



CALL FOR ART

BIG ROCK GARDEN Annual Sculpture Exhibition

May 10, 2009 through September 30, 2009

Big Rock Garden Park
Bellingham, Washington

Big Rock Garden Park is a 2.5 acre Pacific Rim-inspired botanical garden designated as the City Sculpture Park nestled in a beautiful wooded area near Lake Whatcom in Bellingham, Washington. Located between Seattle, Washington, and Vancouver, BC, Canada, this premier sculpture venue attracts tourists from around the world.

Annually, Big Rock Garden Park hosts a juried exhibition showcasing high-quality works by local, national, and international sculptors that best complement and enhance this unique outdoor garden setting. Selected artists will receive a \$250 stipend and will be invited to attend an opening reception and Mother's Day Garden Party at Big Rock Garden Park. As a sales show, this exhibition will be widely promoted to those interested in sculpture for placement in intimate public spaces or private gardens. Artists will receive 70% of retail price of all pieces sold in US funds.

Artists are invited to submit an application available from Bellingham Parks & Recreation. Completed applications are due February 15, 2009. Artists will be notified of the jury decision by March 15, 2009. To request a full prospectus and application, call (360) 778-7000, email Parks@cob.org or write to:

Big Rock Garden Sculpture Exhibition
Bellingham Parks and Recreation Department
1400 Woburn Street
Bellingham, WA 98229

Up to three pieces per artist may be submitted for jury considered. Entry is open to all sculptors submitting only their original creations. Visit <http://www.cob.org/services/recreation/parks-trails/bigrock.aspx> for more information.

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Prospectus

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Big Rock Garden Park is a 2.5 acre botanical garden designated at the City sculpture park nestled in a wooded area adjacent to Lake Whatcom in Bellingham, Washington. The annual Big Rock Garden Sculpture Exhibition offers a unique opportunity for artists to show their works as part of a high-quality, juried exhibition at one of the Pacific Northwest's premier sculpture venues. The Big Rock Garden Sculpture Exhibition jury seeks authentic, well-crafted works that will complement and enhance the experience of visiting this intimate botanical garden.

To apply, please read the information below and provide all information requested throughout the application. Incomplete applications cannot be considered by the jury. Your signature at the bottom of the entry form indicates your acceptance and understanding of each of the standards and guidelines put forth in this document. Please retain this page for future reference and for your records.

Standards and Guidelines

1. Entry is open to all artists.
2. All pieces must be original work of the artist. If a work is a product of a team effort, members of that team should be credited in the application with their roles briefly described in the place provided.
3. Jurying decisions are made after careful consideration of the following criteria: quality of expression, craftsmanship, appearance, maintenance, safety and security.
4. All pieces must be structurally sound, made of durable materials appropriate for extended display in a public outdoor space and be securely anchored to eliminate potential theft.
5. There is no size limit but scale will be considered in relation to the space available. Smaller sculptures must be adequately secured to a substantial base. Artists are responsible for mitigating all structural, installation and presentation problems.
6. No works other than those selected by the jury will be accepted at the time of installation. The Park reserves the right to refuse placement of any piece that differs markedly from the submitted images.
7. Artists are encouraged to enter pieces that have been completed within the last five years.
8. Artists are encouraged to enter pieces that will be for sale during the exhibition. The Park will retain a 30% commission on the retail price of any all pieces sold during the exhibition. Prices must be set by the artist and may not be adjusted during the run of the exhibition.
9. Artists are responsible for transportation of accepted artwork both to and from the Park.
10. Artists are responsible for installing and removing their artwork from the Park. The Park reserves the right to request additional or alternative installation methods if deemed necessary.
11. Accepted works will be installed by the artist or their representatives only in the site designated by the Big Rock Garden Committee.
12. During the run of the exhibition, all artwork will be insured for property loss (theft or vandalism) by the City of Bellingham at 70% of its retail price.

Entry Procedures

1. Completed applications with accompanying images should be sent to the address below no later 5:00 PM, February 16, 2009. No e-mail submissions will be accepted. Each artist may submit up to three (3) pieces for consideration.

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2. Three images of each piece are required and up to two addition images of detail work may also be submitted. Please send files of a minimum of 300dpi on CD. Quality images of your entries are critical to the jurying process. Details and multiple views are encouraged.
3. Works may be a single item or a grouping. Please be specific in your description of each piece.
4. With your signature at the bottom of this application, you agree that images you have submitted with your application may be used for publicity purposes.
5. For each entry, please include a detailed drawing and description of your **Installation Plan** showing how each piece will be installed and secured using the form provided. Pedestals, if needed, must accompany the sculpture.

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Application

Artist Contact Information

Name _____ Phone(_____) _____

Address _____

City _____ State/Province _____ Country _____ Zip _____

E-mail _____ Web page _____ FAX _____

Entry 1

Title _____ Edition # _____ Dimensions _____

Medium _____ Weight _____ Retail Price _____

Additional contributors, if any: _____

Please provide a brief description of each image below:

Image 1 _____ Image 3 _____

Image 2 _____ Additional Images: _____

Additional Information _____

Entry 2

Title _____ Edition # _____ Dimensions _____

Medium _____ Weight _____ Retail Price _____

Additional contributors, if any: _____

Please provide a brief description of each image below:

Image 1 _____ Image 3 _____

Image 2 _____ Additional Images: _____

Additional Information _____

Mark CD's with artist name and corresponding entry number. Place slides in clear plastic sheet(s) and indicate top of slide.

I understand and agree to abide by all points listed in the Prospectus for this application.

Signature _____ Date _____

Entry 2

Title _____ Edition # _____ Dimensions _____

Medium _____ Weight _____ Retail Price _____

Additional contributors, if any: _____

Please provide a brief description of each image below:

Image 1 _____ Image 3 _____

Image 2 _____ Additional Images: _____

Additional Information _____

Mark CD's or slides with artist name and corresponding entry number. Place slides in clear plastic sheet(s) and indicate top of slide.

I understand and agree to abide by all points listed in the Prospectus for this application.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Artist Check List

- Completed entry form
- CD
- Installation plan for each entry
- Enclosed SASE for return of slides or CD's

For official use only

- Installation plan _____
- Date Received _____
- SASE _____

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Installation Plan

An Installation Plan is required for each piece submitted for consideration by the jury. Complete the following form and return with your application.

SKETCH

Please provide a sketch showing method of installing and securing piece to ground or pedestal. (Use additional sheets if necessary.):

ACCESS

The size of the gate entrance into Big Rock Garden Park measures 9 feet 9 inches wide. Please check here to indicate that your piece and/or equipment will safely clear the gate entrance. _____

Do you anticipate any other access requirements? If so, please describe. _____

Will you be using heavy equipment, electricity and/or water during your installation and deinstallation? _____

DISPLAY

Is your piece secure from tipping, climbing, and other forms of physical force? _____