

The Elora Sculpture Project 2021 - Call for Submissions

The village of Elora and the Town of Fergus are centrally located in Ontario, a short drive from Toronto, Kitchener-Waterloo, Hamilton and Guelph. The proximity to major centres and spectacular landscapes surrounding the Grand River invite many tourists and 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, the United States and abroad.

2021 will be the 11th 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. You may access a map outlining the locations in Elora and Fergus by visiting our website.

Exhibition Guidelines:

The exhibition is open to all artists within Canada.

The criteria for selecting the artworks include aesthetic appeal, quality, durability, innovation and originality.

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 be must robust enough to withstand outdoor installation and interaction with the public.

A jury appointed by the Elora Sculpture Project (ESP) committee will select up to 18 entries for exhibition. 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.

Works selected must be installed for the entire exhibition period, May 1 to October 31, 2021. **No exceptions.** Works not installed by May 8, 2021 may be replaced by an alternate at the sole discretion of the ESP Committee.

Artists will receive an honorarium upon conclusion of the exhibition.

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.

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Sculptures less than 24" high should include a suitable pedestal or riser to attach to the permanent base. Pedestal description must be included with submission.

All sculptures must be secured for safety and security purposes to the existing, permanent base at each site. Maintenance must be provided throughout the season. (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. Damage or theft is not covered by this liability insurance so that 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 16, 2021 (5 pm.) Deadline for submissions.

February 13, 2021 Notice of acceptance by email.

May 1, 2021 Sculpture installation.

TBD. Artist Walk and Opening Reception (pending Covid-19 restrictions)

October 31, 2021 Sculpture removal and pick up.

Details and Entry Forms Available at:

<http://www.elorasculpture.ca>

Submission Checklist:

- Signed, completed application form. (maximum of two entries)
- Good quality digital images, photographs or a detailed sketch, each labelled with your name and title of work
- Description should include materials, processes and intent.
- Artist Statement and Bio

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Sending your entry:

By Email:

Attach a pdf or jpeg file of completed Official Entry Form and jpeg files for image/drawing files identified with name and title of works.

Send to: elorasculptureproject@gmail.com

Subject line: **ESP 2021 Submission**

By Post:

Send digital media, photographs or sketches and the Official Entry Form to:

Elora Sculpture Project
319 Highland Road
Fergus, ON 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 self addressed stamped envelope.