

FAIRFIELD ART ASSOCIATION'S 2026 17th Annual Downtown Summer Art Installation

"250TH FIRE CRACKER"

The Spark that Started it All

SPONSOR HICKENBOTTOM INC, WHO DONATED THE PIPES FOR FIRECRACKERS

PROJECT GUIDELINES FOR ARTISTS/PARTICIPANTS

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Fairfield Art Association's 2026 summer art installation "FIRECRACKER" will be created by artists & fine craftsman and placed in up to 20 different downtown garden nodes for public viewing & enjoyment. The project will enhance Fairfield tourism and promote local artists. Exhibit will open on June 5, a First Friday Event, and remain on display throughout the summer. A Silent Auction of the Entries and Favorite Vote will begin August 3, concluding September 4th. Sale Proceeds divided equally between participant & FAA.

SUBJECT MATTER: Think "Red, White & Blue" Designs & Paintings, Stars & stripes, Americana, anything 4th of July, Picnics, Cornfields, Blue Skies, Cherry Pie, Family Celebrations". Subject matter must be in good community taste. **NO POLITICAL COMMENTS, REFERANCES, OR DESIGNS. FAA RESERVES THE RIGHT TO REMOVE ANY THAT DO NOT FOLLOW THESE GUIDELINES.**

PARTICIPATION: Individual adult artists & fine crafts people, or creative groups or businesses, are invited. **LET US KNOW IF YOU ARE PARTICIPATING ASAP-** email suzan1252@aol.com or stop in FAA, T-F 1-5pm.

MATERIALS: We will provide the 5ft tall x 6" wide pvc pipe. Use a spray paint primer that adheres to plastic before you do any painting. Spray painting is easy— probably white color. All types of materials can be added to the pipe as long as they become permanently attached: metal, plastic, wire, mesh screen, screws, use of recycled, found or handmade items encouraged. Drilling holes allows some attaching of ropes or running something from hole to hole. Any glue/adhesive used must be weatherproof. (Hot glue does NOT work) No sharp edge pieces. Solar lights can be used. All materials must be weatherproof and construction sturdy. A protective clear coating should be used when finished to protect from weather .

SIZE & INSTALLION REQUIREMENTS:

Completed work must be designed to slip over the poles downtown – this means nothing in side the pole should prevent this. The finished pipe must not be too heavy to lift above the pole. Embellishments/attached items should only extend up to 2 ft in any direction to avoid plants in the garden nodes.

ADDITIONAL: Artwork must be safe to handle – no sharp edges or hazardous materials. Finished art pieces become the property of the FAA. We reserve the right to reject a creation for inferior craftsmanship or quality to withstand weather. Direct Questions to FAA or Suzan Kessel, email suzan1252@aol.com or call 641- 919-2121.

COMPLETION DATE: Bring completed Artwork to the FAA Studio between June 2 -4 to be installed prior to June 5. If the piece is awkward to transport & handle, it can be delivered to installation site. Self-installation can be done with our instructions at your assigned location. Location depends on your design and plant growth at nodes.

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PARTICIPANT ENTRY FORM

We have up to 20 places for installation and need to know our participants as soon possible.
If you would like to participate, please provide the following information to be used in promotion and advertising our project. Return as soon as possible to suzan1252@aol.com or Fairfield Art Association Studio, in FA&CC, 200 N. Main, Fairfield, IA 52556. OPEN Th-F, 1-5 PM

ARTIST NAME/CONTACT PERSON _____

BUSINESS NAME if applicapable _____

ADDRESS _____

PHONE _____ EMAIL _____

MEDIA WORKING IN _____

DESCRIBE BASIC IDEA _____

I can help with installation _____yes _____No

I have read and understand the project guidelines and agree to follow in theme and content.

Signature

Date

Please make a copy of this information for yourself.

Additional Information we will need at time of artwork delivery:

TITLE OF ART ENTRY _____

NAMES of ALL THOSE WORKING ON THIS ART PIECE _____

VALUE of ART ENTRY (approx) _____ for auctioning – although there are no guarantees of selling price.

LIST of MATERIALS USED _____

PHOTOGRAPHS DURING CONSTRUCTION or after finished can be emailed to suzan1252@aol.com for our website or special promotional stories. Please share with us. Questions to Suzan Kessel suzan1252@aol.com or 641-919-2121