

The Elora Sculpture Project 2018 - Call for Submissions

2018 marks the 8th year of the Elora Sculpture Project; a seasonal, outdoor exhibition running from May 1 to October 31. Sculptures will be installed throughout the downtown core of Elora and Fergus.

A jury appointed by the Elora Sculpture Project (ESP) committee will select up to 20 entries for exhibition. You may access a map outlining the locations in Elora and Fergus by visiting our website. The criteria for selecting the artworks include: aesthetic appeal, quality, durability, innovation and originality.

Elora and Fergus are centrally located in Ontario, a short drive from Toronto, Kitchener Waterloo, Hamilton and Guelph. Our proximity to major centres and our spectacular landscapes ensures that we have many visitors spring to fall. Elora's vibrant cultural community is host to both the Elora Music Festival, and the Riverfest Musical Festival as well as other popular events.

The community's commitment to art and culture, and its' growing reputation to inspire and engage the public with art draws many return visitors from across Canada, United States and abroad.

Exhibition Guidelines:

Open to all artists within Canada.

Your sculptures must be original works suitable for outdoor installation. The artwork should not pose a risk of injury to the public (i.e. no sharp points) and must be robust enough to withstand outdoor installation and interaction with the public.

Artists may submit up to two entries for consideration. However, if selected, only the highest ranking of the entries will be featured in the exhibition.

Artworks may be offered for sale. The ESP does not take a commission on sales, nor is it directly involved with any sales. All inquiries and sales are handled by the artist or their agent and all sculptures must remain for the duration of the exhibition. A modest honorarium will be paid to all participating artists.

For 2018 a bursary of \$1000.00 will be offered to one successful applicant who is currently enrolled in a qualifying, post secondary program. See Bursary Application for full details.

Works selected must be installed for the entire exhibition period, May 1 to October 31, 2018. No exceptions. Works not installed by May 6, 2018 may be replaced by an alternate at the sole discretion of the ESP Committee.

Sculpture Sizes:

- Small : Up to 2 ft high, 1 ft. wide, 1 ft deep.
- Standard : Up to 8 ft high, 4 ft wide, 2 ft deep.
- Oversized: Up to 10 ft. high, 6 ft. wide, 4 ft. deep.

Sculptures less than 24" high should include a suitable pedestal or riser to attach to the permanent base. Pedestal description does not need to be included with submission.

All sculptures must be secured for safety and security purposes to the existing, permanent base at each site. (details provided to finalists.)

Artists are responsible for delivery, installation and later removal of their sculptures at designated dates, times and sites. (details provided to finalists.)

All accepted artwork is insured for liability-only by the Elora Sculpture Project in conjunction with the Township of Centre Wellington. Artists should consider their own insurance for other losses.

The ESP Jury may reject any piece that differs significantly from the work depicted in the accepted submission. The staff and council of the Township of Centre Wellington also reserve the right to reject any work they consider unsuitable or unsafe for public display at these sites.

Schedule:

January 20, 2018. (5 pm.) Deadline for submissions.

Feb 10, 2018. Notice of acceptance by email.

May 1, 2018. Artwork installation.

May 6, 2018. Sculpture Walk and Opening reception.

October 31, 2018. Artwork removal and pick up.

Details and Entry Forms Available at:

<http://www.elorasculpture.ca>

Submission Info:

- Completed, signed application form, maximum of two entries
- Images or drawings each labelled with your name and title of work
- image descriptions, narratives (optional)
- single page resume (optional)

By Email:

Attach a pdf or jpeg file of completed entry form(s) and jpeg files for image/drawing files identified with name and title of works.

Send to riobravo@wightman.ca

Subject line: ESP 2018 Submission

By Post:

Send drawings, photos and entry form(s) to

Elora Sculpture Project
c/o David Cross
319 Highland Road
Fergus, Ont. N1M 3N9

The Elora Sculpture Project is not responsible for damage, loss or theft of submission images and/or drawings. Submission materials will not be returned unless specifically requested and accompanied by a suitable SASE.