



# CALL FOR ARTISTS

**The Downtown Racine Corporation will host the 18th annual public art project featuring benches hand-made by Veteran's from Veteran's Outreach. They will be displayed from June through mid-September in downtown Racine.**

The downtown Racine Corporation is currently seeking artists to create unique, kid-and family-friendly designs that will ultimately become bench art. For the 2019 program, the benches will be based on the theme of "Racine: Past, Present and Future."

We are looking for exciting, imaginative, three-dimensional designs depicting some of the most extraordinary and captivating designs that feature all things Racine. To be considered fill out the attached form and submit it with your designs for review. Selected artists will receive \$200 for supplies. All artists will have the image of their bench posted on Downtown Racine's website ([racinedowntown.com](http://racinedowntown.com)). A plaque will be attached to the bench with the artist and sponsor's names. In addition to the tens of thousands of residents and visitors who will view the benches, the artists and sponsors will be recognized in the DRC's walking tour brochure which is available throughout the summer. The artists will also receive complimentary tickets to the Preview Party and Art Auction. Fan favorite voting will take place all summer long and the winner of that contest will receive a \$100 downtown gift certificate.

## GUIDELINES:

The artist may paint, sculpt, transform or adorn the bench, but may not compromise its structural integrity and functionality. The seating area of the bench must remain clear of decoration except for paint in order to retain its usefulness. The benches will be placed in areas fully accessible to the public. In creating a design, please consider carefully the weather and other elements of nature, including sun, rain, wind and dirt. Designs should be created with durability and public safety in mind. If you are adding height to your bench, please ensure that it is stable and will not tip over. Although objects may be attached to the benches, they should be very sturdy as vandalism could occur. Any object added to a bench should be attached in such a way that it cannot be easily removed. Designs that are religious, political or sexual in nature will not be considered.



Bench shown  
without the flower boxes





# THE DETAILS

Artists are responsible for picking up the bench from Downtown Racine Corporation (425 Main St.) beginning April 1 and transporting it back by May 31, 2019. The artist must prime the entire bench before painting. Any raw edges, especially the top edge of the seat back must be finished with an outdoor spackling paste or wood putty and then exterior water based primer (suggested primers are Kilz or Zinzer). Acrylic paint can be used to paint or spray a design on the bench. All surfaces (front, back and sides) of the bench and planters must be decorated. To complete the artwork, each bench must be finished with three (3) coats of varnish. An exterior grade sealer that is non-reactive, not-toxic, UV-resistant and waterproof is strongly recommended. (Polycrylic by Minwax is sold in a satin, semi-gloss and gloss finish.). Remember, this is an outdoor bench, so it must be finished appropriately.

## RIGHTS AND ENTITLEMENTS:

By submitting your application, you confirm that:

- You are the original creator of your design
- You have not copied anyone else's original work
- Your design does not infringe on anyone else's intellectual property right without their approval (for example, trademark, copyrights, trade dress or design patent)

## SEND FOLLOWING:

Application form, color sketch of your design idea, an artist bio, the title of each bench and a paragraph about the design. Each sketch submitted should show the front and back of the bench on separate sheets of 8.5" x 11" paper. The design should fill the paper and should be in full color exactly as it will appear on the bench.

Entries must be postmarked no later than March 22, 2019 or dropped off/mailed to Downtown Racine Corporation, 425 Main St., Racine, WI 53403.

## TIME LINE:

Application Submission Deadline:	April 5, 2019
Artist Notification	April 8, 2019
Benches Available for Pick-Up	April 9, 2019
Deadline for Return of Finished Bench	May 31, 2019
Preview Party	June 8, 2019

For more information contact Kelly, Andrew Ward or Lennie at 262-634-6002: [kkruse@racinedowntown.com](mailto:kkruse@racinedowntown.com) or [award@racinedowntown.com](mailto:award@racinedowntown.com) or [lfarrington@racinedowntown.com](mailto:lfarrington@racinedowntown.com)

Backside of bench shown





# APPLICATION

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Bench Title \_\_\_\_\_

Paragraph description of bench including types of materials used:

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Brief Artist Bio:

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Assurances and Terms

By signing this application, I acknowledge that the DRC is not liable for damage or loss of materials submitted.

Artist Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

## APPLICATION CHECKLIST

- One copy of the application for each design
- One color copy of each of your two proposed designs (8.5 x 11")
- Name on the reverse side of your sketches
- Mail sketches to: Downtown Racine Corporation  
425 Main St. Racine, WI 53403

All application materials become the property of the Downtown Racine Corporation.

Please keep a copy of your application for your records.

The Downtown Racine Corporation reserves the right to determine the placement of all benches in Downtown Racine.



# BENCH DIMENSIONS

