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SUBJECT: The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center Announces call for design proposals for the 2013 Marquette County Annual Arts Awards.

The City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center announces its 2013 Marquette County Annual Arts Awards call for award design proposals. Each chosen artist will receive a hand-crafted award during the ceremony. The artist selected to complete this project will be required to create one award for each of the 10 award categories. The stipend for the creation of the awards is \$600.00. This payment is all inclusive of material, time, and transportation costs.

The award creation fosters original design of an art work to be given to a deserving member of the Marquette Community who has demonstrated a significant contribution to the arts. Past awards have included found-sculpture art, original watercolor paintings, one-of-a-kind ceramic pots and etched photography scenes. The award may be three-dimensional or two-dimensional. Each award must include the award winner's name on it, the name of the award they have won and the text: "2013 Marquette County Arts Awards." Consideration may be given to designs that feature Marquette or the Upper Peninsula in some way.

To be considered to make the award, artists are asked to submit the following:

1. Artist Resume
2. Application Form (attached)
3. Project Proposal (1 page maximum)
4. Project Proposal Images (up to 6)

The 2013 project proposal for the Marquette County Arts Awards application deadline will be Wednesday, February 6, 2013. Failure to abide by the following criteria will result in immediate disqualification. Attached is the artist application, proposal criteria, and a time line for completion.

City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center 2013 Annual Arts Award Design Call for Proposals

Purpose

Charged with its mission in 1992, the City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center serves to encourage, develop and facilitate an enriched environment of artistic, creative and cultural activity within the Marquette community. One of the ways that it accomplishes this mission is by recognizing community members with a Marquette County Art Award. For the past fifteen years the Art Center sponsored this event; for more information about the nomination process and award history, please visit www.mqtcty.org/arts. There are currently ten award categories. Each of the awardees is given a hand-crafted award. The artist chosen to complete this project will be required to create one award for each of the categories. There is a possibility that not all categories will have a winner. Award is a loose term for a quality token of appreciation and this call for proposals fosters the creation of that award. The stipend for the creation of this award is \$600.00. This payment is all inclusive of material, time, and transportation costs.

Award Design Criteria

While there are no criteria of what the award should look like, the finished product must be of the highest quality. The Art Center reserves the right to exclude any award applications deemed inappropriate in subject matter. In the past, awards have included found-sculpture art, original watercolor paintings, one-of-a-kind ceramic pots and etched photography scenes. The award may be three-dimensional or two-dimensional. Each award must include the award winner's name on it, the name of the award they have won and the text: "2013 Marquette County Arts Awards." Consideration may be given to designs that feature Marquette or the Upper Peninsula in some way.

Selection Criteria

All proposals will be reviewed by the Arts and Culture Advisory Committee's Visual Arts Subcommittee based on the following criteria:

- Feasibility of proposed award.
- Quality of award idea.
- Design/images showing understanding of Award Design Criteria (including awardee recognition).

Proposal Requirements

All applications will be submitted by email, mail, or in person and must include:

- Application Form
- Artistic Resume
- Project Proposal (1 page maximum)
- Project Proposal Images (up to 6)

Proposals failing to include these items or proposals submitted past the deadline will be considered late. *Annual Art Award Design Call for Proposals – 2*

Project Proposal Images

Project proposal images include relevant visual supporting material (drawings or photos of proposed awards) and any other materials that will help the jury understand your proposal.

Timeline

Wednesday, February 6, 2013: Design Submissions Due
Thursday, February 14, 2013: Award Decision Made
Thursday, April 11, 2013: Awards Delivered at Art Center
Friday, April 19, 2013: Annual Arts Award Recognition Ceremony

Application Delivery

Applications and proposal requirements may be submitted one of three ways:

- By E-Mail: Send submissions to arts-culture@mqctcy.org. Please expect a reply within one business day. If a response is not received, please re-send your submission.
- By Mail: Address package to: City of Marquette Arts and Culture Center
Call for Proposals: Annual Art Award Design
300 West Baraga Avenue, Marquette, MI 49855
- In Person: Items can be dropped off at the Art Center, located in the lower level of the Peter White Public Library at 217 North Front Street, Marquette, MI 49855.

Contact

For more information, please contact Tiina Harris, Community Services Manager, by phone at (906) 225-8641 or by email at arts-culture@mqctcy.org. Information about the Marquette County Annual Awards can be found by visiting www.mqctcy.org/arts.

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