

REQUEST FOR PROPOSAL

To commission an artist to create a piece of art that best describes Perth County

Who we are, and what we do

The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation is a registered public foundation that serves the charitable sector in Perth County. The Foundation matches acts of caring with community needs by providing efficient, flexible donor services, grants to a broad range of community needs, and leadership in understanding and responding to current and emergent community needs. The Stratford and Perth County Community Foundation is a member of Community Foundations of Canada, the umbrella organization to 168 community foundations in Canada. Further information about the Foundation can be found on our website www.spccf.ca.

What we are looking for

The Foundation is looking for a piece of art to complement the Foundation's brand of being a county-wide organization that provides service to, and support of, the charitable sector in Perth County. The artwork will be of an image, or a collage, of Perth County vista(s). Perth County is a diverse area situated in the centre of southwestern Ontario and includes the Municipalities of Stratford, St. Marys, North Perth, Perth East, Perth South, and West Perth. This artwork is being commissioned as the Foundation's fifth anniversary project and will be unveiled at the Foundation's Gala event on January 15th, 2010. The artwork will often accompany the Foundation's logo, so compatibility with the logo is important.

The artwork can be of any media including oils, water colours, acrylics, photographs, or in sculptural form, or another appropriate medium.

The ability to easily, and cost effectively, professionally reproduce the artwork is an important requirement. Prints or reproductions of the image will be used on note cards, invitations, framed for board and presenter gifts, grant recipient plaques, and other printed materials.

The selected original artwork, and all of its copyrights, will become the property of the Foundation. However the name and signature of the artist will be associated with the work. It is proposed that the honorarium for the completed work be \$1000.

The process to select the preferred artwork for the Foundation that best defines Perth County will happen in two phases:

Phase I

The Foundation is inviting interested local artists to submit a proposal indicating their interest in creating this special artwork. Along with the artist's expression of interest the Foundation is requesting that the following content also be included in the proposal:

1. Experience as an artist
2. 5 to 10 images of your recent work or a link to your website
3. Suggestions for an image, or a sketch of an image
4. Availability to complete the project on a timely basis. (see project schedule below)

Phase II

Based on the proposals received, the Foundation will invite a short list of local artists to enter into an art competition to find the image that best represents Perth County.

Selected persons knowledgeable in assessing the submitted proposals and artwork will assist the Foundation in its deliberations. After the selection is made all other submitted pieces will be returned to the artists.

Project Schedule

October 13, 2009 - 4 p.m. - Submission of Proposal to the Foundation's office (59 Lorne Ave E, Unit A) or electronically info@spccf.ca.

October 16, 2009 – Invitations will be issued to a short list of artists to continue with preparing the completed piece of artwork.

December 31, 2009 – Submission of completed artwork.

January 15, 2010 – Public announcement and unveiling at the Foundation's Gala event of the selected artwork.

Please feel free to forward this request to other artists. Thank you.

For additional information or inquiries please contact:

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