



2022 City of Marquette Art Week

Request for Project Proposals

The City of Marquette Office of Arts & Culture is currently accepting requests for projects to take place during this year's **City of Marquette Art Week**, scheduled for **Monday, June 20 - Saturday, June 25, 2022**.

Art Week invites local artists, art organizations, and businesses to come together and collaborate on a week-long series of free arts and cultural events, concerts, workshops, performances, exhibits, demonstrations, and more for the Marquette community. **The mission of Art Week is to build and empower a vibrant community through the arts** through facilitating partnerships, empowering and showcasing our creative community, and enhancing and expanding audience engagement.

Art Week 2022 is supported by the **Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs**. Thanks to the MCACA, we're able to regrant \$3,300 to Art Week projects that honor and advance our mission. Those interested in financial assistance for their project may request *up to \$400*.

Regardless of whether or not you're seeking funding assistance for your proposed Art Week activity, **please complete and submit [this proposal form](#) by Sunday, March 13**.

Want to get involved but don't have a particular project to propose at this time? More specific opportunities for artist engagement will be presented in the coming months.

Full information and guidelines below.

About This Year's Art Week

This year's Art Week theme is WATER! We ask that proposed projects connect to and play off this theme. How does Lake Superior inspire and motivate your creativity? How has this essential element flowed through our societies of the past, present, and future? How can we use the arts as a vehicle to celebrate and protect this natural resource? To engage our community? To envision sustainable development? We encourage you to think creatively.

This theme was inspired by the City's upcoming Cultural Trail initiative, which has helped define the daily venues for Art Week as public spaces along our shoreline. The Cultural Trail will celebrate Marquette's cultural heritage and natural environment connecting historic and culturally significant locations and natural features along the City's multi-use pathway through public art, space design, and interpretive signage. Art Week particularly seeks projects that explore the shoreline, its history, and spectacular landscape from the Carp River to Presque Isle. All artistic disciplines welcome.

As such, each day of Art Week will be focused around a different section of the lakeshore, as described on the next page and visualized on [this map](#). *Please consider this when conceptualizing and proposing your ideas.*

Monday June 20th: Multi-Use Pathway

Proposed projects can be held along the entire length of the bike path from Carp River to Presque Isle. The morning will begin with a sunrise poem at the Carp River Kiln and the day will end with an opening concert hosted at Presque Isle Park.

Tuesday June 21st: South Marquette

Proposed projects can be held from Carp River to Founders Landing Beach. The day will end with a community event at South Beach Park.

Wednesday June 22nd: Downtown District

Proposed projects can be held on Third, Washington, Spring, and Baraga streets, including greenspaces and parklets such as the Phil Niemisto Pocket Park and the Rosewood Walkway. The day will end with an artist market at the Commons (Wednesday Night Farmers Market).

Thursday June 23rd: Presque Isle Park

Proposed projects can be held along the lakeshore between Clark Lambros Beach Park and Presque Isle Park. The day will end with a City Band Concert at Presque Isle Bandshell. *PLEASE NOTE: Presque Isle Park events must be Leave No Trace and require no elaborate setups. Terrain can be treacherous and projects may only be held on city established walkways and greenspaces. The Upper Breakwall and Presque Isle Marina are prohibited.

Friday June 24th: Lower Harbor

Proposed projects can be held along the lakeshore at Mattson Park and public spaces surrounding the Lower Harbor Ore Dock, such as Father Marquette Park. The Lower Breakwall and Cinder Pond Marina are prohibited. A Midsummer festival will be hosted throughout the day at Mattson Park, culminating in a community concert.

Saturday June 25th: Lighthouse and Shiras Park (Picnic Rocks)

Proposed projects can be held along the lakeshore between Lighthouse Park and Picnic Rocks. The day will end with Fresh Coast Plein Air Festival reception and a closing concert held at Lighthouse Park.

Project Proposals & Requests for Funding

Those interested in hosting Art Week activities must submit [this form](#) by Sunday, March 13. Please complete this form regardless of whether or not you are requesting funding assistance.

Guidelines for Project Proposals:

- 1) Activities must take place between Monday, June 20 and Saturday, June 25.
- 2) Proposed activity must incorporate the Art Week theme of WATER. Whether you're thinking of producing or sharing work inspired by water or have an idea for an activity that engages our lakeshore, we encourage you to think creatively!
- 3) Proposed activity should take place along designated portions of the lakeshore, as described above.
- 4) **Activities must be free to attend or participate.** Per the City of Marquette's ordinances, tips and donations may be accepted but not solicited, and the selling of work is prohibited on public grounds. Independent artists interested in selling their work are encouraged to be a part of the Downtown Artist Market at the Marquette Commons on Wednesday evening of Art Week or other similar opportunities to be determined.
- 5) Content should be appropriate for all ages.
- 6) Activity hosts must make every attempt to ensure that programs are accessible to persons with disabilities. For a list of resources on accessibility, visit <http://arts.gov/accessibility/accessibility-resources/nea-office-accessibility>.

- 7) The City of Marquette is not responsible for damages to or theft of artwork during Art Week. Specifically regarding installations and displays, security – both daytime and overnight – cannot be provided.

Guidelines for Funding Requests:

All of the above, plus:

- 1) **Funding requests may not exceed \$400.**
- 2) Funding must be earmarked for specific project expenses. General organizational support, venue rental costs, and independent marketing and promotions will not be funded.
- 3) Requests will be reviewed by the City of Marquette Arts & Culture Advisory Committee in March, with notifications sent out shortly thereafter.
- 4) Proposals will be graded according to the following rubric. Please keep this rubric in mind when describing your project on the form:
 - Quality of Proposal (20 points):** Does your project follow the Art Week theme of Water?
 - Artistic/Cultural Merit (25 points):** How does the project involve qualified, appropriate artists and partners?
 - Audience Engagement (25 points):** How will your project provide experiences for audiences/participants to express themselves, grow, or further their well-being? How will you engage your audience?
 - Accessibility (20 points):** Does your activity make efforts to be fully accessible? Is your activity free to attend, participate, or otherwise enjoy?
 - Sustainability and Responsibility (10 points):** Are you being environmentally conscious? Is your project low-impact on the surrounding environment?
- 5) All recipients MUST submit a W9, Sole Proprietor Form, and signed contract by mid-April. Funds will be distributed following completion of the activity in early July.

Art Week Promotion

All approved Art Week activities will be promoted and branded centrally by the City of Marquette Office of Arts & Culture. This includes individual event listings on the [Marquette Compass](#) community calendar and [Art Week homepage](#), as well as a Facebook event page. Applicants will be listed as co-hosts of events where applicable.

Activities will also be included in a large, full-color Art Week booklet, to be distributed throughout the Marquette community beginning in early June. This booklet will include a full listing of Art Week events and a summer calendar, map, promotional images, feature editorial articles, artist spotlights, and more!

Final event details and promotional photos or other images will be due to the Office of Arts & Culture by early May to ensure complete and accurate inclusion in promotion.

Please contact the City of Marquette Office of Arts & Culture at arts-culture@marquettemi.gov or (906) 228-0472 with any questions.

A huge thank you to the Michigan Council for Arts & Cultural Affairs for their support of Art Week and continued efforts to increase and broaden the influence of arts and culture within Michigan communities.