



Art in Public Places

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Call for Artists Art in Public Places Challenge: A Portable 29!

A unique challenge has been issued to local artists by the Public Arts Advisory Committee (PAAC) of the City of Twentynine Palms: Envision the surface decoration for a portable replica of the iconic “29!” sculpture.

The newly constructed portable “29!” sculpture, which is 96 inches wide and 72 inches high, will be mounted on a trailer and displayed at various community functions and public locations throughout the year, echoing the exuberance of the large steel sculpture at the base of Donnell Hill on the highway downtown.

Artists are invited to submit conceptual sketches to the PAAC by February 15, 2012, showing their proposed vision for the surface decoration in paint, mosaic, ceramic, or other mixed media application. The challenge is open to individual artists or an art group, club, or organization in the Morongo Basin. The PAAC will select three finalists to elaborate on their concepts with detailed color drawings or scale mock-ups, and each artist or group selected as a finalist will be awarded \$200 to compensate for time and materials for this phase of the competition.

A commission of \$1,000 will be awarded to the winning artist or group to execute the final decoration, along with a materials budget of up to \$500. The final product must be durable, weatherproof, and easily maintained.

The actual portable “29!” sculpture may be viewed at the city’s Public Works yard (6994 Bullion Avenue, off Sullivan Road, next to Palms N Paws Animal Shelter). Artist application forms and guidelines, as well as a scaled sketch of the sculpture, may be downloaded from the City website at www.29palms.org or obtained at the Twentynine Palms Visitor Center & Gallery and Chamber of Commerce at 73484 29 Palms Highway in downtown Twentynine Palms.

For more information, contact PAAC coordinator Jon Beard at (760)367-7562.

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