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Art Along the Greenway: FREE Growing Community

Through Art Project open to individuals and groups.

July 10, 2020 - Martin, Tenn. – Growing Community Through Art is back for a second year. This year artists can display their creativity through a FREE art exhibition. The works of individuals and groups artists will be displayed along the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway starting the end of August, through the month of September.

Each artist or group can pick up a **free** 3 foot x 3 foot wooden panel (donated by Vowell and Sons, Inc.) to be painted as mini-murals starting July 15th through August 14th. Professional or amateur individual artists and community groups can participate. The theme of the paintings will be "*Growing Community Through Art*". Artists will simply need to complete a registration form to pick up a board. Registration and boards can be picked up at Martin City Hall starting Wednesday, July 15, 2020 through Friday,

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August 14, 2020. Artists must supply their own paint and should make sure paintings are weatherproofed. All boards must be returned to Martin City Hall no later than Friday, August 14th by 4:30 pm to be displayed along the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway's new extension by Lindell Street, in Martin, TN.

“Art connects us to the community, to the foreign, to the exotic, and the impossible—but in our current context, it also connects us to a world where anything is possible,” commented Samantha Goyret, Weakley Arts Can member. “The power of creativity can set you free and contribute to our well-being for those of us stuck at home.”

This year's Art Along The Greenway is a collaborative effort with Vowell and Sons, the City of Martin, the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Foundation, and Weakley Arts Can. Vowell and Sons generously donated the wood canvasses.

Mayor Randy Brundige stated, “This activity is a great way to celebrate and showcase our vibrant arts focus within our city. We are looking forward to showcasing the spirit of our community through this art in one of our unique locations in our city, The Brian Brown Memorial Greenway.”

Completed art pieces will be displayed along the black fence around the new portion of the Brian Brown Greenway extension area. Directional signs will also be used to inspire folks to take a walk and view the community's artwork. Pieces will be photographed and posted on the [Weakley Arts Can](#) and the [City of Martin](#) Facebook pages .

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“Weakley Arts Can believes in the power of the arts by supporting and empowering all community members through the promotion of inclusive and innovative arts offerings,” stated Dr. Julie Hill, Co-President of Weakley Arts Can. “We believe future generations can and will benefit from being immersed in the arts. We exist to promote art education in the Weakley County School system and inspire people to support art programs.”

To enter the community exhibition, register at the Martin City Hall through the drive-through window. A staff member will bring the board outside for pick-up. Pick up your board from the Martin City Hall from July 15 – August 14, 2020. **Deadline to submit finished artwork is Friday, August 14, 2020, by 4:30 PM.**

Paintings can be oil, acrylic or mixed media. Submitted piece should be submitted dry and sealed in a medium that can sustain the outdoor environment. Include title, artist full name, hometown, category (individual OR group) and materials used with each submitted piece. Please write this information on the back of the board. All artwork should be signed on the front bottom corner. Please contact Martin City Hall if you have questions - Camile Noe, cnoe@cityofmartin.net, (731)587-3126.

Art Boards will be hung along the Brian Brown Greenway during the remainder of August and the month of September. Artists may pick up their artwork October 2 – 9th at Martin City Hall. After Friday, October 9th, any unclaimed artist boards remain the property of the City of Martin.

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