



**Call to Artists – City of Auburn
2015 BenchMarks**

BenchMarks is a City of Auburn program that showcases local community transformations of benches that are placed in outdoor locations for all to sit, relax and enjoy.

The City of Auburn is seeking 2 artists/artist teams for the transformation of benches to be used as examples for community participation. Ten to fifteen benches designed by community organizations will be placed throughout downtown Auburn from July through October, 2015. The Green River Community College Construction Department will be fabricating the wooden benches. Artists/artist teams are offered \$250.00 for the transformation of a bench.

Alterations to the bench must be safe to sit upon, appropriately designed, and able to withstand outdoor weather including rain, wind, hail etc. for up to 6 months, i.e. no absorbent materials. Benches will be available in Late March/ April and artists will have 2 weeks to modify the bench. The benches will be used as examples to encourage community participation and showcase artistic quality and innovative use of materials. This is not a fundraiser, and benches will not be sold following the display.

To apply, email the following by March 23, 2015, 5pm to calltoartists@auburnwa.gov. Inquiries can be directed to Maija McKnight, Arts Coordinator, 253-804-5043.

- Description or sketch of proposed technique/idea for bench transformation
- If you have previous work that demonstrates ability/method please attach images
- Use of materials beyond a painted surface is highly encouraged.
- If you seek to paint the surface, images of 3 examples of previous artwork is required
- Optional: Resume

