

Call for Proposals: 2020 Lewes Public Art Mural Project

Proposals Due by August 14, 2020 to:

City of Lewes Public Arts Committee, lewespublicart@gmail.com

For further background and questions see <http://www.lewespublicarts.org>

Mission and Project Goal:

The Lewes Public Arts Committee Project is dedicated to fostering community interaction and intellectual growth through shared experiences in the world of art. The City celebrates its bike paths that have opened new vistas for our residents and visitors alike. The City is commissioning a mural to be installed for a minimum of 18 months along the bikeway between the ~~to~~-Lewes Public Library and the Lewes-Rehoboth Canal. We have begun this public mural project as a way of demonstrating cultural growth in our neighborhoods. By establishing a visual public presence, we hope that the community will join together in sharing their experiences with art as they encounter this work.

Our goal is to create a piece of public art for an outdoors environment that reflects the spirit of Lewes, to be created by a dedicated and qualified artist or artist team that can demonstrate artistic excellence, while completing this project on time and within budget. The 2020 Lewes Public Art Mural Project will be installed at 216 Schley Ave, Lewes, DE 19958.

Open Call — Artist Eligibility

Any artist or team of artists interested in creating a two-dimensional mural, to be completed by Sept 15, 2020 at the 216 Schley Ave site may complete a proposal in accordance with the guidelines provided below. This competition is an open call to all artists and collectives. Artists may submit multiple entries. All submission plans must use the iron bar apparatus currently affixed to the wall. This can be painted out or highlighted, but not removed.

The Selection of an artist, or team will be based upon

Artistic merit of the design

Originality of the design

Artist's qualifications

Appropriateness of the design for the location

(This is to include the scale, content, color and design in relation to the site.)

Location

The space designated for this mural is the wall facing the Lewes bike path, which runs from the library to the canal. The mural will be created on the rear side of what was once called the Lewes Power Plant, located at 215 Schley Ave, Lewes, DE 19958.

Wall dimensions are approximately 48 x 28 ½ feet. The iron bars will remain in place and should be incorporated in your design. (Santa's house will be moved.) The mural does not need to reach the ground, but it should extend at least twenty **feet** down from the roof (8 feet above ground level). It should encompass the width of the building.



Application Requirements

1 ☐ A narrative and design illustrating the concept is required for each submission. The narrative should convey the artistic intent, as well as colors, style of work, etc. Include supplemental information such as medium, timeline for completion, and approximate dimensions.

2 ☐ All proposal components must be in digital format. Renderings may be completed with digital media or made by hand and scanned. They are to be sent via a dropbox link to lewespublicarts@gmail.com. Please save each image in .jpg format. Label each file with the artist's last name, image number, and image title. For example: Smith_01.jpg, Smith_02.jpg, etc.

3 ☐ Send completed application (below) and contact information with a resume. An artist statement is helpful and encouraged.

4 ☐ The project budget is \$4,000 for an artist or team of collaborative artists. The budget should include the artist(s) fee, supplies, travel-related expenses, possible mural maintenance requirements for 18 months, and all other associated costs.

5 ☐ Supporting materials, including images and reviews of previously completed works, are required. These should describe size, materials, cost, and location of other public works completed by the artists. References for earlier projects are encouraged. Multiple entries are allowed.

6 ☐ The submission deadline is August 14, 2020.

Policies

Artists will retain the ownership of design ideas submitted with this application until a selection has been made and contract signed between the artist and the City of Lewes Public Arts Committee. As part of their decision-making process, the City of Lewes reserves the right to share these images and applications with committee members. At such time ~~when-as~~ a contract is awarded, the ownership [rights](#) of the design and the artwork produced will become the property of the City of Lewes. Financial compensation and insurance for completion of the mural will be made in accordance with the agreed upon contract between the artist(s) and the City.

LEWES PUBLIC ARTS COMMITTEE

2020 Lewes Public Art Mural Project — Artist Application

Name(s): _____

Date: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: ____ Zip code: _____

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

Website: _____

A complete application must include the following:

- Artist application form
- Project description
- Images of previous work
- A color representation of the proposed mural
- Itemized budget, including time and materials

As a project applicant, I certify that all works submitted as my work are the product of my creation and no other. I further certify that all statements made in this application are true. I understand that the City of Lewes Public Arts Committee will make duplicates of my images and application materials for the purpose of reviewing applications and creating promotional materials. I understand that any liability for loss or damage to my application or images is not the responsibility of the City of Lewes or the panel of jurors reviewing applications.

Applicant signature: _____

Date: _____

Submit completed applications to lewespublicart@gmail.com

Thank you for your consideration,

Clifford Diver, Committee Chair
City of Lewes Public Arts Committee