



THE SMITHVILLE SCULPTURE ON MAIN PROJECT

Call for Entries

The Smithville Sculpture on Main Project is accepting applications for outdoor sculpture.

Sculptures will be selected through a juried process and will be considered to be “on loan” to the Cultural District while they are in the City of Smithville (the City). They will be installed throughout The City’s historic downtown Main Street for one (1) year. Sculptures may be for sale while on loan to this project.

2022-2023 EXHIBITION SCHEDULE

Deadline	Scheduled Event
October 29, 2022 10:00 AM	Submission deadline (entry fee and submission form) Confirmations of receipt of submissions
November 15	Notification of acceptance
Prior to installation	Signed agreement, affidavit, and W-9 due
November 15-29	Installation by appointment (excluding 11/11)
December 11, 2022	Tentative times for unveiling events: 5:00 PM: Artist Reception & Award Ceremony V Via ZOOM
November 2023, TBD	Artists to remove artwork by appointment

You are invited to submit your work to be displayed for the year-long public exhibit that showcases outdoor sculpture. Please note the following guidelines:

1. This call is open to all artists. A sculpture currently owned by an individual other than the artist may be submitted along with a certification of authenticity from the artist.

Interactive sculptures with sound, lights, or movements are not admissible. Sculptures that need electricity or water will not be accepted.

2. The accepted sculptures MUST be able to be secured to an 18 x 18 x 12-inch base provided by the City or be of a free-standing nature with no base required. A 12 x 12-inch template with the position of the four bolts in the pad will be provided to artists to ensure that their sculpture can be affixed securely to the base. The sculpture must have steel tabs or plates attached to the bottom in order to secure the sculpture to the concrete base. Sculptures must be durable enough to withstand exposure to the elements for one (1) year and safe for the viewing public. The City will provide insurance on all installed artwork for the year. It is the artist’s responsibility to work with the City to install and remove the sculpture.



*Sculpture on Main
Concrete Base*

3. Each artist may submit up to three works. A non-refundable entry fee of \$25 will be required for the first sculpture and \$10 each for up to two additional sculptures will be required. This fee will help ensure that the program is sustainable.

Submit the attached application form and at least 3 high-resolution digital photographs showing the sculpture at different angles to Andy Esquivel at aesquivel@ci.smithville.tx.us or by mail to City Hall, 317 Main Street, Smithville TX 78957. Photographs must be at least 300 dpi and 5” x 7” size to be juried as well as

for marketing collateral. Please note that the quality of the photograph can influence the jury process.

Drawings/Plans for sculptures are not acceptable in lieu of photographs of completed works.

Entries including photos and fees are due by 10:00 AM on October 29, 2022.

4. Jury recommendations will be based on the originality and creativity of the sculpture as well as its safety, durability, and suitability for an outdoor public exhibit.
5. Pending City Council approval of selected artist exhibitors, the City will work with the artist to install up to eight (8) sculptures. Selection will be done by a blind jurying process by a pool of jurors chosen by the project organizers. The judging for prizes will be done after the installation of the sculptures by a different set of community judges.

A \$250 stipend per each accepted artist's sculpture will be issued for delivery, installation, and removal of sculptures.

Prizes: First Place: \$500, Second Place: \$300, and Third Place: \$200.

6. All artists selected to exhibit a sculpture must sign an artist's agreement with the City and provide a W-9 form. Participating artists will meet with representatives from the City and the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce by appointment after the artist submits the signed agreement and W-9 to install the sculpture. All artists agree to leave sculptures accepted for display in place until November 2023.
7. ***The sculpture may be for sale.*** If a sculpture is purchased during the exhibit year, the owner is requested to keep the sculpture in place until the end of the year's program. If the sculpture is removed (upon condition that the City agrees to its early removal), the artist who provided the sculpture will install another sculpture (subject to City approval) at the artist's expense. A commission of 10% will be due to the City of Smithville for any sculpture that is sold through the Smithville Sculpture on Main program.

For questions or more information, please contact Andy Esquivel with the City of Smithville/Cultural District: 512-237-3282, Ext. 2110 or email at aesquivel@ci.smithville.tx.us.

Sponsors: The Richard D. Latham Cultural District of Smithville TX (a partnership between the City of Smithville and the Lost Pines Artisans' Alliance)¹ and the Keep Smithville Beautiful Committee of the Smithville Area Chamber of Commerce

¹ On September 5, 2013, the Texas Commission on the Arts officially designated Smithville among the first 24 Cultural Districts in Texas. The Richard D. Latham Cultural District partners intend to use arts, history, and culture for economic development purposes to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors through programming designed to highlight the Cultural District. Additional information about the Richard D. Latham Cultural District is available at www.smithvilleculturaldistrict.com.



THE SMITHVILLE SCULPTURE ON MAIN PROJECT—APPLICATION FORM

Each artist may enter up to three works for consideration. An entry fee of \$25 is required for the first sculpture entered and \$10 each for the second and third entries. **Make checks payable to the City of Smithville.** This entry fee will help ensure that the program is sustainable.

2022-2023 Artist and Entry Information:

Name: _____

Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Telephone: Home () _____ Cell () _____

Email: _____ Fax () _____

Title #1 _____

Materials _____

Height: _____ Width: _____ Depth: _____ Weight: _____ Sales Price: \$ _____

Title #2 _____

Materials _____

Height: _____ Width: _____ Depth: _____ Weight: _____ Sales Price: \$ _____

Title #3 _____

Materials _____

Height: _____ Width: _____ Depth: _____ Weight: _____ Sales Price: \$ _____

A brief bio and artist’s photo will be required of all **selected** artists.

Please send three to five high-resolution digital (JPG, PNG) photos of various views of each piece either by email attachment or by mail on CD/thumb drive. Application, entry fee, and photos should be sent to:

Andy Esquivel, Community
Engagement Coordinator
aesquivel@ci.smithville.tx.us

City of Smithville/Attn: Andy
Esquivel, 317 Main Street,
Smithville, TX 78957