

COUNCIL ACTION FORM

SUBJECT: 2008-09 ART AROUND THE CORNER EXHIBIT

BACKGROUND:

The Public Art Commission has completed preparations for the 12th Annual Art Around the Corner Exhibit. Shown on the attached sheet are the selections made for 2008-2009. Rotation and installation of the Exhibit will take place during late April and early May. The artwork will remain on display for one year. Locations for the sculptures are being finalized.

Photographs showing these sculptures will be presented to the City Council by Committee Chair Steve Kawaler on Tuesday evening. Honoraria will be paid to each artist in the amount of \$400 per piece.

ALTERNATIVES:

1. Approve the 2008-09 Art Around the Corner artwork selections.
2. Do not approve these selections.

MANAGER'S RECOMMENDED ACTION:

This annual revolving artwork exhibit has been a highlight of the Public Art Commission's work for the past 11 years and brings a continuing sense of artistic renewal to the Main Street Cultural District. Therefore, it is the recommendation of the City Manager that the City Council adopt Alternative #1, approving the 2008-09 Art Around the Corner artwork selections.

12th Annual Art Around the Corner Exhibit

The jury for the 2008-2009 Art Around the Corner (AAtC) Exhibition consisted of three Ames residents. Our jurors were Bill Boon, professor emeritus of Landscape Architecture; Nicholas Grossman, public safety officer at ISU, and Anne Taylor, of Dogtown University and a former chair of the AAtC committee. The jury met and made their decisions on January 30, 2008. Three additional selections were made as alternates if availability of the 6 sculptures changes before installation.

Listed below are the six selections made for the 2008-2009 Art Around the Corner sculpture exhibit. Photographs showing these sculptures will be presented to the City Council on Tuesday evening, April 8, 2008.

Rotation and installation of the exhibit will take place during late April and early May, after consultation with businesses and organizations near the likely sites. The installation process will be coordinated through the City Manager's Office. The Best-in-Show award will be made to a winner to be determined by the public at a Fall citywide arts event.

1. **DNA Land** stainless steel, 7 feet high, 3 foot x 2 foot base
Tom Newport
Cedar Rapids, IA
2. **Jester** stainless steel, 7 feet high, 3 foot x 2 foot base
Tom Newport
Cedar Rapids, IA
3. **Night Blade** 10 gauge steel, 68" high, 16" x 16" base
Robert Thorpe
Cedar Rapids, IAV. Skip Willits
4. **Rules of Civility** steel, 65" high, 6 feed wide, 1 foot deep
Kristin Garnant
Camanche, IA
5. **Slight of Hand** 1/8" aluminum, 56" high on a base 28" x 16"
Robert Thorpe
Cedar Rapids, IA
6. **Wild Flowers** welded steel, 7 feet high on a 2 foot x 2 foot base
Robert Lamberson
Dannebrog, NE

Alternates:

Double Wave, Mark Baker (Cedar Rapids), 98" tall, 24" x 20" base, stainless steel
Dandelion Dance, Mary Jane Lamberson (Dannebrog, NE), 7.5 feet tall, 3 foot x 2 foot base
Picassa's Doll, Robert Lambertson (Dannebrog, NE), 7 feet tall, 1 foot x 1 foot base

Current Art Around the Corner funds	\$4000.00	
Honorarium to be paid to Artists	\$2400.00	(six pieces @ \$400.00 each)
Best-in-Show award	\$500.00	(to be determined in September)

2008-2009 AAtC Committee: Steven Kawaler, Jerry Knox, and Dirk Lenhart