



## Opportunity for Artists

### Call for Gallery Proposals

The Galleries at Jester Park Nature Center, Jester Park, Granger, IA

Polk County Conservation is seeking proposals for exhibition in the galleries at Jester Park Nature Center.

Jester Park is located in Granger, IA and offers 1,600 acres of prairie, wetlands, and forest for visitors to explore. Hiking, bird watching, camping, fishing, golfing, and horseback riding are just a few of the activities visitors enjoy at the park. More information about the park is available at <https://www.polkcountyiowa.gov/conservation/parks-trails/14-jester-park>

The new Jester Park Nature Center is located in the heart of the park and serves as a gateway to the outdoors. The facility offers educational displays, live animals, breathtaking views, public programs, and local art. More information about the Jester Park Nature Center is available at <http://www.jesterparknaturecenter.com/>.

The Galleries at Jester Park Nature Center offers the opportunity for local art to be displayed and made available for sale to park visitors. Architectural details of the nature center include exposed timber trusses, floor to ceiling windows, limestone, high ledges, and long linear drywall.

### **ELIGIBILITY**

Artist(s) 18 years of age or older. Priority will be given to artists living or working within 250 miles of Des Moines, IA however, all proposals will be given consideration.

### **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Polk County Conservation will select proposals based on artistic merit as evidenced by representation of past work and other supporting materials. Ideal proposals will support the mission of Polk County Conservation which is to provide the citizens of Polk County with quality outdoor recreation, conservation education, and long term protection of Polk County's natural resources.

### **BUDGET**

Artist(s) are responsible for all associated expenses related to design, fabrication, presentation, insurance, transportation, installation and de-installation.

### **INSTALLATION**

Costs related to transport and installation of the work will be the sole responsibility of the artist(s) unless otherwise stipulated. Polk County Conservation will provide signage in the gallery including title and medium of piece, artist's name, and sale price.

## **DURATION OF EXHIBITIONS**

Exhibitions open on May 1, 2019, with an opening reception on May 9 from 6-8 pm. Exhibition ends on August 28, 2019. The selected artist(s) are expected to attend the reception.

## **PROMOTION**

Polk County Conservation retains responsibility for advertisement of work through listing in a tri-annual Nature News events calendar and through the Polk County Conservation website and social media sites. Polk County Conservation may include exhibitions in programming at the park. Any additional desired advertisement will be the responsibility of the artist.

## **ART SALES**

Artwork can be for sale with Polk County Conservation retaining 15% of the sale price, however, the artwork will remain on display during the exhibition as per contract signed between the artist and Polk County Conservation. Polk County Conservation will sell the art on the artist's behalf and will issue payment for the artist's percentage (85%) within 14-days of collecting payment. The art shall remain on display during the exhibition period and the buyer will be able to pick up the art after the exhibition. The artist shall provide a W-9 to Polk County Conservation and Polk County shall issue a 1099, if applicable.

## **LIABILITY**

Polk County Conservation is not liable for any lost, stolen, or damaged work. Artists are responsible for insuring work while it is on display in the gallery.

## **GUIDELINES & EXHIBITION SPACE**

Materials used should be appropriate to an indoor environment. 2D and 3D work is accepted, however, there are size and space limitations. Please call for available exhibition space.

## **APPLICATION PROCESS**

Proposal deadline is March 15, 2019. Proposals may be submitted for existing works or site-specific installations. You will be contacted on by April 1, 2019 regarding our selection. Artists may submit proposals by sending a complete artist's package by postal mail or email to:

Polk County Conservation  
Attention: Missy Smith  
12130 NW 128<sup>th</sup> Street  
Granger, IA 50109  
missy.smith@polkcountyiowa.gov

## **APPLICATION MATERIALS**

Proposals should include the following items:

1. An artist statement or project narrative, not to exceed 2 pages
2. A resume or biography
3. 10-20 images of individual works. Details may be included.
  - Images should be saved in JPEG format at 96 pixels per inch (ppi). Images should not measure greater than 10 2/3 inches (or 1024 pixels) along the longest dimension of the image.
4. An image list with title, media, size, and year completed for each image

Note: Your proposal materials WILL NOT be returned to you.

## **FOR FURTHER INFORMATION**

Contact Missy Smith at:

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