



COMMUNITY 2020 – A DURHAM ARTS COUNCIL CALL FOR ART

Last spring, the Durham Arts Council issued an open call for a visual art show held in recognition of Durham's 150th anniversary. The resulting exhibition, *Portraits of Durham*, featured 64 area artists answering the question "Who or what represents Durham to you?" The spirit and diversity of the Bull City was on vivid display in *Portraits of Durham*, and the success of that exhibit has inspired the Durham Arts Council to revisit the theme of local identity with another open call. This spring, we are asking visual artists to submit work that explores their vision of 'community' in Durham. Artists are encouraged to reflect on a community they belong to – community can refer to any group that shares something, such as an experience, activity, value, heritage, cause. It can include groups small or large, old or new. Art work can address questions such as: What are your community's traditions and values? How does your community affect positive change? How do the changes in Durham impact your community? What unites your community? What challenges does your community face in the new decade? Selected pieces will be included in the upcoming exhibit *Community 2020*, on view at the Durham Arts Council March 20– May 7, 2020. Work will be selected with the assistance of a panel of artists and arts professionals including Dara Baldwin, Reuben Mabry, and Nori McDuffie.

**To be considered for the *Community 2020* exhibition,
email the following to stierney@durhamarts.org:**

- **1-3 images of your work.** Work in all media will be considered, as long it is wall-hangable. Free standing work, and work that extends more than 6 inches from the wall, cannot be accommodated. Image files must be jpegs or pdfs, 1MB or smaller. Work submitted for consideration should be the work intended for exhibition.
- **The title, media, dimensions, year completed, and price** of work submitted.
- **A short description** of how the submitted work fits into the *Community 2020* theme. Please keep description to 150 words or less. Description may be included in the body of the submission email, or as an attached file.
- **Your full name and mailing address.** You may also send your artist website if applicable.

All submissions must be received by 11:59pm, Friday, February 21, 2020

Artists must be age 15 or older to apply. **There is no entry fee to apply.** Applicants are not required to live in Durham. Applicants will be notified of their status by March 3, 2020. Selected artists must drop off their work between Thursday, March 12 and Saturday, March 14, 2020, between the hours of 9am-9pm. Work should be brought to the Durham Arts Council, 120 Morris Street, Durham NC, 27701. Work must be strung with wire and ready to hang. The Durham Arts Council's commission is 30% of the retail price of any work sold. Work that is not for sale may be submitted for consideration. Submitted work must be the original creation of the artist applying.