

Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum presents

Season of Light 2020-21: Illumination CALL TO ARTISTS

ILLUMINATION

The City of Springfield through its cultural institutions, the Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum, with support from the Springfield Arts Commission, invite artists who live or work in the Springfield-Eugene area to develop proposals for luminaries that explore, express or reflect on the core exhibition concepts, utilizing both traditional and innovative materials. Up to six (6) artists will be selected to receive \$250 each, to design, construct and submit luminaries as part of a storefront window exhibition in January, 2021.

Core Concepts:

- Bring light to the darkness
- Shed light on the cultural and racial diversity in our community
- Offer light of hope for a new year

Materials:

Artists should creatively utilize both traditional and innovative lumaria materials and media including but not limited to book pages, photos, and/or textiles.

Installation Requirements:

Luminaria may be designed to *either* hang or sit on display in the street-facing windows of the Springfield History Museum (east-facing windows on 6th Street, or south-facing windows on Main Street).

All works must be submitted exhibit-ready inclusive of all installation materials for hanging or seated display, battery or electric powered lighting element(s) etc.

Artist Selection and Artist Fee:

Up to six (6) artists will be selected to participate. Each selected artist will receive \$250 for luminary design, materials and construction.

Our intention is to cultivate diversity, equity and access to the arts and culture of our region. We envision a Springfield community where race, class, sexual orientation, gender, age, mental or physical ability do not pre-determine the success, safety, or health of our citizens. *All* artists are strongly encouraged to apply.

Timeline:

Illumination works will be on exhibition from January 11 - March 1st, 2021.

Artist proposals are due Wednesday, December 9th, 2020. Selected artists will be notified by Monday, December 14th, 2020.

Completed works will be due for submission no later than Wednesday, January 6th, 2021.

Proposal Guidelines:

Illumination proposals must be submitted by email to mlinder@springfield-or.gov. Either in the body of the email or in an attached text document, artists must address/include ALL of the following:

- Artist name and contact information
- Brief artist bio and explanation of project interest
- Description of how the artist intends to explore, express or reflect on the core exhibition concepts through the medium of a luminary
- Description of what materials the artist intends to use and their relevance to the design and core concepts
- Description of the final luminary design* and how it is envisioned to be exhibited
**Rough sketches, diagrams, and/or sample imagery may be included but not required.*

SEASON OF LIGHT (SoL) 2020 OVERVIEW

Illumination is part of a larger celebration of gratitude and hope through bringing light to the darkest months of the year. Season of Light (SoL) is a project of the Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum, with support from the Springfield Arts Commission. Featured programming includes:

- **DIY Luminaria Kits**
Springfield Public Library invites families to pick up a luminaria (traditional candle and paper-bag lanterns) kit during Curbside Pickup Service. We encourage participants to showcase their luminaria in their windows, on porches, and at the front doors of their homes during these darkest days of the year to help bring light into our community.
- **Winter Reading Program**
A relaxed reading program consisting of reading challenges, scavenger hunts and rewards to inspire readers during our rainy winter months. This includes the KINDword challenge where participants will find words that bring joy to local businesses.
- **Give Light - A partnership with Carry It Forward**
During this dark season, especially in the midst of a global pandemic, it is a good reminder that gratitude brings light to our lives. Many of us have much to be thankful for, while many in our community are struggling. City of Springfield in partnership with Carry It Forward invites you to *Give Light* to someone less fortunate by donating basic, life-saving supplies: specifically warm socks, hats, gloves, as well as hand and foot warmers. Donations can be made at any Springfield Library book drop, Library curbside pickup and at participating businesses.

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SELECTION PROCESS

Springfield Public Library and Springfield History Museum curatorial leads will review all applications. Proposals selected and developed for Illumination will be determined by:

- Thoughtful response to each aspect of the exhibition core concepts
- Innovative proposed use of materials or media to create a luminary lantern
- Applicability to the space
- Flexible incorporation of and/or with community lumaria submissions

Up to six (6) artists will be selected for Illumination.

The curator(s) reserve the right to refuse artworks at any time during the processes: submission, selection, intake and installation.

SALES

Artists may offer their works for sale. A commission of 25% will be paid to the Friends of the Library, a nonprofit support organization for the Springfield Public Library, by the artist at the closing of the show for any sale. All commissions will be donated from the Friends of the Library back to the Springfield Public Library to offset program costs for the Season of Light (SoL) programming.

Sale and value-related details:

- The price and/or value of an accepted entry may not be changed after it is set.
- Work should be marked "NFS" if it is not available for purchase.
- Include the value of work for insurance purposes.
- All objects sold must remain on display for the duration of the exhibition.
- The client will pay the artist directly.
- Shipment and delivery of all objects sold will be handled by the artist.

CONTACT

All artist questions, proposals and related correspondence should be emailed to Mindy Linder at mlinder@springfield-or.gov.