

call for entries

The City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department is seeking entries from artists to paint one of three 'Willow' Canvas benches. These uniquely designed benches are made from retired wind turbine blades, repurposed to become visually attractive and intriguing benches. Benches from this project will be placed and make their impact along the Sports Courts in the new Sycamore Trails Park, opening in 2025.

submit concept images and application by: June 21, 2024

artists selected: July, 2024

application fee: \$25 (up to three submissions)

stipend: \$500



change + adapt
artist: Debbie Clapper



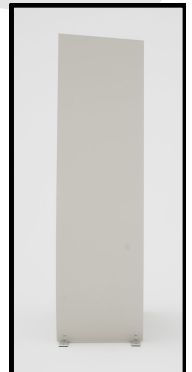
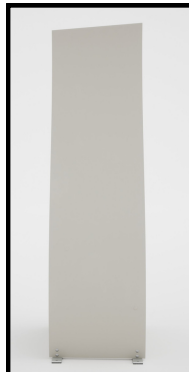
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Summary: The City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department is seeking entries from artists to paint one of three 'Willow' Canvas benches. There are no desired art styles or types of art pre-determined for the project. Selection committee is open to various themes or inspiration for the project. Examples of finished pieces can be found at <https://www.gocanvas.com/finished-pieces>. All pieces to be painted using Sherwin Williams All Surface Enamel Latex.



Compensation: The selected artist(s) will enter into a contract with the City of Miamisburg agreeing to use of their art in public places for a stipend of \$500. Artists retains the copyrights to their artwork. The City of Miamisburg is given permission to use art, images and piece at its discretion and choosing.

Project Goals: The selected artist(s) will paint the bench(es) as awarded and agreed upon before May 1, 2025. The finished benches will be installed at Sycamore Trails Park upon park improvement project completion. The painted benches will beautify the park, create a unique and engaging element while serving a functional purpose as a park bench. The goal of this art project is to increase public art within Miamisburg Parks, contribute towards civic pride, enhance the park visitor experience and serve as a destination point for park users and regional art enthusiasts seeking out these creative landmarks. Through this call 1-3 artists will be selected to paint the concept image submitted via the application.

Artist Eligibility: Local artists living and working within the Greater Dayton region will be considered. Local artists living in or those from Miamisburg preferred. Other artists from surrounding regions will be accepted with the understanding no compensation will be provided for travel, or shipping of bench beyond the \$500 stipend.

Submission Process:

- Applicants should submit 2-5 images via the online entry form on playmiamisburg.com that demonstrate their approach to painting the bench. Images should be high resolution.
- Include a one-page letter of interest that articulates your interest in the project, describe your concept artwork, and detail your artistic experience.
- Provide at least 3 examples of past work. Reference images of past work should include no more than 10 image files.



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Selection Process & Criteria: The City of Miamisburg Parks and Recreation Department is assembling a panel to review submissions and select one artist & their concept per bench. The entries that convey the artists concept combined with the artists submitted narrative will inform the panel as to the assumed outcome for the work. Panel selection of artists and their work will be based on the following:

- Files and narrative submission meets requirements
- Past work quality and experience
- Concepts that will positively reflect the project & community
- Appropriateness of scale and subject matter
- Ability to appeal to a diverse audience

The City of Miamisburg reserves the right to accept or reject any or all proposals and to accept the proposal(s) deemed to be in the best interest of the project and City.

Project Timeline:

- Submissions due June 21, 2024
- Art selected by July 31, 2024
- Installation on or around Summer 2025

Contact:

- Ryan Davis, Parks & Recreation Director
- 937-847-6473
- ryan.davis@cityofmiamisburg.com
- 305 E. Central Ave., Miamisburg, OH 45342

Other information:

- **Benches may be painted using Sherwin Williams All Surface Enamel Latex paint only.**
- Finished pieces become property of the City of Miamisburg, artist will retain copyrights to their artwork. The City of Miamisburg may utilize the pieces, photographs or other media from the project at its discretion.
- The City is open to project execution in a variety of ways, including artists completing the piece on City facilities, or within their own studio or other workspace, in which case the Artist is responsible for the safe and reliable storage and upkeep of the bench.
- Stipend will be paid at the completion of the work.
- Benches completed prior to the completion of the Sycamore Trails Improvement Project may be installed at other City locations. All benches will be installed at Sycamore Trails Park when the Improvement Project is complete.



razzle dazzle by natalie lanese



pizza bench by mike sobeck



part of the hive by derek brennan



nighttime nouveau by lisa quine

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