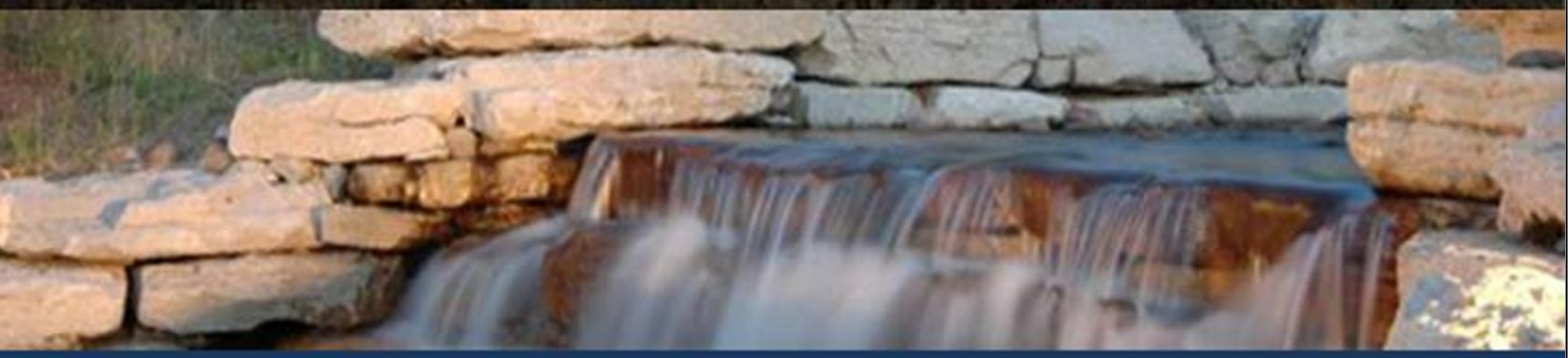

City of Portage Parks

Recycled Art In The Park

Contest Rules & Information

Recycled Art In The Park

Saturday, September 29 to
Sunday, October 7, 2012
8:00 am – 8:00 pm
Celery Flats, Portage MI

- Hurry! 20 Participant Limit
- Give Unused Items New Life in Art
- Opening Ceremony Sat., Sept 29
- Awards in Five Categories
- Public Voting and Panel Judging
- Application Deadline on August 31
- Open to Schools, Artists, Hobbyists
- Express Your Creativity
- Create Awareness of Recycling

FOR MORE INFORMATION

Portage Parks Board
Vicki Locke, 269-998-8121
vja1998@yahoo.com

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Rules

CONTEST OVERVIEW

To promote recycling in the City of Portage, we are holding our first annual Sculpture Event using 100% recycled materials that will be displayed in Celery Flats for one week. This is not a juried art show but a venue for artists to express their creativity and create public awareness on recycling. Public voting and judging will be conducted with prizes awarded on the last day of the event. All artwork will be displayed outside at Celery Flats for public viewing.

MEDIA

Acceptable media must contain 100% recycled materials (except for bonding devices such as screws, nuts and bolts, welding, glues and other fastening materials). The focus is on materials that were originally manufactured and would be thrown away. Your creativity will provide a new life for materials that would otherwise be discarded. We are looking for sculpture that would use materials in a manner that is different from its intended use and reformed into a work of art.

PRIZES & JUDGING

Prizes will be awarded in a variety of categories including a Popular Choice from visitor voting conducted on designated day(s) and/or the website. A panel of area artists will judge the artwork based on adhering to the recycling content for eligibility, with 60% creative use of materials as they were not originally intended, and 40% overall artistry and originality. The Judging panel will be conducted on Saturday, September 29, 2012 in which prizes will be awarded on October 7, 2012 as follows:

1st Place
2nd Place
3rd Place
Sponsors Choice
Popular Choice

Prizes will need to be picked up at the City of Portage; Parks Department office located at 7719 S. Westnedge, Portage, MI 49002, no later than November 30, 2012 or the winner will forfeit the prize. Prizes are not redeemable for cash, or transferrable.

HOW TO ENTER

Limit of one entry per person or organization. A fifty dollar ($50) deposit is required with your entry from and will be refunded after the event and the artwork is removed from the Park. A check or money order should be made out to the City of Portage and mailed to the location on the entry form. Classes from K-12 schools, colleges or universities submitting a sculpture (one entry per class) can waive the $50 entry fee deposit by submitting a Letter of Intent /Commitment on school letterhead and signed by the teacher, with their entry form to hold their spot in the contest. Entrants will be asked on the entry form to list the materials used for their sculpture. All artwork must fit into the designated 10’ x 10’ space with no exceptions.

DEADLINE

Entry forms with accompanying entry fees (or Letter of Intent /Commitment) must be postmarked by August 31, 2012. Entrants will be notified of acceptance into the show no later than September 5, 2012. There will be a limit this year of 20 entrants accepted on a first received basis.

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SET UP & PICK UP

Entrants will be responsible to set up and remove their artwork. Please bring appropriate personnel and transportation devices to move your sculpture into its exhibit space. The exhibit space will be outdoors and will not be secured, but every effort will be made to monitor the Park. Set-up will be on Friday, September 28 from 3:00 to 8:00 p.m. ONLY. All work must be secured and left on-site for public display and voting and must be picked up on Sunday, October 7 no later than 5 p.m. or your $50 entry fee with be not be refunded. The first place winning sculpture will be moved by the artist and displayed until November 30, 2012 at a public site designated by contest officials. A photographer will be on-site during setup to take pictures of the artist with their sculpture to be used for future publicity efforts. Every effort will be made to get photographs of each entrant, and your assistance with the photographer is appreciated. The City of Portage and Park Board of Directors are not responsible for any damage to artwork. Additional set-up instructions will be sent to each entrant by September 1, 2012.

ELIGIBILITY

Any individual is eligible to participate, including, k-12, college and university classes, except employees of the City of Portage and City of Portage Parks Board Members are not eligible to enter. By entering the contest you consent to have your submitted artwork featured and published for publicity purposes. Artwork will not be accepted if it is deemed obscene, threatening, and/or offensive as deemed by contest representatives.

WINNERS

Winners will be notified by email or phone by October 6, 2012. It is up to the entrant to ensure correct contact information is listed on the entry form. Contest administrators will make at least three attempts to contact the winner and it is up to the winner to acknowledge contact by return email or phone call. After November 30, 2012 if no contact has been received from the winner the prize will be forfeit. Winners will be required to show proof of identity when picking up their prize. All taxes are the sole responsibility of the winner. Winners' names and /or images will be posted on the website and be publicized for promotional purposes. The first place winning sculpture will be put on display through November 30, 2012 at a public site designated by contest officials.

TIMELINE

DATE	ACTIVITY
Friday, August 31, 2012	Entry Form Deadline with Entry Fee
Saturday, September 1, 2012	Set-up Instructions will be sent
Friday, September 14, 2012	Submit Artwork Description Deadline
Friday, September 28, 2012	Artwork Set-up 3:00-8:00 p.m.
Saturday, September 29, 2012	Opening Event , Panel Judging , and Public Voting Week begins
Friday, October 5, 2012	Public Voting Ends
Saturday, October 6, 2012	Award Notifications to Winners
Saturday, October 6, 2012	Awards Ceremony @ Noon
Saturday, October 6, 2012	First Place Winning Artwork moved to Public Display Site
Saturday, October 6, 2012	Removal of Artwork from Park after Ceremony until 5:00 p.m.
Friday, November 30, 2012	Prize Pick up Deadline *(If not picked up at Awards Ceremony)*
November 30, 2012	First Place Winning Prize Artwork Pickup

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Entry Form

1. ENTRANT INFORMATION:

Artist Name: _____

Organization: _____

Address: _____

City _____ State_____ Zip_____

Phone _____ Fax_____

Email _____

2. ENCLOSED SUBMITTALS: *(check one only)*

☐ $ 50 Entry Fee Deposit ☐ Letter of Intent/Commitment *(for schools)*

3. ARTWORK TITLE: _____

4. INDEMNIFICATION:

Having signed below, as the artist or a duly appointed representative of the organization, hereby release, discharge, and covenant not to sue the City of Portage, their respective administrators, directors, agents, officers, members, volunteers, and employees, other participants, any sponsors, advertisers, and if applicable, owners and lessors of premises on which the Activity takes place, (each considered one of the "releasees" herein) from all liability, claims, demands, losses, or damages on my account caused or alleged to be caused in whole or in party by the negligence of the releasees or otherwise, including negligent rescue operations; and I further agree that if, despite this release and waiver of liability, assumption of risk, and indemnity agreement I, or anyone on my behalf, makes a claim against any of the releasees, I will indemnify, save, and hold harmless each of the releasees from any litigation expenses, attorney fees, loss, liability, damage, or cost which any may incur as the result of such claim.

5. RELEASE:

Having signed below, I have permissible rights to the submitted artwork, hereby grant to the City of Portage all right and interest in all photographic images, video and/or audio recordings made by city during the Activity. I consent and authorize the use/reproduction of photographs, video and/or audio of me without compensation. I also give permission to release my name and/or organization for publicity purposes for the contest. All negatives, positives and prints shall solely be the property of the city.

Signature _____ **Date** _____

Print Name _____

Return this form with check payable to City of Portage:

City of Portage, 7900 S. Westnedge, Portage, MI 49024, 269-329-4522