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**Glen Ellyn Public Art Work Group Announces
Call for Artists for Commemorative Mural Project**

GLEN ELLYN, IL – The Glen Ellyn Public Art Work Group, sponsored by the Village of Glen Ellyn, is pleased to announce a Call for Artists for a significant public mural project. This initiative seeks to commission a talented artist to create a compensated public mural that will enhance the community's visual landscape and honor its rich history. The project coincides with the 250th anniversary of the signing of the Declaration of Independence, celebrating Glen Ellyn's unique character and its enduring commitment to public art.

Project Overview

The selected artist will design and install a mural on the exterior brick wall of the Glen Ellyn Historical Center, located at 800 Main Street, Glen Ellyn, IL. The mural will be approximately 12 feet high by 125 feet long. The central theme for the mural is a historical timeline illustrating Glen Ellyn's evolution from 1776 to 2026.

The chosen artist will be responsible for all project aspects, including concept development, final design, project coordination, timeline management, material procurement, fabrication, equipment, full installation, and site cleanup.

Project Timeline

Call for Artists Issued: February 2026

Submission Deadline: March 16, 2026

Proposal Review Period: March 17–27, 2026

Artist Notification: April 13, 2026

Winning Proposal Announcement: April 20, 2026

Project Completion: June 19, 2026

Artist Requirements and Submission

Applicants should possess demonstrated experience with large-scale public art projects, previous outdoor mural or public installation work, and a portfolio showcasing technical proficiency and artistic excellence. Artists must submit a narrative statement, a visual depiction of the concept (rendering, sketch), a proposed list of materials, a current résumé or CV, and a portfolio of past work. An artistic approach and concept specifically for the Glen Ellyn historical timeline theme are also required.

This is a paid opportunity to create a lasting public artwork that will serve as a cultural landmark for generations. Interested artists are encouraged to submit their applications by March 16, 2026.

For submissions, questions, and additional information please contact:

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About the Glen Ellyn Public Art Work Group

The Glen Ellyn Public Art Work Group is dedicated to enriching the community through public art initiatives, fostering cultural engagement, and celebrating the unique heritage of Glen Ellyn, IL.

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