

2016 WILDFLOWER SCULPTURE PARK



Essex County
Department of Parks,
Recreation, and Cultural Affairs



South Mountain Conservancy
South Mountain Reservation Stewardship and Advocacy

Call for Artists

**ESSEX COUNTY EXECUTIVE DIVINCENZO AND SOUTH MOUNTAIN CONSERVANCY
INVITE ARTISTS TO SUBMIT PROPOSAL FOR WILDFLOWER SCULPTURE PARK
IN ESSEX COUNTY SOUTH MOUNTAIN RESERVATION**
Application Deadline is January 15, 2016

Essex County, NJ – Essex County Executive Joseph N. DiVincenzo, Jr. and the South Mountain Conservancy announce that applications are being accepted from New Jersey artists who are interested in exhibiting their work in Essex County South Mountain Reservation. The exhibit will be displayed for one year, in the Wildflower Sculpture Park located by the very popular and active Essex County South Mountain Dog Park in Maplewood/Millburn. Address: 10 Bear Lane, Maplewood, N.J. 07040

“South Mountain Reservation is a beautiful destination with spectacular skyline views, stunning vistas and gorgeous natural backdrops. The inspirational and thought-provoking nature of the sculptures combining with the environment will offer breathtaking and dramatic scenes for park visitors to enjoy,” DiVincenzo said. “We invite New Jersey artists to share their ideas for this public display and look forward to creating a unique display,” he added.

Sculptors can work with any media, but it should safely stand up to all weather conditions. Artists must meet the following requirements:

- Preferences given to New Jersey residents.
- Work in any media that will safely stand up to all weather conditions.
- Assemble the artwork on a 5x5 foot concrete pad, or on a large grassy field.
- Be responsible for all costs associated with the creation and installation and de-installation of the sculpture.

The yearlong exhibition opens Memorial Day 2016 and runs through April 1, 2017. The curator of the Wildflower Sculpture Park, Tricia Zimic, staff from the South Mountain Conservancy, and Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation and Cultural Affairs will work closely with the artist throughout the development and installation of the exhibition, but the artist is responsible for maintaining the sculpture throughout the year. Stipend and signage will be provided.

The deadline for applicants is January 15, 2016. For information and to download application materials, please visit www.essexcountynj.org. or www.somocon.org For questions, please email info@triciazimic.com, or sculpturepark@somocon.org.

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CALL FOR ARTISTS APPLICATION – WILDFLOWER SCULPTURE PARK

The Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs and South Mountain Conservancy welcomes Sculptors to display their works of art in the South Mountain Reservation in Essex County.

CONDITIONS

1. Artwork submitted for display will be reviewed by Tricia Zimic, the Essex County Department of Parks, Recreation & Cultural Affairs and the Essex County Arts & History Advisory Board prior to being displayed. Any artwork(s) submitted which, in the sole discretion of the Department of Parks, Recreation, and Cultural Affairs (“Department”), is deemed inappropriate for public viewing will be rejected for display. The decision of the Department as to artwork rejected for display is final and non-appealable.
2. The Department will provide support for installation of the artwork, if necessary, along with cost of materials for creating the artwork. Maintaining and removing the artwork is the responsibility of the artist, unless otherwise agreed upon in advance. If at any time the artwork poses a life/safety hazard to residents, the Department may request the artwork be removed from the site.
3. All artwork(s) must be installed and removed on dates scheduled by the Department. Any artwork not installed on the scheduled date may, in the sole discretion of the Department, be rejected for display. Any artwork that is accepted for display that is not removed by the close of business on the scheduled date automatically becomes the property of the Department and may be sold or discarded.
4. The (“Department”) may provide an 5’ x 5’ concrete pad on which the artwork may be placed. No alterations are to be made to the concrete pad. Other exhibition space may be made available including a grassy field near the concrete pad with approximately 15’x20’. However, works placed in this area must not permanently effect or alter the grass growing in the area (e.g. sun blockage, excessive digging of the area, etc.). If you have questions regarding the use of the space, you may contact Tricia Zimic at info@triciazimic.com

ALL ARTWORK IS ON DISPLAY FOR ONE YEAR, UNLESS OTHERWISE AGREED UPON.

5. The Department will organize Media activities/PR, however, printed programs, reception plans and related expenses are the responsibility of the artist. Reception dates are to be organized and cleared with:

Kate Hartwyk, Director of Cultural Affairs, 973-239-7072 or
Tricia Zimic Curator, 973-650-6106

6. **DISCLAIMER.** The County of Essex, and the Department specifically disclaim any financial or other liability for any loss or damage to artwork or for any claims related to such loss or damage. The artist waives any and all claims that could otherwise be brought against the County of Essex, the Department, and/or employees of same associated with such loss or damage and assumes sole responsibility for all artwork submitted.
7. Preference will be given to artists that reside in Essex County; however, all New Jersey residences or artists working in New Jersey are welcome.

**CALL FOR ARTISTS APPLICATION
WILDFLOWER SCULPTURE PARK**



Name: _____
Address: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____
Website: _____
Working Title of Proposed Work: _____
Approximate Size of Proposed Work: _____

All email application submissions **MUST** be include:

Application Form

Resume

Three images not to exceed 2100 PIX on the longest side

Brief Sculpture Proposal – (maximum 500 words) A written description of the work that you would like to produce and exhibit at the Wildflower Sculpture Park. The proposal should include the overall concept, proposed materials, and how the work would fit into your artistic practice. Drawing plans are optional, though strongly encouraged.

To submit your application, please send email to:

info@triciazimic.com

Wildflower Sculpture Park 2015-16 Schedule

December 1st – January 15th, 2015	Open call for artist submission
January 15th, 2016	SUBMISSION DEADLINE
January 15th – February 1st, 2016	Application review by Tricia Zimic, Curator
Feb. 2, 2016	Three finalists presented to jurors
March 1, 2016	Selected artist will be notified
May 1st~24 2016	Installation of Sculptures