



OPEN APPLICATION: Noblesville Preservation Alliance Lighting Contest

The Noblesville Preservation Alliance Presents the First Annual Seminary Park Lighted Sculpture Contest. The Preservation Alliance will be celebrating the holidays by creating a lighting display in Seminary Park using vintage and antique lights and decorations from Noblesville's past. They want to continue the tradition of developing iconic Noblesville holiday displays by hosting this Lighted Sculpture Contest. Applicants are encouraged to create lighted sculptures inspired by Noblesville's history and heritage to be displayed in Seminary Park from Dec 7th, 2018 through January 4th, 2019. The sculptures will then become a part of the Preservation Alliance's permanent collection and will be displayed in future years. The contest will be judged in two ways: one prize (Best in Show) will be awarded by a judge or judges appointed by Nickel Plate Arts, and three other prizes will be awarded by audience vote. The Nickel Plate Arts prize, "Best in Show" winner will receive \$300, First Place will receive \$250, Second Place will receive \$100, and Third Place will receive \$50.

DEADLINE FOR APPLICATION:

Sunday, November 4th

ELIGIBILITY:

To be eligible to submit for this opportunity, artists must:

- Be able to meet all of the project requirements (see below)
- Be age 18 or over or be part of a team with a legal adult

THE CONTEST:

- To apply, artists/artist teams must email the following information to ahead@noblesville.in.us by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov 4th:
 - o Artist(s) Name
 - o Artist email address
 - o Artist phone number
- All artists who reply will receive a confirmation email within 48 hours.
- Once confirmed, artists will have until Nov 28th to create their pieces.
- Each artist or artist team must take two photographs of their finished sculpture – one with the sculpture's lights on and one with the lights off - and email those 2 photographs to ahead@noblesville.in.us no later than 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov 28th, along with a short description of your piece and how it connects to Noblesville's history.
- Artists will receive an email confirming receipt of their photos and description within 24 hours.
- Once the photos are received and approved, members of the Noblesville Preservation Alliance will contact each artist to arrange an exact time for installing their piece in Seminary Park.
- All pieces will be install by dusk on Saturday, December 1st.
- All pieces will be accompanied by a label with the artists' name and information about the historical connection that inspired the piece.



- All artwork MUST:
 - o Be free-standing, without any risk of tipping falling, blowing over in the wind, or snagging or scratching passersby
 - o Include lights, preferably utilizing LED bulbs.
 - o Be built and wired for outdoor display, including all types of weather
 - o Be wired to plug into a standard electrical outlet
 - o Be easily transported in a small truck or other standard vehicle

SPECIAL NOTE:

NO ARTWORK WILL BE RETURNED TO ARTISTS AFTER THIS CONTEST.

All submitted artwork will become the property of the Preservation Alliance and will be added to the Alliance's collection of holiday lights. The Alliance reserves the right to dispose of or alter any piece as they see fit. The Alliance will strive to notify the artist before that artists' work is altered or removed from the collection, but this contact is not guaranteed.

PRIZES:

As mentioned above, the prizes will be:

Nickel Plate Arts 'Best In Show': \$300

First Place (by popular vote): \$250

Second Place (by popular vote): \$100

Third Place (by popular vote): \$50

Additional prizes and awards may be added as the project evolves.

RESOURCES:

The Preservation Alliance suggests the following subjects and icons to help inspire your work:

Star Brick, the Noblesville Courthouse, the Old Mill, the Noblesville Milling Company, Kismet Flour; historic depiction of the Noblesville Millers; Rainbo Roller Rink; ABC Drive Inn; the Diana Theatre; William Conner; Potters Bridge; the White River and its lore including the River Monster; Second Ward School; Seminary School; Wild Opera House; the Great Squirrel Stampede; the Gas Boom.

For additional ideas, contact ahead@noblesville.in.us or the Hamilton County Historical Society.

SELECTION PROCESS

Artists must submit their name, email address, and phone number to Aaron Head **by 11:59 p.m on Sunday, November 4th, 2018**. Aaron will reply with a confirmation email within 48 hours.

Note: While this is the intended application process, in the event of an insufficient number of qualified applicants, the Noblesville Preservation Alliance reserves the right to invite an artist to propose, or to directly select an artist and also reserves the right to cancel the opportunity entirely at any point and for any reason.

SELECTION CRITERIA:



The “Best in Show” award will be determined by judges appointed by Nickel Plate Arts, who will view each sculpture in Seminary Park between 5 and 6 p.m. on December 7th. The First, Second and Third place prizes will be awarded by Popular Vote, which will take place in-person via paper ballots on Friday, December 7th from 5-8 p.m.

PROJECT TIMELINE:

This timeline represents the project as it now appears. Changes may be necessary as the project progresses:

- Applications Open: Oct 12th
- Deadline for registration: Nov 4th
- Photos of finished piece due: Nov 28th by 5 p.m.
- Sculptures delivery and installation: Nov 28-Dec 1st by appointment only
- Judging: Nov 7th from 5-8 p.m.
- Winners Announced: Not before 8 p.m. on Friday, November 7th and no later than 5 pm on Saturday, Nov 8th

HOW TO APPLY:

Artists must submit the following information to ahead@noblesville.in.us:

1. ***Applicant information:***
 - a. ***Artist name***
 - b. ***Phone number:***
 - c. ***Email address:***
2. ***Artists may also include (these are NOT required):***
 - a. Website (if applicable)
 - b. Artist statement
 - c. Artist bio and/or resume
 - d. Photos of previous work
 - e. Concept sketch

DELIVERY OF SUBMISSIONS:

Application information may be emailed to Aaron Head at ahead@noblesville.in.us or hand-delivered to Aaron Head at City Hall by 11:59 p.m. on Sunday, Nov 4th. Any item that is time-stamped or postmarked as being uploaded, emailed, or delivered after 11:59 pm may be disqualified from consideration for the contest.

Final submissions (2 photos and a description of the piece’s historical connection) are due via email or in-person by 5 p.m. on Wednesday, Nov 28th. Any item that is time-stamped or postmarked as being uploaded, emailed, or delivered after 11:59 pm may be disqualified from consideration for the contest.

QUESTIONS? CONTACT:

Aaron Head, Economic Development Specialist: ahead@noblesville.in.us or 317-776-6345

OR Aili McGill, Executive Director, Nickel Plate Arts: amcgill@nickelplatearts.org or 317-452-3690