

## Call For Artists - Downtown Elkin Sculpture / Public Art Program, Elkin, North Carolina

The Elkin Main Street Advisory Board's (MSAB) Public Arts Committee is inviting sculpture artists to participate in the Downtown Elkin Public Art Program. This offers established and emerging professional artists the opportunity to display their sculptures in the heart of historic downtown Elkin, North Carolina for one year.

### EXHIBITION GUIDELINES

**Application Opens:** April 15, 2025. **Applications due (1<sup>st</sup> round):** May 20, 2025. **Install timeframe:** by September 1, 2025.

**Eligibility:** To enter, artists must be 18 years of age or older and reside in the U.S.

**Theme:** Art by local or regional artists; art reflecting the region's unique heritage, history, natural beauty, trails, or culture.

**Submission Guidelines:** All submissions must be original, fully completed, and ready for display. • All entries must have been completed in the last 5 years. • Artists may submit a maximum of three entries. • Selected works will be exhibited in designated locations in downtown Elkin. • Works may be for sale but may not be removed until the conclusion of the exhibition.

### Works must be suitable for outdoor installation as follows:

1. Able to be structurally secured to available concrete pads with anchor bolts or secured by other means to the ground to prevent the piece from toppling or tipping.
2. Capable of withstanding wind, rain, freezing temperatures, and other adverse weather conditions.
3. Fabricated and finished with nonhazardous materials.
4. Leave no rust residue on cement once removed.
5. Maintenance-free for the duration of the exhibition.
6. Appropriate and safe for an active pedestrian environment.

### Method of Selection:

Art will be selected from up to five High Res (up to 2 MB each) photos submitted via email with our application to the MSAB's Public Art Committee. The committee reserves the right to refuse any sculpture. While artistic impact, craftsmanship, and creativity are very important, works will be reviewed for durability, safety, and appropriateness to the site. Artwork must be structurally sound and able to withstand an outdoor environment in a largely unsupervised area that is not protected from wind, weather or viewers.

Once the Art Committee has chosen the sculpture, the Town of Elkin Board of Commissioners must also approve the selection.

### The Sites:

Two outdoor sculpture spaces along Main St.

- Site 1: 8 ft x 8 ft area— West end of Main St, corner Front/Main at new parking lot parcel.
- Site 2: 5 ft x 9 ft area – East end of Main St, bottom of stairway across the street from Angry Troll Brewing.

### Installation and Deinstallation:

- The artist will be responsible for delivery of sculpture to and from downtown Elkin and also for securing the installation of the sculpture.
- Installation is planned between July 1 and Sept 1, 2025, with some assistance provided by the Town of Elkin as agreed upon in advance, before installation. (Dates may adjust based on approval time.)

- Artists are responsible for bringing all tools and materials necessary to install their pieces. Elkin cannot supply ladders, tools, or extension cords. If installation of specific sculptures requires external power, installation equipment, or extra hands to install the artwork, artists must include those specific items in their application packet.
- The artist must indicate on the application how the sculpture will be securely anchored or if there are other special requirements.
- Artists will be responsible for the removal of all sculptures by end of July, 2026.

#### **Insurance and Liability:**

The Town of Elkin will insure each work against damage or theft for the duration of the exhibition at a value determined by an independent art appraiser.

If damage to the sculpture occurs, the artist will be notified immediately.

The Town of Elkin reserves the right to photograph any sculptures and/or the artists for documentation, education, and publicity purposes without additional compensation.

#### **Honorarium:**

Selected artists will each receive \$1000 honorarium to offset transportation and other expenses. If your art sells while on display, we will not ask for any commission.

#### **Calendar Recap:**

##### **Application opens: April 15, 2025**

May 19, 2025 – Entry deadline for Main Street Board 1<sup>st</sup> round approval; May 20<sup>th</sup>. Entries will be reviewed at the MSAB monthly meetings until 2 have been chosen. MSAB submit first round to BOC June agenda by May 30<sup>th</sup>.

For 1<sup>st</sup> Round approval Town of Elkin Board of Commissioners:

June 9, 2025 - at BOC meeting.

June 10, 2025 - Notifications & Follow up to artist(s) by this date.

By Sept 1, 2025 – Installation of Sculptures.

Sept 27, 2025 – Sculpture event at the Yadkin Valley Pumpkin Festival. Artists invited to set up near their artwork for the festival, if they wish.

By July 31, 2026 – De-installation of Elkin Sculpture displays.

Contact Laura Gaylord, [communitymanager@elkinnc.org](mailto:communitymanager@elkinnc.org), for any questions and to email applications.

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See next page for application.

## **Application for Town of Elkin Public Art Installation Project 2025-26**

Each submittal must include:

Name:

Address:

Email:

Best contact phone number:

Social Media Handles (not required):

Website (if available):

Short Artist Bio:

Title of 3-D art:

Medium:

Short story about the artwork: (and be sure to include brief description of each photo)

Approximate Weight in pounds:

Base footprint (size in feet/inches):

Mounting Specifications (Does work need to be secured into concrete via anchor bolts? Submit what size and type of pad would be needed for them to secure it):

Number of Anchor Bolt Holes/Diameter Needed:

Does this piece have small and/or moving parts? YES/NO If yes, please describe:

- Small parts
- Moving parts

Insurance Amount Needed: \$

Email photos of your work (you may upload up to 5 images totaling 1GB in size).

Do you have a second piece to submit?

If Yes – Please submit an application for each piece (3 pieces is the limit)

**I agree to all guidelines and terms set by the Elkin Main Street Advisory Board Public Art Committee for this art exhibit.**

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Name (Sign & print)

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Date