



August 10, 2010

Quilters:

The Dakota County Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee (PAC) invites Dakota County quilters who are residents of Dakota County to submit an entry for an exhibit at the County's Northern Service Center in West St. Paul. The exhibit will run for six months. The Northern Service Center is located at 1 Mendota Road West, West St. Paul, MN 55118. Please distribute this letter to interested quilters.

Entries will be selected for inclusion in the exhibition by the PAC using the criteria below:

1. Subject Matter -- Quilts reflect the culture and tradition of the county's residents – submit your favorite quilt today and give your fellow residents a glimpse into this important element of arts culture in Dakota County
2. Quilts must have been assembled by quilters living in Dakota County. Quilts may be hand or machine sewn, and may be based on existing patterns or be completely original in design. Given the short time before this exhibition begins, it is NOT expected that quilters will create a quilt from scratch for this exhibition, existing quilts created by the quilter may be submitted.
3. Artistic Excellence – Quilts must be of high aesthetic and production quality and be less than 5 years old.
4. Condition – Quilts must be ready to exhibit (sewn or basted sleeve attached)
5. Size – the size may range from 12" X 12" to 7'6" X 10'
6. Appropriateness to Site (size, theme, etc. must complement the site and exhibit)
7. Community Values (appropriate for viewing by all audiences)

The PAC reserves the right to reject any submission that cannot be safely or securely displayed (as determined by the PAC); cannot be displayed due to practical space limitations in the exhibit area; or fails to meet any of the criteria listed above.

Selection process:

The Dakota County Public Art Committee will use a two round selection process in developing recommendations to the Dakota County Board of Commissioners. The initial review of quilts will be based on the digital color photo of the item and the description provided by the quilter. In the second round, actual quilts will be reviewed. Entries should be submitted electronically to Jean Erickson (jean.erickson@co.dakota.mn.us) by 11:59 pm on September 23, 2010.

The submission should include:

- A digital color photo of the item (minimum size of 3" x 5" at 72 dpi resolution, .jpg, .tif, .gif, or .psd formats accepted)
- A completed submission form (see attached). If you cannot download/complete the attached form you may instead submit:
 - A written description of the piece including size, material, and title.
 - An artist statement that addresses how the quilt addresses, reflects, or provides information about the history, culture or environment of Dakota County.
 - A letter, e-mail or other written documentation that the quilter consents to submit the quilt for consideration by the PAC.
 - The name, phone number, postal address and e-mail address of the quilter

Submissions to the Committee will be public data under the Minnesota government data Practices Act. This means that the County will have to release copies of the submission to any member of the public who so requests.

The PAC will make a recommendation to the Dakota County Board regarding which submissions to include in the display. The PAC will contact the quilter by October 29, 2010 regarding the County Board's decision and to make arrangements for the delivery of selected quilts.

Other Details:

- The quilt will only be displayed after the artist and the County have entered into a written agreement regarding the display.
- The PAC's installation partner, the Dakota County Historical Society, will receive, install, uninstall and return the quilts to the quilters.

The Dakota County Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

The PAC was formed in 2006 to provide information about Dakota County's history, culture and environment through art, and providing information to the public about art in Dakota County. Other exhibits the PAC has produced include *Three Cultures I, II & III* (a series exploring immigrant cultures); *Fiber Arts I & II* (a series exhibiting fiber-based works by local artists); and *Then & Now* (A photograph installation comparing sites in Dakota County at various points in the past to present day).

Thank you in advance for your participation. Please contact Beth Adams with any questions at (952) 484-7274.

Sincerely,

Member,
Dakota County Public Art Citizens Advisory Committee

Enclosure



2010 Quilts Exhibition – Northern Service Center

Dakota County Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee

Application/Submission Form

Name:			
Address:			
City, State, Zip:			
Phone:		E-mail:	
Quilt Title:			
Material:		Size:	

Artist Statement: *Please share how the submitted quilt addresses, reflects, or provides information about the history, culture or environment of Dakota County.*

I approve this submission and understand the criteria for consideration of my quilt for inclusion in the 2010 Quilts Exhibition curated by the Dakota County Public Art Citizen Advisory Committee.

Printed Name

Signature

Date