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CALL FOR MURAL ARTISTS
LACKAWANNA COUNTY – BRIDGE MURAL
MOSCOW BOROUGH and JESSUP BOROUGH COMPETITION

(NOTE budget and supply list not required as possibly stated)

Lackawanna County is sponsoring a mural competition for two rail bridges in Moscow and Jessup Boroughs. Experienced mural artists are invited to submit designs capturing the essence of these boroughs. The winning design will be selected by the respective boroughs and selected artists will be notified in August, 2014 and have until November 1, 2014 to complete murals. Artists may submit designs for both bridges. Moscow bridge award is \$9,000 and Jessup Bridge is \$8,000. Supplies and any equipment are the responsibility of the artist. Bridges must be complete no later than November 1, 2014.

ELIGIBILITY: Applicants must be at least 18 years old and reside in Northeastern, PA including the counties of Lackawanna, Luzerne, Monroe, Wyoming, Pike, Wayne or Susquehanna. Artists MUST have previous experience painting murals. Applicants without previous experience will not be considered. Artists may apply to paint one or both bridges but separate applications must be submitted.

DESIGN AREA: The competition requires artists to paint both entrances into the bridges including the top of the bridge and the winged sides. Inside of bridge does not have to be painted except for the town name and date established somewhere on the inside. Please see photos and specifications.

TO APPLY: E-mail Submission Only. Quality jpeg of 300 dpi of artwork. Up to THREE (3) images and PDF with artist information including; mural experience with file name: *yourlastnamemural.pdf*. Please see specific questions on page 2. Please send e-mail in PDF format with filename *yourlastnamemural.pdf* to arts-culture@lackawannacounty.org

INFORMATION SESSIONS: # 1 **Wednesday, July 23, 2014 at 6 p.m.** at the Moscow Bridge,
Rte 435 at S. Main Street and Market Street, Moscow, PA 18444
2 **Wednesday, July 30, 2014 at 6 p.m.** at the Jessup Bridge
Constitution Avenue and Delaware Street, Jessup, PA 18434

DEADLINE: Applications must be submitted **by 4 p.m. Friday, August 15, 2014**

AWARDS: There will be a separate award for each bridge as each has its own specifications. Artist is responsible for obtaining paint and other supplies including any equipment that has to be rented. The county will only be issuing the cash awards which were calculated factoring in cost of supplies, equipment rental and labor. An artist may submit an application for both bridges.

Moscow Bridge Award - \$9,000
Jessup Bridge Award - \$8,000

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APPLICATION REQUIREMENTS

Artists must have previous mural experience and submit their background with murals in the application. Unqualified applicants will not be eligible. Review design specifications and submit the following through email to arts-culture@lackawannacounty.org

- A. Design Art Work: Should reflect the unique character of Jessup and Moscow. Only the sides of the bridges and top (part under rail road track) should be designed-not the curved interior-although the name and date borough was established should be painted inside. Please send high quality .jpegs of at least 300 dpi.
- B. PDF of Artist Information up to four pages, 12 pt. font, written description including
 1. Name
 2. Address
 3. If part of a team please list additional artist name(s)
 4. Phone number
 5. Email address
 6. Web site (if applicable)
 7. Where you learned of this opportunity
 8. Title of work (if applicable)
 9. Experience in working on mural projects (can also include a bio or resume)
 10. Two references who can comment on your work as a muralist
 11. If you carry liability insurance (not mandatory for selection)
 12. Samples of previous mural work up to FIVE (5) images.
- C. Submissions should be emailed to arts-culture@lackawannacounty.org
 1. File Format the file emailed should be in a PDF format
 2. File name your last name (space) and the word mural.pdf
 3. Example Smith mural.pdf

SELECTION PROCESS AND AWARD

Jessup and Moscow Boroughs will put together separate review panels with the aid of Lackawanna County to choose the mural they feel best represents their boroughs. Selected artists will be notified by the end of August, 2014. The artist for the Moscow Bridge will receive \$9,000 and the Jessup Bridge will receive \$8,000. The award amount is to cover labor and supplies. The artist is responsible for securing supplies and items such as scaffolding, scissor lift, etc. In exchange for the award, the selected artist agrees will sign an agreement with Lackawanna County who will have exclusive rights to the mural design, although the artist will maintain overall rights to the design.

DESIGN SPECIFICATIONS

Locations and Description

Moscow Borough: Moscow Rail Bridge located Route 435, S. Main Street and Market Street.

Jessup Borough: Jessup Rail Bridge is located at Constitution Avenue and Delaware Street.

Theme and Style

Design Area: The entrances to the bridge including sides and top and a logo/name of borough and date established painted somewhere inside-to be determined after design selection.

Design Guidelines: Designs should capture the flavor and identity of the respective boroughs and what makes them each unique. Things to consider: history, people, contemporary life, landscape, organizations, schools, sports, festivals, industries, recreation, etc. Artists are encouraged to research and visit the boroughs.

Information: The boroughs may provide helpful information. The Lackawanna County Arts and Culture Department will also be collecting any helpful information from the boroughs and forwarding to artists. Artist may contact the as Department of Arts and Culture for additional information at: arts-culture@lackawanancounty.org

TIMELINE:

- July 15, 2014: Artist Call available for distribution
- July 23, 2014: Moscow Bridge information session, 6:00 p.m.
- July 30, 2014: Jessup Bridge information session, 6:00 p.m.
- August 15, 2014: Application Due Date, by 4 p.m.
- August 16 to August 22, 2014: Design Review
- August 25, 2014: Winning Artist contacted
- August 25, 2014:
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October 31, 2014: } Mural Painting
- November 1, 2014: Murals complete