

SquidFest 2023 Call for Community Art

Submissions Due July 1, 2023

For our 2023 event, SquidFest is planning a Community Art Walk consisting of 15 contributions from local students and residents. Anyone living in the Granite Falls area is welcome to submit!

We believe that art can be just about anything, as long as some part of it is created by you. For our Community Art Walk, we also need it to be non-perishable, portable, and able to be displayed outside with reasonable protections - for example, a poem or story on paper could be laminated for protection from the elements.

We are requesting submissions for the theme: The Art of Community. If you need a little help with that theme, here are some questions to get you thinking.

- What does community mean? Why is it important?
- How are communities built or created?
- What makes a person feel like they are part of a community?
- How do communities - or individuals within communities - handle and work through disagreements?
- How would you welcome a new neighbor into a community?
- How can we make communities stronger and more resilient?
- Communities aren't just made up of people. What are some other models for community?

Submissions can be any medium - a drawing, painting, sculpture, block printing, poem or essay, short story, fiber art, recipe, or just about anything else you can think of that meets the basic criteria above. Multiple pieces can also be submitted together (for example, an item and a story about the item). If you are submitting a more abstract work, feel free to include a short narrative to help convey the meaning of your piece to the selection committee or audience - but only if you want to. You are welcome to allow them to come up with the meaning for themselves as well.

Fifteen pieces will be selected to exhibit at SquidFest as part of the Community Art Walk. The SquidFest Planning Committee will review and select the pieces. Community members whose pieces are selected will receive recognition at SquidFest and will have their work displayed at the festival. Participants may choose to sell their work at the festival, or may pick it up at city hall once the festival is over. We're looking forward to an exhibit that brings us all pride in our community's creativity, vision and talent!

Submissions are due by July 1, 2023 for consideration. Submissions can be mailed, delivered or brought to:

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