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McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art

McMinnville 150th celebration,

Call to Artists

Location: Corner of Second and Cows Streets, McMinnville, OR 97128

Date: August 18, 2026

PROJECT OVERVIEW

McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art is seeking an artist or artists to create a compelling outdoor sculpture to be placed at the corner of Second and Cows Streets in downtown McMinnville. The piece is in celebration of the 150th birthday of the City of McMinnville. The sculpture will be mounted on a concrete base that will hold a time capsule to be opened in 50 years. This is a paid commission. We welcome submissions from established and emerging artists, and we are open to a variety of materials suitable for permanent outdoor display.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

- Create an approachable art piece attractive to both locals and visitors
- Add visual interest and culture to neighborhood
- Be highly visible from a distance

BUDGET

A maximum budget of \$10,000 is available for the completion of this project. Included within this amount must be transportation of the sculpture to the Site, installation of the sculpture at the site, workman's compensation and liability insurance, transportation to and from site, as well as any necessary artist lodging and meals during the duration of the project.

APPLICATION GUIDELINES

P.O. Box 622, McMinnville, OR 97128

971-241-9251
mdacpa@onlinemac.com

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To fulfill this call, Artist/s may submit either already completed sculpture/s or concept/s for proposed sculpture/s.

All applications will be reviewed and juried by the McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art to help ensure the quality of the project and suitability of the concept. Both solo artists and teams of artists will be considered for the project.

To be considered, each of the following must be included with the Artist/s submission:

- Current personal resume of the Artist/s (maximum 2 pages per artist).
- Images of prior sculptures completed by the Artist/s, not more than 10 pages.
- Full contact information for the Artist/s.
- A minimum of 1, but no more than 6 images or sketches, of each proposed sculpture may be submitted.
 - Images must be sent electronically or on size 8.5" x 11" hard copy.
 - All images submitted must be labeled identifying the proposed sculpture and the Artist/s, so as to avoid confusion.
 - Please include a master list of images if the application includes more than one proposed finished sculpture.
- The intended color palette of the sculpture
- An estimated budget for the proposed project since price is a consideration.

In the case of multiple submissions, each proposed sculpture will be judged on its own merits.

DETAILS

The selected sculpture design will be on display for the public at the Mac150 Birthday Party. The Artist is required to provide at least one 8.5 x 11 rendering or photograph of the piece for display.

The final sculpture must be securely mounted on a 36" diameter ¾" depth steel plate base.

Installation date of the final sculpture will depend on the requirements of the City of McMinnville.

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Original or limited edition sculptures desired. Manufactured sculptures will not be considered.

APPLICATION SCHEDULE

Applications must be submitted to **BOTH** of the following email addresses:

mdacpa@onlinemac.com

Jeanne.sprague@mcminnvilleoregon.gov

Applications must be submitted no later than **5:00 PM, September 20, 2026**.

Final selection is expected to be complete by **September 28, 2026**.

Contract expected by **October 5, 2026**.

Display quality rendering (see details above) by **October 12, 2026**.

Installation TBD.

SITE PREPARATION

Site preparation and permits will be the responsibility of McMinnville Downtown Association Committee for Public Art. Anti-graffiti coating of the finished sculpture, if needed and once installed, is to be provided by Artist/s.

AUDIENCE

- McMinnville area community members
- Visitors enjoying and exploring McMinnville

WHAT EFFECT DO WE WANT THE SCULPTURE TO HAVE?

- Appreciate a unique piece of art.
- Appreciate the sculpture's addition to our City.
- Feel safe and confident in traveling by foot around the McMinnville downtown area

CONTACTS FOR QUESTIONS

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Photo of site location looking south to Second Street, sculpture will be placed in the triangle on the right, mounted on a concrete base at the top of the soil



Photo of site location looking west from Cowls Street, sculpture will be placed in the triangle of soil at the back of the planter bed, mounted on a concrete base at the top of the soil.