



Time in the Garden Morris Arboretum

Call for Artists

Time is the essence of gardening and the natural world. Whether counting tree rings, or planting seeds, the passage of time marks the life of the garden. Sunflowers bend to follow the path of the sun throughout the day. Leaves turn colors in autumn as day length shortens. Common names of flowers often express the essential essence of time's import: daylily, nightshade, four o'clock.

Garden and/or Gallery Venue

The Morris Arboretum of the University of Pennsylvania will be staging both indoor and outdoor *Time in the Garden* exhibits in 2018. Artists are invited to interpret this theme either by creating a piece to be installed on the grounds of the 92 acre public garden, or as a hanging piece in the Upper Gallery of the Visitor Center. Outdoor pieces must be able to withstand being in the garden for 5 months. Your piece(s) can be evocative, educational, interactive, or simply whimsical. Gallery pieces may consist of paintings, photography, mixed media or fabric, but image must be at least 16" x 20", framed and hang flat against the wall. Gallery artists should be prepared to submit five (5) pieces for installation.



Armillary Sphere in the Rose Garden

Submission

Please submit a letter of interest with contact information and CV electronically to mconners@upenn.edu, accompanied by supporting materials or links to websites that demonstrate the nature of your existing work. A selection of artists will be made with the intent to include a broad range of artistic practices and approaches.

Schedule

A letter of interest is due by February 1, 2018. Selections will be made by February 14. Gallery art is due by March 24 to be hung immediately thereafter. Outdoor artists are asked to provide a description of your work-in-progress including installation specifics by April 2 and artworks are to be delivered by April 20. Both exhibits will have a public opening on Saturday, May 5, 2018.

Stipend

A minimum stipend of \$250 will be granted to each participating artist. Artists who choose to create a large scale piece, or work in collaboration with others, may apply for additional funds.

Contact Michelle Connors at 215-247-5777 x109 or mconners@upenn.edu with any questions you may have. For more information on the Morris Arboretum visit www.morrisarboretum.org. The Morris Arboretum is located at 100 East Northwestern Avenue, Philadelphia, PA.