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### **ONCE AGAIN, SARANAC LAKE SEEKING ARTISTS TO “ADOPT-A-BENCH”**

We hope you’ve seen the colorful bench in Riverside Park designed by local artist Matt Hudson. Now, local artists have a chance to adopt more benches. The Saranac Lake Arts & Culture Advisory Board (SLACAB) is reaching out to the local artistic community to submit designs for downtown benches before May 1st, 2023. Each selected artist will receive \$500 to execute their design, provided by local sponsors Grizle T’s, the Adirondack Center for Writing, and Bing Bang Boom. Artists and sponsors will be recognized with an engraved bronze plaque on their “adopted” bench.

“Public art enhances our culture and showcases the work of our talented local artists.” says Kirk Sullivan, Chair of SLACAB. “We’re hopeful that our brilliant artistic community will come up with some fantastic designs.”

A committee of SLACAB members, community members and sponsors will select the designs and artists by May 13th, 2023 for benches to begin to be painted by June 21st. Each artist will maintain their bench for two years, at which point the bench may get redesigned and repainted. SLACAB will monitor the condition of the benches and suggest touch-ups to artists as needed during that time.

To be considered, artists should submit their contact information, 1-2 design proposals, and examples of their artwork by May 1st, 2023 to [saranaclakepublicart@gmail.com](mailto:saranaclakepublicart@gmail.com)

The Saranac Lake Arts & Culture Advisory Board is a group of volunteers who make recommendations to the Saranac Lake Board of Trustees regarding policies and actions that facilitate implementation of the Village of Saranac Lake Arts and Culture Master Plan. In the past few years, SLACAB has helped facilitate various public art initiatives including the recent “Mural Makeover” beside the Rusty Nail, “Rain Poetry”, projection art, pop-up galleries, the painting of lamp posts, and banners that celebrate the arts.

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