



LOCAL ARTS BOARD  
421 Michigan Street  
Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235

## A CALL FOR PUBLIC ART

The Local Arts Board of the City of Sturgeon Bay is seeking the loan of original, outdoor sculpture to be displayed on the City's popular Waterfront Promenade as part of our Public Art Placement program.

### About our city:

Sturgeon Bay is a successful combination of recreational and commercial waterfront with a vibrant downtown. It is the county seat of beautiful Door County, Wisconsin. Ours is a dynamic coastal community spanning both sides of the waters of Sturgeon Bay. Two downtown bridges connect a public walking path along much of our bustling city-center waterfront. There are multiple points along the route that allow viewing of the beauty of the bay and its wildlife, sailboats, kayaks, recreational fishers, powerboats, and the massive Great Lakes commercial fleet.

### Location of the sculpture:

Along our east waterfront, there is a large, landscaped display space that showcases one loaned sculpture on a 2–3-year rotation. This space is part of our highly trafficked East Waterfront Promenade and a very popular stop on the "Walkable Sturgeon Bay" route. Additionally, there are multiple areas along our bustling east and west waterfronts, which include five city parks, that are prime locations for public art due to the views and heavy pedestrian traffic, and in which display spaces can be built to exhibit individual pieces at their best.



### Selection Guidelines:

The piece will be selected by the Local Arts Board with approval by the City's Common Council. Artists will be contacted as soon as possible following receipt of application.

### How sculptures will be evaluated:

Sculptures will be judged based upon artistic excellence and workmanship, creativity, originality, the extent to which the piece enhances the location, and suitability for display in Sturgeon Bay. Artist understands a contract will be established between the City of Sturgeon Bay and the artist for the loan of the sculpture.

### Selected artists will receive:

- A one-time stipend of \$750.00.
- Press announcements, including local press and features on the City's website and Facebook page.

- An artist's sign at the display site to include information about the artist and the sculpture, details regarding purchase of the piece if it is for sale, and artist's contact information (if desired). The artist will provide this information and approve the sign before it is installed.
- The piece will be featured in the City's Public Art Walk brochure and will be linked by QR code to the Public Art page on the City's website. There, interested viewers can access detailed information about the artist and their work.
- Exposure as your piece is viewed and enjoyed by tens of thousands of people each year.

**Submission Guidelines/Requirements:**

- Please submit an artist's statement (max. 500 words) and a short statement about the piece and its relevance to this call. A downloadable application can be obtained from the City's website.
- Include digital photos of the piece. Photos of a finished or in-progress piece will be accepted, as well as sketches of a planned piece.
- All sculpture mediums suitable for outdoor display are acceptable. Pieces must be able to be anchored to the ground.
- Pieces should be ready to install upon delivery. Please have piece finished 30 days prior to installation.
- Transport and installation of the piece will be the responsibility of the artist. However, assistance from the City's Department of Public Works may be available depending upon the original location.
- The loan period is 2-3 years as negotiated. If the piece is sold before the end of the first year on display, we ask the artist to commit to keeping the piece in place for one-year following installation. If the piece is sold after the one-year mark, the artist is free to remove the piece at their expense. In either case, artist may offer a second piece for consideration by the Local Arts Board.

**How to submit your application:**

- Your electronic submission must include a completed application and digital photos/sketches.
- Submission must be sent by email to the City of Sturgeon Bay Local Arts Board at [smiller@sturgeonbaywi.gov](mailto:smiller@sturgeonbaywi.gov).
- Questions regarding the email submission can be directed to Suzanne Miller at 920-746-6933.
- Please feel free to contact Local Arts Board Chairperson Helen Bacon at [sbdistrict1@sturgeonbaywi.gov](mailto:sbdistrict1@sturgeonbaywi.gov) for more information.