

CALL FOR ART

This year's theme is: *Patterns – Patterns – Patterns*
City of West Chicago's Community Banner Project Competition
Submission Deadline: February 1, 2016

The West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission invites accomplished and emerging artists, with a connection to West Chicago, or currently living in the Chicagoland area to submit digital files of original art for consideration for the Community Banner Project Competition. All media are welcome, with no limitation to technique or subject matter, as long as the theme revolves around "Patterns – Patterns – Patterns".

Each winning design will be reproduced and featured in the 2016 West Chicago Banner Exhibition. Artists selected will receive credit on both banner and in printed materials related to the exhibition. Additionally, they will be asked to submit a brief statement about the inspiration for the select piece for press use. A reception honoring the selected artists will take place during the annual Blooming Fest on May 21, 2016. Selected artists' work will also be featured in a City Museum exhibit which will be on display May – August, 2016.

Banner Specifications:

Banners measure: (h)60" x (w)30" with text, image field measures approximately: (h)42" x (w)30", (see example on right). Before submitting, please ensure that your art work is reproducible at the specified dimensions at an adequate resolution, no exceptions. The West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission will work with artists to obtain proper file sizes for reproduction if selected. However, all submissions should reflect the size specifications to be considered or they will automatically be rejected. The West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission is responsible for banner printing cost and banner installation.

Submission Specifications

An entry is comprised of up to **3 JPEG images at 72 dpi measuring (h)7" x (w)5"**. All files should be numbered and named with the artist's last name and first name. **Ex.: 01Lastname_Firstname.jpg** and submitted via a special form at www.westchicago.org under Residents/Forms and Applications. Please note that no additional support materials will be accepted at this time. All entries must be original and executed within two years of entry date. **Entries must be received by February 1, 2016.** Incomplete and/or late entries will not be reviewed.



Judging

Judging of submissions will be based on JPEG files only. JPEG files submitted must represent actual work. The West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission reserves the right to refuse to exhibit any work it deems unacceptable due to significant departure from JPEG representation or inappropriate content. Submitted and accepted artwork will not be used for any other purpose. An Independent Juror not affiliated with the City of West Chicago or the West Chicago Cultural Arts Commission will select the winning art works anonymously.

Juror: TBA.

Exhibition/Reception

The exhibition runs from May 1 – Mid-September 2016. A reception honoring the selected artists will take place during the annual Blooming Fest on May 21, 2016. At this time, the general public will be invited to vote for an artist/banner to receive the People's Choice Award.