

Call to Artists

2010 La Conner Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition

The La Conner Arts Commission has issued a Call to Artists for Northwest sculptors to enter a juried competition to have their works displayed for one year in the historic waterfront town of La Conner, Washington.

The competition is open to sculptors in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia. Artists are asked to submit digital images or slides of their work no later than Dec. 31, 2009. A jury will review the submissions in January and choose about 12 sculptures to be exhibited in the upcoming show, which will open Mar. 1, 2010.

Sculptures must be durable and suitable for outdoor display for one year, during which time the Arts Commission will aggressively market the works to sell them for the artists. The Commission collects 25 percent of the sales price of each sculpture to help fund public art in La Conner.

The commission's promotional activities include advertising in art publications, full color cards available at each sculpture, a plaque listing the artist's name and sales information and a self-guided sculpture walk for visitors.

For the 2010 show, the commission will offer a \$200 stipend to each winning artist to help defray the costs of transportation to La Conner.

The town installs and insures the sculptures. Artists selected for the show must agree to deliver their work to La Conner.

For a show prospectus and entry form please contact the Town of La Conner, P.O. Box 400, La Conner, WA 98257. Or phone La Conner Town Hall at (360) 466-3125. For more information about the exhibit, contact Arts Commission member Tracy Powell at 360-840-3826 or powells@cnw.com.

LA CONNER OUTDOOR SCULPTURE EXHIBITION 2010 PROSPECTUS

La Conner, Washington, one of the northwest's premier artist communities and home to three museums including the Museum of Northwest Art, seeks entries for its Sixth Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition.

This successful show, sponsored by the La Conner Arts Commission, receives on-going media coverage and brought the Town of La Conner a prestigious Municipal Achievement Award from the Association of Washington Cities. La Conner Arts Commission also receives support from the Washington State Arts Commission.

This year the Arts Commission will be opening the Sculpture Exhibit on Mar. 1, 2010. The sculptures will be on public display in the heart of La Conner, a charming 19th Century waterfront village that draws art collectors and tourists year round.

Sculptures are on loan to the town for one year and the La Conner Arts Commission promotes their sale through statewide advertising. The Commission's marketing activities also include the distribution of full color sculpture tour guides at the site of each artwork, as well as a brass plaque listing the artist's name and purchase information. The Arts Commission also actively pursues opportunities to promote the Sculpture Exhibit during activities sponsored by other groups, such as the Skagit Valley Tulip Festival and Chamber of Commerce events.

The Town of La Conner endeavors to purchase at least one sculpture from each exhibit to add to their permanent collection of public art. The Arts Commission marketing efforts have resulted in the sale of ten sculptures since the Sculpture Exhibit's inception. A \$200.00 stipend will be sent to all accepted artists after the installation of their sculpture.

Entry deadline: December 31, 2009

The entries will be juried in early January 2010 and artists will be notified of the jury decision by January 11. Installation of selected sculptures will be scheduled from January 15 through February 25. Exhibit opens March 1, 2010.

ENTRY RULES

- This sculpture exhibition is open to artists who reside in Washington, Oregon, Idaho, Alaska and British Columbia.
- Entries must be of existing works of art, and available for exhibit and sale for one year.
- Sculptures must be durable and suitable for year-round outdoor display with proper mounting facility.
- Digital CD entries are preferred, but slides and photos will also be acceptable.
- A jury will choose the sculptures to be exhibited.
- The artist is responsible for delivery to La Conner and installation arrangements.
- Sculptures are on loan to the town for one year and will be insured by the town once they are delivered and installed.
- Town of La Conner will provide concrete pads for mounting. Specific attachment details will be arranged with the artist. The town will provide assistance and machinery, if necessary.
- The Town of La Conner will retain 25 percent of the sales price. The Arts Commission uses these funds to procure public art for the Town. If the Town purchases a sculpture in the exhibit, it will pay the artist 75% of the retail price, plus tax.
- There is no entry fee, and multiple entries are welcome.
- The artist and the Town of La Conner will enter into a contract for each piece selected.

Completed entry forms and images should be submitted to:

La Conner Arts Commission

La Conner Town Hall

P O Box 400

La Conner, WA 98257

Entries must be received no later than noon, December 31, 2009.
Questions may be directed to: Tracy Powell, 360-840-3826, or
powells@cnw.com.

ENTRY FORM

2010 La Conner Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition

Name:

Address:

Phone:

Email:

Website:

Please submit digital images, on a CD, with attached image list. If you cannot send digital images, we will accept pictures in another form, but digital is preferred. If you want your materials returned, please include a self-addressed envelope with adequate postage.

Please include your resume, biography or artist statement to let us know more about you and your work so that we may include it in our marketing materials.

You are invited to submit more than one entry.

Submission deadline: noon, December 31, 2009.

For each entry please provide the following:

Title:

Dimensions:

Weight:

Price:

Medium:

Installation requirements:

Number of images: _____

The Arts Commission reserves the right to reject any sculpture that does not conform to the rules stated, is markedly different from the submitted images, or poses a public risk.

Artist Signature: _____