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5th Annual Portage Community Art Award Call to Artists

The City of Portage announces the 5th Annual Portage Community Art Award in conjunction with the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts' (KIA) annual West Michigan Area Show (WMAS). The WMAS is a juried exhibition of the visual arts from community talent spanning a 14-county region ranging from paintings, prints, photos to mosaics, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, and mixed media.

To be eligible for the \$1,000 award, the artist must be a resident of Portage, Michigan. Artwork submitted must reflect the city's theme, "*A Natural Place to Move*" and be available for display at Portage City Hall for one year beginning September 15, 2022. The winner will also need a minimum of 8 to 10 additional works of art of any medium for an exhibition in Portage City Hall from September 16 to October 28, 2022, following the KIA exhibition. The artist must be available for a private reception and the unveiling of the winning work of art and the accompanying exhibition.

Artists should submit entries per guidelines available on the Kalamazoo Institute of Arts website at kiarts.org by April 3, 2022. The WMAS award ceremony will be held in May and exhibited at the KIA from May 22 to September 4, 2022.

For questions about the Portage Community Art Award, call Portage Parks & Recreation at (269) 329-4522

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