

# AMES PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

July 20, 2009

Mayor Ann Campbell  
Members of the City Council  
City of Ames  
515 Clark Avenue  
Ames, IA 50010

Dear Mayor Campbell and Council Members:

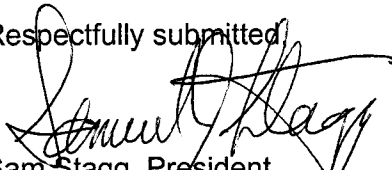
The Ames Public Art Commission respectfully requests your approval to spend \$5,000 in our 'donated funds' account. We are proposing these funds to be designated toward the acquisition of the first of two Priscilla Sage pieces to be hung in the Ames Auditorium lobby.

This installation is in collaboration with the Ames Town & Gown organization to celebrate their 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary in October of this year. The PAC would like to propose purchasing two wall reliefs and the Town & Gown organization will be purchasing one piece made up of six small ceiling hung elements. We would like to formally request that all three pieces be permanently installed in the lobby of the Auditorium and be considered city property contributing successfully to the growing archive of public art. It is the intention of the PAC that the two pieces purchased by the PAC will be funded by the aforementioned donated funds and private donations.

The cost of the two pieces will amount to two installments of \$8,000 for each wall relief for a grand total of \$16,000. The first installment is due in January of 2010, \$5,000 of which will be fulfilled by the donated funds. The remaining \$3,000 will be provided by private funding raised by efforts of our recently appointed Fund Raising Committee that took effect July 1, 2009. The second installment is due in January of 2012 as it is 'on loan' from the artist up to this time. The majority of this installment will be funded by private donations, also to be raised by the Fund Raising Committee of the PAC. It is our request to purchase and place these pieces contingent upon adequate funds raised by the specified dates mentioned above. We feel the remainder of this year and the next two and one half years will provide ample time to raise the necessary funds to purchase these two great pieces and further the cause of public art in Ames.

Thank you very much for your consideration to spend the donated funds and to place these pieces in the Ames Auditorium Lobby. We very much appreciate your on-going support of public art for the City of Ames. We look forward to your response.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Sam Stagg, President  
City of Ames Public Art Commission