

Catch the Wind Sculpture Gardens

A CALL TO ARTISTS

Windmill Island Gardens, in conjunction with the Holland Area Arts Council, are seeking sculptural artworks for our 2019 season featuring the theme "Catch the Wind". For several years the park has featured changing seasonal garden themes. In 2019 the park aims to build on these themes by featuring new sculptural works in the gardens for 100,000+ visitors to enjoy.

The Contest:

In May of 2019 a sculpture series will be installed on Windmill Island Gardens. The sculptures will be chosen from digitally submitted designs. committees from Windmill Island Gardens and The Holland Area Arts Council select finalists. After the selections, art should be completed and ready for installation by May 1, 2019. Selected artists, by contract will agree to loan their artwork with ownership rights remaining with the artists, for a six month period. Promotional images of the works may be used.

Prizes:

- \$1,000 – Publicly voted Grand Prize
- \$500 – Committee voted Prize
- \$500 – Sponsor's Choice Prize

There is no fee to enter the contest.

Send proposals to Windmill@cityofholland.com

What we are looking for:

Works that interact with the wind (movement, sound, etc.) Artwork must be freestanding and suitable for long-term outdoor public display. The durability of the work will be a major consideration for selection, as will the public safety with no sharp edges or breakable pieces.

Work should be of sufficient size or security to minimize possibility of theft. Entries must be capable of being properly anchored in the ground and this must be worked into the design. Artwork must withstand a public and outdoor environment, including occasionally windy conditions, for the duration of the exhibit.

Garden display beds vary in size so works of most works can be accommodated. All entries must be original and artists are encouraged to be creative in their selection of materials. Already completed work will be considered but previous display information should be noted in the proposal.

Proposals:

Artists may submit an emailed proposal of their work by January 19, 2019. This should include:

- The artist's name, address, email & phone no.*
- A brief biography.*
- A written description of the piece including size, materials and approximate value.*
- A sketch or photo of the proposed artwork.*
- Artists may submit up to three proposals for the exhibit.*

Selection Process:

Proposals will be selected based on artistic merit, public safety and materials. Once accepted, a contract between Windmill Island Gardens and the artist will be completed.

Eligibility:

The competition is open to all artists (those under 18 yr. old will need written parental approval.) Artists should be able to complete the requirements as specified, including the designing, fabrication and delivery of the artwork. This project is intended to be artistic in nature. No designs that include advertising, soliciting, campaigning or other promotional entries are eligible. Projects submitted by a group of artists are welcome. City of Holland employees are not eligible for prizes however though they are encouraged to submit.

Installation, Display & Removal:

The completed art works will be displayed at Windmill Island Gardens from mid-May through October 2019. All artwork should be delivered or shipped to the site by May 1, 2019. Artists will work with staff to ensure installation of the artwork. After the exhibition the artists work with staff to ensure safe removal. Artists are responsible for claiming artwork by October 6, 2018. Any work after that remains becomes property of Windmill Island Gardens.

Sales and Insurance

Sculptures can be offered for sale during this period. Any NFS (not for sale) work should be noted at the time of the contract. Sold works during the exhibit will remain in place through the end of the exhibit. Sale prices will be have a 30% commission to Windmill Island Gardens. Insurance will be provided during the length of the time the work is on the grounds.

Publicity:

Photographs and digital images of all accepted artwork may be used by Windmill Island Gardens before, during and after the exhibition.

For questions or additional information contact:

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CONTEST SCHEDULE 2019:

- January 19 – Proposals are due.
- January 30 – results will be emailed.
- May 1 – Completed artwork delivered.
- Mid-May – Artwork will be installed.
- Sept. 5 – Gala at which winners announced.
- October 1 – Artwork may be removed.
- October 6 – all artwork removed.

Activities will take place at Windmill Island Gardens

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