



The City of Auburn is seeking community participation for its inaugural BenchMarks community art program! Will you help us build community in Auburn through art?

**What is BenchMarks?**

This program will showcase local community transformations of benches that are placed in outdoor locations for all members of our community to use and enjoy. The City of Auburn is seeking 10 organizations to design and transform a bench that will be placed throughout Auburn from July through October, 2015.

**How can I participate?**

To participate, email the following by April 13, 2015, 5pm to [calltoartists@auburnwa.gov](mailto:calltoartists@auburnwa.gov). Inquiries can be directed to Maija McKnight, Arts Coordinator, 253-804-5043. Each organization is individually responsible for art supplies and material, but a \$50 reimbursement will be available with kept receipts.

- Name and contact information of main “artists”, and community group
- Description or sketch of proposed technique/idea for bench transformation
- If you have previous work that demonstrates bench alteration please attach images

**Where will the benches be placed?**

Benches will be placed and secured in locations throughout Auburn. If your organization would like to be considered to host a bench at a publically accessible outdoor location, please let us know.

**What are the bench design guidelines?**

- 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  
Organizations will be acknowledged in all media and signage associated with this program.
- Use of sealant or protective surface required to help the surface treatment last
- The benches are not intended as signs or advertisements but can be thematically decorated to reflect the mission of your organization
- Benches will be available in April and need to be returned by June
- Additional information upon application and selection will be provided

The City of Auburn Arts Commission greatly appreciates your interest in its arts programs. I look forward to working with you, and if you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Maija McKnight".

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