

PAINT THE DRAIN ART CONTEST GUIDELINES

Keep Wimberley Beautiful is seeking local High School artists to paint storm drains in Wimberley. This contest is being held to promote awareness of stormwater pollution prevention and the role it plays in keeping our waters clean and safe by using storm drains as a canvas to educate residents about stormwater pollution through art. The goal of these colorful murals is to capture the attention of those who pass by, help them understand where the stormwater that enters their storm drain flows and get them thinking about what they can do to prevent stormwater pollution.

Did you know that anything in our environment can end up in the rivers, creeks and swimming holes in Wimberley? As water flows over land, streets and parking lots after a rain event, numerous contaminants including trash, chemicals, pet waste, motor oil, yard clippings, sediment, and fertilizers are collected along the way. Any of these contaminants entering storm drains ultimately end up in rivers, creeks, and our swimming holes, impacting water quality and sensitive aquatic ecosystems. What can we do about this problem? Educate – spread the word to stop litter and other pollutants from ending up in our waterways. The 2026 Paint the Drains Art Contest seeks to use art to educate the public about watershed health. The winners will have the opportunity to paint their creations on one of three designated storm drains in Wimberley.

ELIGIBILITY:

Art submission is open to all Wimberley High School students, Katherine Ann Porter School students and Wimberley homeschooled High School students. Applicants must be at least 14 years of age. Minor entrants must have parental permission waiver.

APPLICATION PROCESS:

Applications can be submitted by email to: keepwimberleybeautiful@gmail.com

Applications and designs must be received by May 15, 2026.

Artists must submit the design as it would be painted.

DESIGN CRITERIA:

The design must reflect at least one of the following art themes or similar:

- Relationship between stormwater runoff and local water sources; or
- The connections between people, local wildlife habitat, and our treasured waterways;
- Why only rain should enter the storm drain

No spray paint or airbrushing is permitted due to proximity to a storm drain. Artists must prevent paint or brush rinse water from entering the storm drain.

Artwork must be original. Designs may not include the use of intellectual property, trademarks, brands, images of illegal activity, or involve the attachment of any object to the storm drain.

The work must be appropriate to be viewed by all ages.

To deter graffiti vandalism, designs may not mimic or emulate the style of tags or graffiti.

The storm drain may not be used for advertisement or to promote a business, non-profit, political organization, product, or viewpoint.

All mural supplies and painting costs are covered through this program. There is no cost to the applicant.

WINNER CRITERIA:

Winning designs will be selected by a committee. Committee decisions are final and are not subject to challenge. Three entries will be selected based on the design criteria. Artists will be notified if and when their design is selected.

The winning artists will receive \$100 in compensation for their artwork. Artist payment will occur after the completion of the work. All participating artists will receive certificates of recognition and be featured on Keep Wimberley Beautiful's website and social media.

All entries submitted into the Paint the Drains Art Contest will first be reviewed for their validity meeting the guidelines, rules, and restrictions of the contest. Those meeting the minimum guidelines will be eligible to move onto the next round of judging.

- The art must be original. Confirmation of this must be signed in the release form.
- A maximum of ten colors can be used on each art design.
- Art must be easily replicated on a concrete surface.
- Entries must be digital format, either .jpg, .png, or .pdf.

What should the chosen artists expect?

- Chosen artists will be notified by phone or email with art installation instructions. If chosen, artists will complete their art installation on a weekend in early Summer 2026, weather permitting.
- Chosen artists will receive formal recognition from The City of Wimberley and Keep Wimberley Beautiful as well as a \$100 compensation for their design.
- Service hours will be awarded for the time spent painting the storm drain.
- Artists may be called upon for media events such as interviews or photo opportunities.

Timeline:

Submission deadline: May 15, 2026

Winners Announced: June 2026

Installation: Summer 2026 – Specific Date(s) TBD

INSTALLATION:

Artists will paint the submitted mural design onto a storm drain assigned by Keep Wimberley Beautiful. All drains vary slightly in size, and two have a round drain cover, so designs must be able to be scaled to fit the designated drain.

Paint will be provided in addition to basic supplies including brushes and mixing containers. Safety cones, vests, knee pads and shade cover will be provided for installation of the art.

The artist may bring someone to help with the painting. Installation will take place on a weekend and should be completed the same day to prevent any issues from arising before sealant can be applied.

Storm Drains will be coated with primer prior to artist installation. A protective sealant will be applied by KWB after the murals are painted.

ARTIST RESPONSIBILITIES

- The selected artist shall be responsible for painting their design.
- The selected artist shall wear a safety vest during all painting.
- The selected artist shall be responsible for making sure no paint enters the storm drain during installation.
- The selected artist shall indemnify Keep Wimberley Beautiful and the City of Wimberley, and hold Keep Wimberley Beautiful and the City harmless, from any claims arising out of the artwork.

KEEP WIMBERLEY BEAUTIFUL RESPONSIBILITIES

- KWB will power wash each storm drain prior to painting.
- KWB will use primer to prep each drain prior to painting. A protective sealant and safety grip will be applied after the murals are painted.
- Keep Wimberley Beautiful will provide paints, brushes, knee pads, containers for paint mixing, and shade cover.
- A City of Wimberley representative will meet with each artist at their assigned storm drain on the day of painting to review safety procedures and provide support, as requested; however, City staff will not help with painting.
- Keep Wimberley Beautiful will handle all marketing and PR for this project including posting pictures of the storm drains online and include a bio of the artist.

ARTIST INFORMATION/LIABILITY WAIVER:

Due to the public nature of this artwork and the possibility that the artwork may be vandalized, artists applying for this project must accept the risk that their artwork may be damaged, altered, or removed without notification and that the City of Wimberley and Keep Wimberley Beautiful are not responsible for maintaining the artwork once it is completed. Drain murals are expected to last approximately 3 years before needing to be repainted with a new design.

The artist further grants the City of Wimberley and Keep Wimberley Beautiful the exclusive right to reproduce, distribute, use, and display, in any medium, the selected artwork. City retains the sole right to remove all or a portion of the artwork at its discretion.

ARTIST'S APPLICATION

2026 Storm Drain Art Contest Application due: **May 15, 2026**

Artist Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State: _____

Zip: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Title of work: _____

Briefly describe your interest in participating in this project: _____

Briefly describe the artwork in this proposal: _____

ARTIST CERTIFICATION STATEMENT

I have read through the guidelines thoroughly, including information on eligibility, design criteria, selection, installation, copyright, and terms of agreement and agree to the guidelines.

- I certify that this artwork is my own and that reproduction will not violate the rights of any third party.
- I understand that this artwork will become the property of the City of Wimberley and Keep Wimberley Beautiful and may be displayed publicly.
- I understand that my name and artwork may appear in media releases and may be used in future promotions for water quality protection and education.
- I certify that all information provided on this application is true and complete.

Artist Signature: _____

Printed Name _____

Date: _____

I certify that I am the parent or legal guardian of the minor participant, and I give the minor consent to participate in the Paint the Drains Art Contest upon reading through the guidelines thoroughly, including information on eligibility, design criteria, selection, installation, copyright, and terms of agreement and agree to the guidelines. I certify that all information provided on this application is true and complete.

Parent or Legal Guardian Signature: _____

Printed Name _____

Date: _____

Submissions should be emailed to keepwimberleybeautiful@gmail.com no later than May 15, 2026.

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

1. Can I sign my artwork?

Answer: Yes, signatures are optional and may be included. There is a size limitation of 4" x 12".

2. How long will my design be visible?

Answer: For as long as the paint lasts! We will be using a type of paint designed to achieve a long-lasting finish on exterior surfaces, concrete, and masonry. Your artwork will likely be on display for 3 years!

3. What support will be given to the artist?

Answer: All materials for the project will be provided by Keep Wimberley Beautiful, including paints, brushes, knee pads, containers for paint mixing, and shade cover. Artists will be provided with training before they begin painting regarding safety and pollution prevention. Traffic cones and safety vests will also be used. Information about the artist and their artwork will be shared through Keep Wimberley Beautiful social media.

4. Where are the drains?

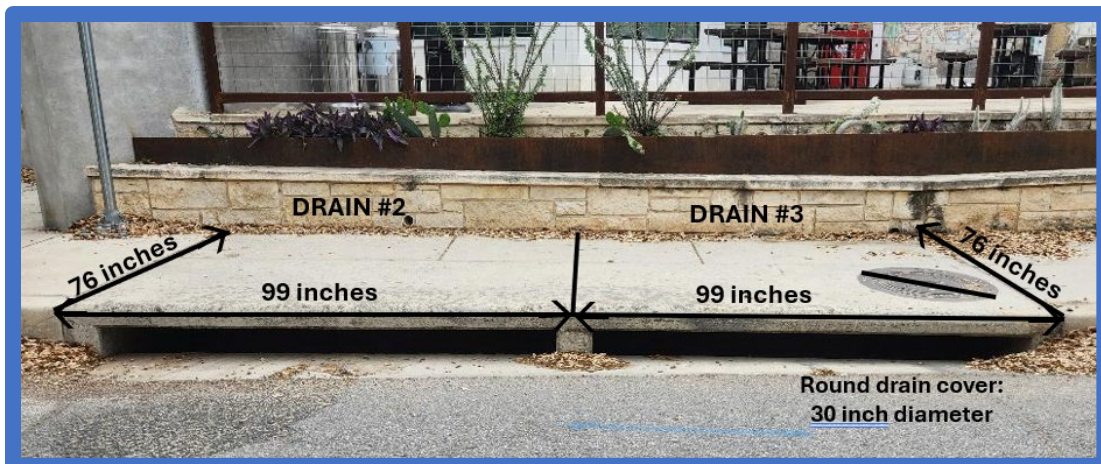
Answer: The drains are near the Wimberley Square on Old Kyle Road; the specific drain the artist will paint shall be assigned by Keep Wimberley Beautiful. Pictures of the three drains are provided below.

DRAINS WILL BE ASSIGNED TO ARTISTS BY KEEP WIMBERLEY BEAUTIFUL

STORM DRAIN #1 – OLD KYLE ROAD



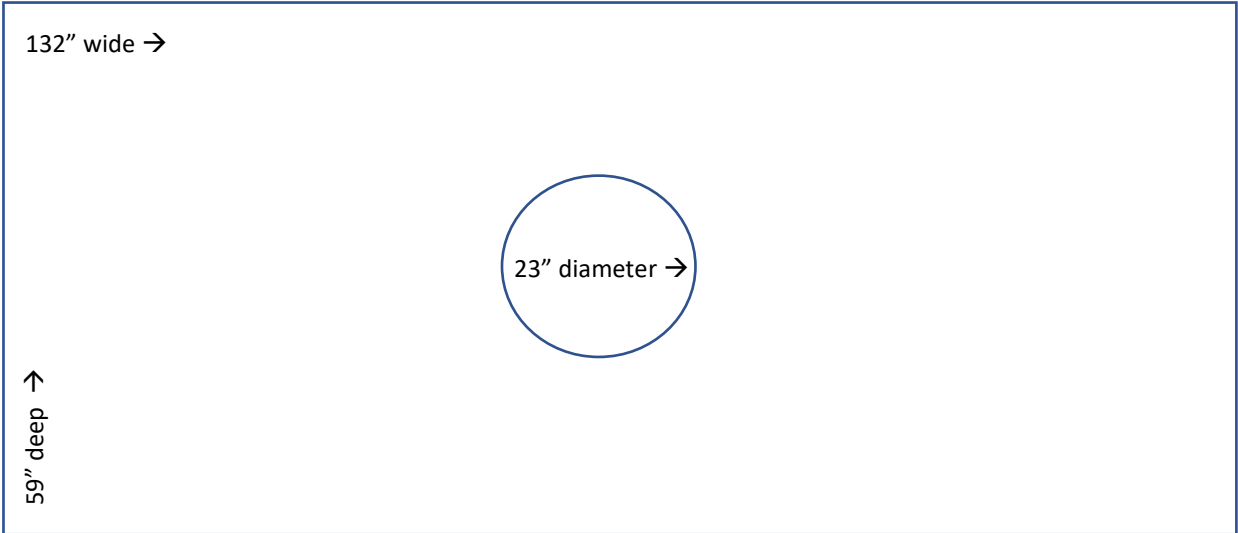
STORM DRAINS #2 AND #3 – OLD KYLE ROAD



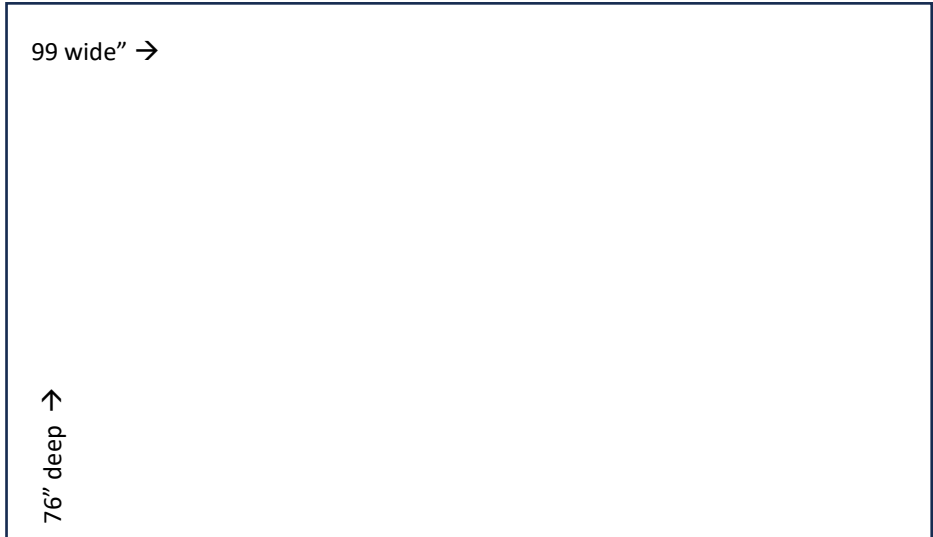
DESIGN TEMPLATES

Below are schematics of the storm drains. Please use this as a template to create and help scale your mural artwork.

Template Drain # 1



Template Drain #2



Template Drain #3

