonte describe their work in the field of Capoeira. Episodes are aired on UPTV 6 every Monday at 6:30 pm, with reruns every Tuesday at 11:00 pm, and are available on YouTube. The April episode will feature Guen Montgomery.
- **Urbana Sculpture Project:** A web-based, downloadable sculpture guide is now available for download on the city website at urbanaillinois.us/sculptures. Postcard-sized flyers are also being distributed to promote the new sculptures throughout the city.
- **Open Scene:** Four artists have been selected to lead weekend intensives at the IMC with youth and adult participants. The artists include Derek Linzy, Andrea Perkins, Mother Nature, and Hill L. Waters/Lisa Fay. These weekend intensives will include arts workshops, dialogues, and public showcases to explore themes of social justice and community development through a variety of artistic disciplines. Public events will take place on selected Fridays from 6 pm to 8pm and on selected Sundays from 2 pm to 4pm. All events will take place at the Urbana-Champaign Independent Media Center (UCIMC). A full schedule of dates and times is below:



Open Scene Schedule

Derek Linzy (music composition)	Friday, Feb. 24 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, Feb. 26 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Andrea Perkins (storytelling)	Friday, March 10 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, March 12 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Mother Nature (hip-hop concert)	Friday, March 24 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, March 26 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC
Hill L. Waters/ Lisa Fay (theatre)	Friday, April 14 th , 6-8pm, UCIMC Sunday, April 16 th , 2-4pm, UCIMC

- **Boneyard Celebration:** This year, for the 2017 Boneyard Celebration on Saturday, April 8th, 2017 we will have Fish Painting, a performance by the C4A children's choir, a walking puppet show by Anne Newman, and bubble making programming for children.
- **Marketing:** The program's Facebook, Twitter and Instagram accounts now have 1,345 page likes (an increase of 13 likes), 1,896 followers (an increase of 16 followers); and 436 followers (an increase of 23 followers), respectively from last month. There are two Urbana Public Arts Program ads featured on SmilePolitely.com, which promote Art Now and the 2017 Boneyard Arts Celebration.
- **Urbana Arts Grants Program:** This year, we received 46 applications requesting \$151,605, while this is a strong showing; it is a decrease in total number of applicants from last year and amount requested. Last year's cycle we received 62 applications requesting a total of \$193,566.86.

With the support of the Center for Latin American and Caribbean Studies (CLACS) in the amount of \$500, and an additional \$500 contribution from Katie & Leon Harrell, the total amount available for funding this cycle is \$48,000.

This year, 30 applications were selected for funding. An announcement ceremony to announce the winners of this year's grant is currently being planned for Friday, April 7th at Pizza M (More details to follow).

- **Public Arts Coordinator Position:** The deadline to apply to the Public Arts Coordinator position was Sunday, March 5th. A total 62 applications were submitted and the interview process will commence in April.