

Artist: Sandra Bacon and John Hatlestad



Somerville Arts Council

CALL TO ARTISTS

Wood Workers & Sculptors

ABOUT THE CALL:

The Somerville Arts Council in conjunction with City of Somerville's Public Space and Urban Forestry Division is seeking an experienced wood working artist for a public art project: To revive a deceased tree at our local Marshall Street Playground. We want to show the vibrancy of Somerville, a design that is bold and stands out from a distance, yet reveals more subtle details upon closer inspection. The design can be additive or subtractive, meaning we are open to sculptural elements in addition to woodcarving.

How to Apply:

Provide the following information in a Word doc or PDF (**label with LAST_FIRST NAME_TREE**):

1. Contact info: Name, E-mail, Phone, Website or Online Portfolio
2. Explain how, if chosen, you would realize your design and how you envision the design to ensure longevity. What tools and methods will provide stability to your design? Be specific, convince us that you could pull this off, and demonstrate your track record by telling us about previous large-scale public art work.
3. Please describe in narrative form your ideas for the tree, if desired provide concept drawings.
4. Somerville affiliation (if any).

As email Attachment (**label with LAST_FIRST NAME**):

1. If applicable, examples of previous work no more than seven JPGS or Specific Website

Deadline and where to send application:

Deadline: March 30, 2020

Send applications to: imenjivar@somervillema.gov, subject line: Tree Project

Please keep in mind the following criteria:

- Objects created will not help to climb the tree or cause attached objects to fall or need maintenance. It is important that the final product be safe for children and not something they could climb and fall from.
- We are looking for experienced artists who are comfortable working with the appropriate equipment and at heights required for this project. Selected artists must follow safety criteria.
- Tree Specs: 8ft tall. 30 in diameter.

Compensation: \$2500 for supplies and labor, paid on completion of the tree sculpture.

See examples of artists collaborating with the
Chicago Tree Project:

<https://www.chicagotreeproject.org/trees-2/>



Artist: Indira and Karl Johnson, Courtesy of the Chicago Tree Project



Marshall Street Playground Tree

Height: 8 Feet

Diameter: 30 inches