

CALL FOR ARTISTS

Council Oak Mural Project

Description

The Bound Brook Arts Committee is looking to employ an artist or artist team, for the Spring of 2018 to paint a mural on the south wall in the Douglass Diner Parking lot located on the corner of Hamilton and Main Streets. The wall measures approximately 35' W x 33' H and is very visible from the street and the NJ Transit train route (picture of wall provided). The artist(s) will be chosen from a threefold jurying process, first, from jpegs submitted of preliminary drawings, and then secondly from detailed colored renditions. In the final stage, qualified submissions will be reviewed by the Bound Brook Arts Committee Panel, and three applicants will be chosen to submit a full proposal. This will consist of: information about design and installation of the mural, including wall preparation, painting supplies, scaffolding, labor, insurance, a budget outline, and a timeline for completion. From these three artists, one artist or artist team will be chosen as the winning candidate.

Concept

The idea for the mural is centered on an historical representation of Bound Brook's legendary Council Oak Tree. It is recorded that in 1681, under this tree, two Lenni Lenape chiefs known as Konackama and Queromak sold the area now known as the Borough of Bound Brook to Governor Philip Cartaret and seven other wealthy landowners for "100 pounds of various goods." This beloved tree is over 300 years old and still stands on Maple Avenue near the parking lot of the Presbyterian Church located on Mountain Avenue. In addition to the main focus of the Council Oak Mural, artists will be expected to include in their designs various depictions of events and persons throughout Bound Brook's unique, diverse and multicultural history. The following books are excellent resources that include a rich array of pictures and detailed stories, that will assist the artist in imagining visual narratives essential to the composition of the mural:

1. Under The Council Oak written by Helen Kuhn, Jane Spangler and David Steele for the Bicentennial of 1976. This can be downloaded as a PDF from www.hamiltonstreetgallery.com
2. Images of America, Bound Brook written by Dorothy A. Stratford and Margaret McKay. This book is available at the Bound Brook Library and is also for sale at the Union Avenue Pharmacy on Union Avenue and at Barnes and Noble book store on the Somerville Circle.

Also, The Bound Brook Arts Committee has chosen a selection of drawings by Bound Brook students from grades K to 12 and would like to include these imaginative ideas to be interpreted within the design of the mural. (These images are included in this PDF.)

Eligibility

Artists or artists teams should be 18 years or older and should have experience with painting outdoor murals, including wall preparation and scaffolding and/or mechanical lifts and experience creating a working budget.

Budget

The maximum budget for the Council Oak Mural Project is \$15,000. The funds shall be used for design, materials, labor, transportation, insurance, and installation costs ie: scaffolding or mechanical lift rental, and other related miscellaneous items, such as travel expenses.

Council Oak Mural Project Timeline

Deadline for First Jurying submissions: February 9th, 2018

Notification date of chosen drawing: February 12th, 2018

Deadline for Second Jurying of detailed color renditions: March 9th, 2018

Notification date of 3 finalists chosen: March 12th, 2018

Deadline for submission of full proposal of 3 finalists: April 9th, 2018

Notification of Final Artist/Artist team elected: April 20th, 2018

Project Start Date: May 14th, 2018

Project Completion time: Summer/Fall of 2018

Submission Guidelines for First Jurying

Enter 3 digital submissions of preliminary drawings of your concept for the Council Oak Mural along with a one page written proposal. From the three submissions, one drawing will be chosen for the second jurying process. Submissions should be in JPEG format with your name and number identifying the drawing, no larger than 1000 x 1000 pixels at 72 dpi.

Please also include:

- A current resume and/or bio with phone number and email address
- 5 to 10 examples of recent commissioned outdoor/indoor mural projects
- A numbered image list identifying titles, sizes, materials used, locations, and approximate costs of these mural projects

Please send completed email submissions to: info@hamiltonstgallery.com

Deadline date - February 9th, 2018

Notification date of chosen drawing - February 12th, 2018

Submission Guidelines for Second Jurying

- From the chosen drawing, artists will submit a detailed color rendition, to the scale of the wall, in the 2 dimensional media of their choice that will clearly represent their idea for the Council Oak Mural. From these color renditions, three finalists will be selected, one of which will be chosen as the recipient of the commission. As listed above, submissions should be in JPEG format no larger than 1000 x 1000 pixels at 72 dpi. Please send completed work to info@hamiltonstgallery.com

Deadline date - March 9th, 2018

Notification date - March 12th, 2018

Submission Guidelines for Final Jurying

- The jurying process shall be completed by the Bound Brook Arts Committee Panel, comprised of elected borough officials, a theater director, an attorney, arts educators and professional artists

Artists will be judged on:

- Quality of work submitted
- Originality of design in aesthetic relationship to the subject
- Knowledge, and practicality in regard to materials and techniques
- Ability to complete project within a proposed timeframe and budget

The three finalists chosen will be required to supply a full proposal for the Council Oak Mural Project from start to finish. This includes wall preparation, a listed description of materials to be used, processes and applications to be used, knowledge of weather resistant materials, a complete budget outline and a proposed timeframe toward completion. Please send complete proposal to info@hamiltonstgallery.com

Deadline for submission of a full proposal - April 9th, 2018

Notification date - April 20th, 2018