

Guidelines

- Children must be at least 8 years of age to participate. Refer to the declaration on entry form.
- All Gratiot Downtown Art Expo submissions will be reviewed by the banner design selection committee and the chosen entries will reflect the wide diversity of community participants.
- Those who are chosen to paint banners will be contacted by March 16, 2018.
- Artists will paint their banners in April.
- Banners will be hung by May 25, 2018. The location of each banner is at the discretion of the cities, though every effort is made to hang banners in the city in which the artist resides.

Anyone Can Participate!

The Downtown Art Expo is unique in that it involves the whole community. Although professional artists may submit a design, any individual has the same chance of being selected; adults, students, seniors, children and families are being asked to create a unique and vibrant gallery in the streets. This is a wonderful opportunity for community members to express themselves artistically, by entering a design and if chosen, painting a banner. These 'one of a kind' works of art will decorate the lampposts of Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis.

Banner Committee

The Downtown Art Expo committee is made up of community members who see the benefit of public art. For people wishing to volunteer to help during the various stages of the committee, please call Alma Community Art Center at 989-463-8366.

Gratiot Downtown Art Expo

The Art Expo is a collaborative project between the cities of Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis; their respective Downtown Development Authorities, and the Alma Community Art Center.



Alma Community Art Center



Showcasing
unique local art in
Gratiot's Historic
Downtowns:

Alma

Ithaca

St. Louis



We want **YOUR** art!

Submit your design
using the enclosed
entry form!

Gratiot Downtown Art Expo Entry Form

Entry Deadline: March 1, 2018

Please submit design and completed entry form to:

Downtown Banner Project c/o City of St. Louis
300 N. Mill St., St. Louis, MI 48880

Name _____

Address _____

City _____ Zip Code _____

Email _____

Phone _____

Artwork Title _____

Check one: Adult artist Child artist (8-14 years old)

All submitted designs and banners become property of the
Downtown Art Expo.

Declaration of Banner Artist:

I understand that the Downtown Art Expo is not responsible
for damaged or stolen banners. I understand the Gratiot
Downtown Art Expo reserves the right to reproduce any of
the works for publication, fundraising or promotion.

I declare that my entry is my own original design.

Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Declaration of an adult for children 14 and under:

I declare that the entry submitted is an original design by
the child named above and that I will be responsible for
accompanying the child for the banner painting and
assisting as necessary to see that the banner is completed.

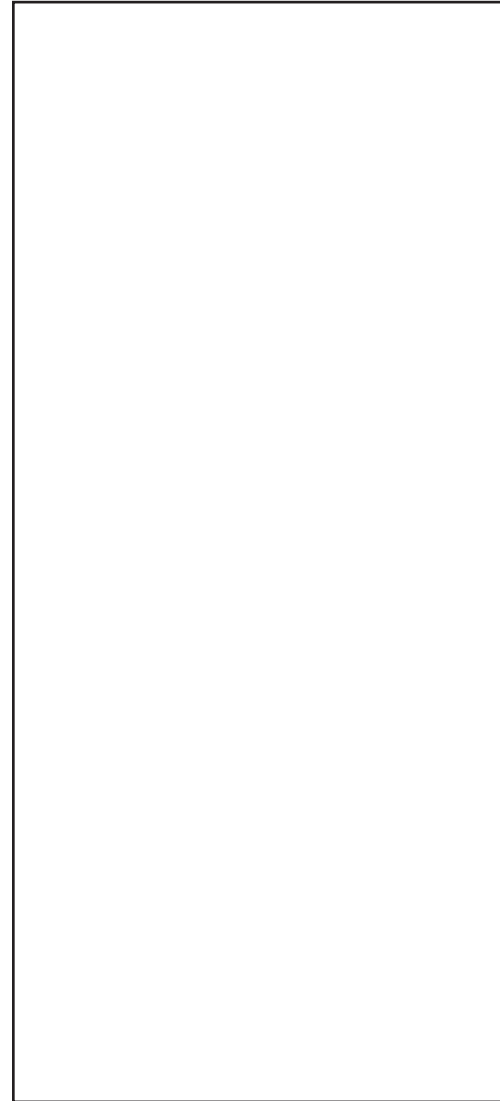
Name (please print) _____

Signature _____

Artists may pick up their banners at the end of the outdoor
display at the City Hall in the city they were displayed.

Gratiot Downtown Art Expo

The Gratiot Downtown Art Expo is an exciting event
which displays local talent and community spirit! The
goal is to produce 75 banners that will be designed
and painted by our local citizens and students. These
banners will be displayed on downtown lampposts
in Alma, Ithaca and St. Louis, creating a colorful and
unique city streetscape.



Design Form: Draw your design within this rectangle using a pencil, then use colored pencils to complete your art.

How to Enter

Originality:

All entries must be **your own original design.**

Content:

Your design should be an imaginative, original art
piece. No business/personal names or logos allowed.
Minimize use of words.

Submission Format:

Sketch your final design on the design form included
on this flyer. Your design should be considered
**finished artwork and colored in the manner you
intend the finished banner to be.** Your design will
be transferred onto a banner for you to paint. Simple
designs using bold solid colors are the most effective.
Leave no area uncolored on your design.

Submission Details:

A completed entry form must accompany the design
form. Both forms are part of this flyer.

Submission Deadline:

March 1, 2018

All design and entry forms must be submitted to:

Downtown Banner Project c/o City of St. Louis
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Paint Dates and Times

If your banner is chosen, you will be contacted to set a
time to paint your banner in April. Banner painting is
scheduled in 2-hour sessions and may take from 1 to 3
sessions. Paints and supplies will be provided. Children
must be supervised. *Please be sure that your entry form
includes an accurate phone number and email address!*