



Call for Artists – EcoArts Sculpture Walk 2020

EcoArts of Lake County is seeking artists interested in responding to the natural environment of Middletown County Trailside Park through materials and content. This 15th year of the Sculpture Walk, our primary purpose remains supporting revitalization of the land, mending of damaged ecosystems within, and dialogue with nature.

The park was incinerated in the 2015 Valley Fire. Your participation is a unique opportunity to address continuous recovery through thoughtful artistry and/or restoration. Projects will integrate the spirit and materials of the park and the 'locus' of Lake County.

The Latin term 'locus' refers to the sense of a particular place, much like the term 'terrior' is about a particular soil. The park hosted many plant and animal species and served as a natural respite for residents and visitors to Middletown CA. Submissions are due by April 6 and installation will be June 12 through June 25. A public reception will be held on June 27. Visit: www.MiddletownArtCenter.org/ecoarts to view examples of work from 2019.

Sculptures are generally de-installed Nov 1, however, work that has a positive impact on healing the natural environment may be approved to remain in the park by the County of Lake Public Services Dept.

Join us in our heartfelt efforts to restore local community culture and a beloved natural preserve!

The 2020 Walk offers:

- Public exhibition of work in dialogue with the natural environment
- Creation of work in response to a challenges and opportunities inherent to a healing ecosystems and an environment scorched by fire
- Meaningful participation in public art display, natural disaster recovery and restoration through art
- Engagement and collaboration with other artists and a unique, resilient community
- Exposure of your work: In the past the Walk had over 3,000 visitors each season.
- Documentation in a printed guide, and web-based interactive guide (including audio and video clips).
- A public reception at the Middletown County Trailside Park celebrating the exhibit, artists, ecologists, poets, and musicians, the local community, and natural preserve
- Promotion
- Participation in Lake County's and Northern California disaster recovery in a natural public space.
- Some stipends may be available for transport or for projects where community participation in creation is involved.

How to Apply:

1. Please read all the information below.
2. Visit the Middletown County Trailside Park prior to submitting an application
3. Fill out the Application and sign the Liability Waiver.
4. ***Be sure to attach a detailed sketch***

Please submit your application (or intent to submit) **by or before April 6, 2020 email to middletownartcenter@gmail.com or mail to:** EcoArts of Lake County, P.O. Box 1616, Middletown CA 95461.

Proposals will be juried. Acceptance of work will be determined by March 30 or sooner. Work must be installed June. You may request a specific site for your installation, however EcoArts reserves the right to change that location to benefit the exhibit as a whole.

Questions? Email middletownartcenter@gmail.com with subject line: Sculpture Walk or call 707-809-8118.

DETAILS:

Installations should have no negative impact on the natural environment. If we leave a footprint, it must be for an ecologic reason. Otherwise all impact needs to be mitigated. Dislodged soil will be set aside to refill any holes at the end of the exhibit. Please be sure to keep this in mind when conceiving or designing your project.

Work must remain in the park through the duration of the exhibit. If work is sold through the EcoArts exhibit, there will be a 20% commission for EcoArts. All funds support the Sculpture Walk, installation, reception, PR materials and maintenance.

An email will go out in late April inviting you to claim your space if you have not already requested one in your application, or if there is need to modify your request. A representative of EcoArts will be on hand to schedule a walk of potential sites.

If the work at time of installation is not what was represented in the application or is of an unsuitable quality, EcoArts reserves the right to not include the work. EcoArts is responsible to the county of Lake and to the Middletown Community to uphold the site-specific nature and objectives of this exhibit.

SUMMARY OF INSTALLATION CRITERIA:

- Sensitivity to the site must be maintained at all times.
- ALL use of seeds or vegetation must be pre-approved.
- All artwork must be fabricated to withstand high summer temperatures, some light rain, winds, and be of an enduring nature to last for the 4+ months the exhibit is on view and/or for the long term if applicable.
- What comes in goes out. You are responsible for setting up and removing pieces within specified dates at the beginning and end of the event. Installation: May 12 through May 29; De-installation Beginning November over a 7-day span TBD.
- Driving access on the trail is available to drop materials at, or close to your installation site by arrangement with EcoArts staff.
- There is no water or electricity at the park; if you need it, please bring it.
- Artwork should be secured and/or anchored so as not to blow away or tear apart.
- No boring into trees or shrubs. If you need to secure to a tree or shrub we recommend using anchoring devices and/or wire, however wire may not cut into trees or shrubs. Please contact us for advise on anchoring or securing work.
- Any site-specific branch/brush/vine clearing needs approval and involvement of the project coordinator.
- Any holes dug need to be filled in when we de-install in November

We look forward to your participation!



**ECOARTS: LAKE COUNTY SCULPTURE WALK 2020
APPLICATION, ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS AND LIABILITY**

We use information from this application to describe you and your piece in the self-guided tour book available to all visitors. We will discuss the text with you before it is published. It is imperative that work be installed June 12 - 25, so we can include a photograph of your work for the guide, and curate the show as a whole.

Please attach additional sheet, sketches or files as necessary

Artist Name:

Affiliation or Group Name:

Mailing Address and Street Address:

Phone: Fax: Email:

Website Address:

Project Title:

Overall Dimensions: Approximate Weight:

Could your piece require engineering expertise?

Mediums and Materials:

Describe a general concept of your piece. Please explain how it relates, or dialogs with the park. Attach a detailed sketch.

Will the piece be secured? If so, how?

Will you need help with installation and/or any heavy equipment?

Have you selected a specific site along the Walk? Y ____ N ____

If so, describe where it is as specifically as possible using the attached app. EcoArts will let you know if the space is available

ECOARTS 2020 Artist Participation Acknowledgements

(Please initial each statement)

- I/We understand guidelines set forth in the EcoArts Application preamble
- I/We understand that any live material **MUST** be pre-approved
- I/We acknowledge all material brought into the Park leaves the Park at the end of exhibit unless otherwise determined.
- I/We acknowledge we are responsible for setting up and removing pieces within the specified time allowances.
- I/We agree to maintain an environmental sensitivity to the Park and that no trees or shrubs will be harmed.
- I/We have signed County / EcoArts Liability Waiver (below) and attached hereto.
- I/We acknowledge that no insurance is available for theft or vandalism of work unless pre approves by EcoArts of Lake County.

County of Lake/EcoArts of Lake County and Middletown Art Center (MAC) Liability Waiver

RELEASE OF ALL CLAIMS AND OF LIABILITY

The undersigned does hereby certify that he/she is over 18 years of age, or if underage has parental consent and take responsibility and hereby, for himself/herself, him/her heirs, executors and assigned, releases and forever discharges the County of Lake and/or EcoArts of Lake County and/or Middletown Art Center (MAC), their officers, employees and agents from all liability, claims, demands, damages, actions or causes of action arising from or by reason of any injury to or death of any person, or any damage to or destruction of property resulting from or arising out of any accident or occurrence during or in connection with the EcoArts Sculpture Walk 2020, whether or not such injury, death, damage or destruction is caused, or alleged to be caused, by the negligence, active or passive, of the County of Lake and/or EcoArts of Lake County, MAC and/or their officers, employees and agents.

This release is given in consideration of and as a condition of the County of Lake and/or EcoArts of Lake County and/or MAC, their officers, agents and employees permitting the undersigned and the EcoArts Sculpture Walk to use County property as the site for the 2020 exhibit at the Middletown County Trailside Park.

This release is to include, but not be limited to, any claim, demand, or cause of action which might be caused by any act, or failure to act, of the County of Lake and/or EcoArts of Lake County, MAC and/or their officers, agents or employees.

I, the undersigned, have read this release and understand all its terms. I execute it voluntarily and with full knowledge of its significance.

Signature / Date