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Arts Commission Requests Applications for Meter Murals: Phase II

Wheeling, WV – The City of Wheeling Arts & Cultural Commission is seeking amateur and professional artists to artistically paint parking meters for the second phase of the project in the Centre Market area.

Centre Market Meters – Phase II Schedule:

- **July 2, 2016 at 12:00 p.m.:** Applications due; selected artists will be contacted.
- **July 8-17, 2016:** Meter painting at the artists' convenience, with a kickoff reception for the artists on Friday, July 8, at 5:30 p.m. in Centre Market.

The Centre Market Parking Meter Mural Project: Phase II is a continuation of a creative place-making project designed to enhance other revitalization projects in the area. Phase II includes 35 parking meters on both sides of Lane B and Market Street around the Centre Market houses.

The meters will be painted with custom designs based on community artist input. The Commission has opened a call for artists 18 years of age and older and will jury and choose professional and amateur artists to paint the meters. Applications are due by July 2, at noon. The application is online – www.wheelingartsfest.com/meter-mural-submissions. Guidelines and a meter template are also available via the submission page.

A panel of Wheeling Arts & Cultural Commission members will serve as a jury to review all submissions and select the winners at the end of the project. There will be a Best of Show award to one artist in the amount of \$250 and four additional Awards of Merit of \$100 each. Selected artists will receive a \$25 stipend per meter for paint and supplies.

Phase I winners:

- **Best of Show:** Jeri Delong

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- **Awards of Merit:**

- Cecy Rose
- Amanda Carney
- Amy Perrier
- April Waltz

Businesses are invited to sponsor a meter at the cost of \$100 per meter. They will be allowed input into the meter style, but the final design is at the discretion of the artist and subject to the jury process. No logos or names are allowed in the design. Interested businesses should contact Erika Donaghy, Chairman, at 304-280-2616.

This project, which expands on the meters painted in Fall 2015, is part of the commission's ongoing efforts to bring the arts to the forefront in Wheeling. Commissioners hope that this project serves as a point of inspiration for public art projects in the city, with a goal of beautification and creation of art spaces in other neighborhoods.

Phase I of the project drew attention from Wheeling Central Catholic High School students, who painted some of the meters across from the school, as well as Detroit, Michigan, where the community is looking to incorporate painted parking meters into their business districts.

QUESTIONS: Please contact Erika Donaghy, Chairman – 304.280.2616 | arts@wheelingwv.gov | [facebook.com/WheelingArts](https://www.facebook.com/WheelingArts)

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