

# Call for Art: The Sacajawea Park Murals Project

The City of Polson and the Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts, invites Lake County artists to create and install art on Polson's Sacajawea Park restrooms building. The Sacajawea Project benefits Polson by creating an inclusive, creative environment that fosters a sense of community and appreciation of art.

Artists who choose to participate will submit a design for the walls of the building that follows the theme of the project. The selected artist(s) will work with the project coordinator. Because this is a community project, designs from several artists may be combined, and with artists' agreement, may be amended, according to the overall design criteria. Once a cohesive design is approved, the design artist(s) and Sandpiper members and volunteers will paint the design on the walls.

The mural theme for the building is "By the Water". Artists are encouraged to submit a graphic design that represents recreational opportunities at Sacajawea Park which is adjacent to Flathead Lake as it flows into Flathead River. Possible inspirational ideas include swimming, boating, fishing, kayaking and wake boarding surfing. Also, designs should utilize the color palette and compositional criterion, with a focal point and dynamic diagonals (see examples below).

Submitting artists may be inspired by the paved trail which offers "spectacular views of Flathead Lake and over a dozen interpretive signs . . . depicting tribal and city history - in Kootenai, Salish, and English." This Polson Interpretive Trail connects the City of Polson's Salish Point Park, Sacajawea and Riverside Parks.

<https://crownofthecontinent.net/entries/polson-interpretive-trail-polson-montana/333bed05-809b-474a-9875-853312d2df4d>



<https://travelmontananow.com/things-to-do-in-polson-montana/>

## **TIMELINE**

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| • <b>APRIL 24</b>        | <b>ART CALL</b>                   |
| • <b>APRIL 1-MAY 31</b>  | <b>SUBMISSIONS ACCEPTED</b>       |
| • <b>MAY 31</b>          | <b>SUBMISSION DEADLINE</b>        |
| • <b>JUNE 1-7</b>        | <b>SELECTION COMMITTEE JURIES</b> |
| • <b>JUNE 8-13</b>       | <b>FINAL DESIGN CREATED</b>       |
| • <b>JUNE 14, 15, 16</b> | <b>MURALS PAINTED</b>             |

### **Artist's Award and Eligibility**

- Artists must reside in Lake County.
- Applicants will be chosen regardless of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation and gender identity or expression.

### **Design Criteria**

- Designs should follow mural theme "By the Water".
- Designs should use approved color palette, have a focal point, and use diagonals.
- Designs may not include advertisements, business promotion, or trademarks/brands/ images of illegal acts.
- Designs must flow on and around building doors, windows or other attachments. Artists should view buildings before designing.

### **Selection Process**

- Because public art reflects its community, Sandpiper Art Gallery expects high quality submissions of concept. The Project Coordinator will ensure durability and safety of paint application.
- Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts Selection Team will review applications and choose award recipients

### **Application Information**

- Artists should prepare a graphic design that:
  - Is colored, fitting the project's hue and intensity?
  - Is 32 square inches and accurately depicts the size/proportion of the project.
  - Includes the artist's name, title of work, and contact information on the inside or bottom of the design.

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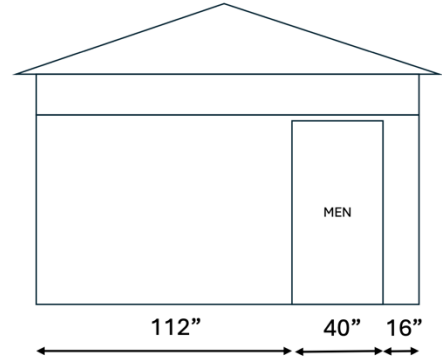
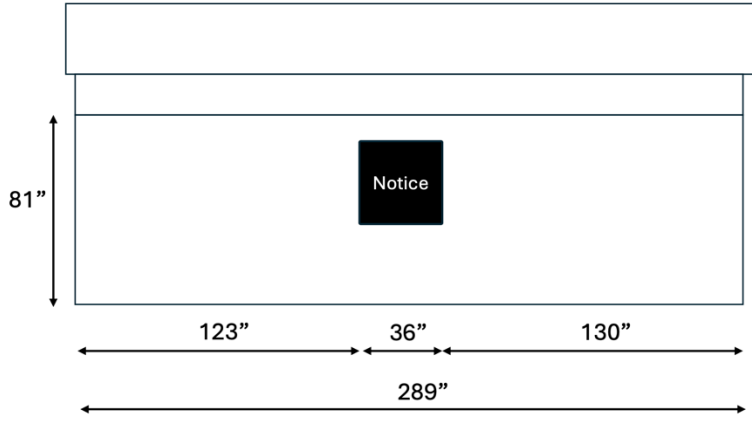
*Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts, a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization, is designated to review, advocate and develop public art projects in the City of Polson. Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts in conjunction with the City of Polson strives to develop a formal structure in which to create, develop and maintain public art as well as further public accessibility to the arts.*

*The public art project is open to all eligible applicants regardless of race, color, religion, creed, political ideas, sex, age, marital status, physical or mental disability, national origin, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and gender expression.*

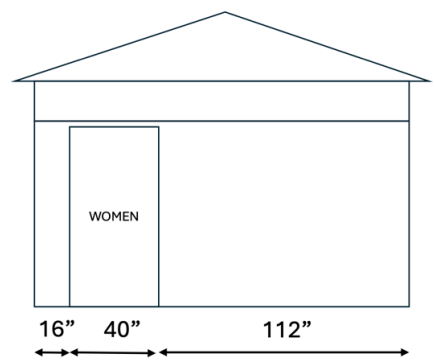
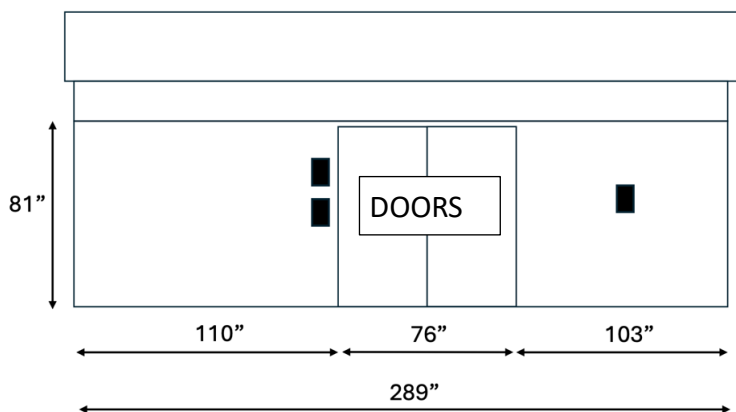
*Sandpiper Art Gallery and Gifts Non-Profit reserves the right at any time to supplement, amend or otherwise modify this solicitation and to request additional or supplemental information or proposals from any or all participating artists. In addition, the City reserves the right to accept or reject, at any time prior to the commissioning of a work, any or all proposals or any part thereof submitted in connection with this solicitation; to waive any defect or technicality; and to advertise for new proposals where the acceptance, rejection waiver, or advertisement would be in the best interests of the City. The City also reserves the right to negotiate unacceptable provisions incorporated within an otherwise acceptable proposal. A proposal which is incomplete, unclear, conditional or which contains irregularities of any kind, may be rejected without evaluation.*

*Failure to comply with proposal requirements described in the prospectus will constitute an invalid application.*

**Sacajawea Park Murals**  
Group A – Road side



**Sacajawea Park Murals**  
Group B – Lake side



**Color Palette**





Examples of designs that work  
(with some color amending to adhere to project palette)