

SCULPTURE COMPETITION: **Gratitude**

A REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL



The Slatterly Park Downtown Neighborhood Association in Rochester, MN is sponsoring an open, two-stage competition to choose a design for a sculpture. The chosen work will be permanently installed on a boulevard of the Slatterly Park neighborhood, with the name of the piece and sculptor featured prominently, and shall be revealed to the public in an official ceremony at the Art on the Ave event, Saturday May 16th, 2015.

MISSION STATEMENT:

[Art on the Ave](#) is a neighborhood initiative to promote the arts, to revitalize Slatterly Park with progressive beautification projects, and to foster conscientious community in SE downtown Rochester. Annually in May, Art on the Ave hosts a festival showcasing local artisans and art-based organizations, food, musicians, and fine arts performers. Our event welcomes all-comers and is committed to maintaining an environment without religious or political polarity. Through our efforts, we seek to champion creativity as a vehicle for peace, humanism, and prosperity.

RATIONALE:

The residents of Slatterly Park realize the positive effects outdoor art has on a community's inhabitants and visitors. A collection of outdoor art including sculptures on the boulevard has been founded in the neighborhood with the vision to annually accrue pieces of varied styles.

VISION:

A collection of modestly sized sculptures adorning the boulevard (space between street & sidewalk) throughout the neighborhood.

- Minimum height: 5 feet, maximum height: 8 feet
- Maximum circumference: roughly 3 feet (some exceptions)
- All materials must be weather durable and low maintenance
- The sculpture must be safe for children playing around it
- Finalist should be prepared to fabricate their design before May 1, 2015.

BUDGET:

A commission of \$750 will be awarded to the winning sculptor.

REGISTRATION AND SUBMISSION:

- Registration and submissions are only accepted in digital format sent [to:slatterlyparkaoa@gmail.com](mailto:slatterlyparkaoa@gmail.com)
- Multiple images per submission and multiple submissions per participant are accepted.
- Submissions may be computer generated or hand-drawn three dimensional images of the proposed project; or photographs of a model or finalized sculpture.
- Submissions need to describe intended dimensions and materials, along with a brief interpretation and proposed title of the piece.
- Logistics should be described as well as a timeline for production.
- Contact information should include city of location and the most efficient method of contact.
- There is no entry fee.
- Submissions must be received by March 1st, 2015.

ELIGIBILITY:

This competition is open to all.

SELECTION PROCESS:

The Jurors, in the first stage, will select three proposed or finalized sculptures from the digital submissions. In the second phase, the three finalists will be promptly contacted for further questions regarding logistics of the project. Selection of the winning design will be made in mid-March and the winner contacted to finalize details regarding installation.

THE DESIGN CHALLENGE: **Gratitude**

Participants are encouraged to create a sculpture that engages with the **theme of the 2015 annual Art on the Ave: Gratitude**. This year's host Amy Campbell is a teacher at John Marshall High School and a newlywed, she shares this vision for the piece that will go in front of her home on the boulevard:

"We have been through many ups and downs in and our lives, both individually and together. We are in a really good place for our family right now and like the idea of having a reminder to be grateful for what we have regardless of what that is. I want our children to have that understanding of what gratitude means as they grow up."

The main challenge will be to design and produce the work with limited funds and extreme time constraint. Finished work must be ready for installation and delivered by Thursday, May 14th, 2015.

