



## Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture State of the Arts Annual Report 2012

*The mission of the Commission on Arts and Culture is to create a climate in Grand Junction in which the arts and culture can thrive and grow. The Commission is dedicated to developing and improving the quality, quantity, accessibility, and affordability of arts and culture for Grand Valley citizens.*

***Making arts and culture part of the everyday life in our community!***

### Public Art Exhibits:

City Hall: There were four, three month exhibits featuring 27 artists showing 102 pieces.

Two Rivers: Two exhibits were held featuring a six month abstract exhibit with 12 local artists showing 36 pieces & a six month exhibit featuring 15 photographs by one artist.

Tiara Rado: Two six month exhibits were held featuring 10 local artists showing 18 pieces.

Mesa County Commissioners Administration Office: Four groups exhibited at the County. They were the City of Grand Junction employees, Embroiders Guild, Broadstrokes, and photographer Dan Durrant.

### 1% for the Arts Projects:

**The Stadium Tower Project:** A community wide contest was held to create an art banner for the south tower of the stadium. Twenty six submissions were narrowed down to three choices and a vote was held with City Council and Parks Improvement Advisory Board. Deb Elliott's artwork was chosen and a banner was made that hangs on the tower when the sports banners are not displayed.

**Public Safety Facility - Police Department Exterior:** Ten CO artists were evaluated and Greeley artist Greg Todd was chosen as the finalist. He submitted two options and City Council chose a bronze 11' sculpture, "Legacy", representing a police officer raising a flag with the help of two children.

**Public Safety Facility - Police Department Interior:** Eight Colorado artists were evaluated and Loveland artist Scott Freeman will be creating a panel representation of the Grand Junction Police Department.

**Public Safety Facility - Fire Administration Exterior:** Eight Colorado artists were evaluated and two selected as finalists. The vote by City Council approved Austin Weishel of Loveland, to create a life size bronze sculpture, "When I Grow Up", representing a fire fighter holding a little boy.

**Public Safety Facility - Fire Administration Interior:** Loveland artist Scott Freeman was chosen to create "Legacy of Service", which is a five panel oil historical representation of the Grand Junction Fire Department.

### Champion of the Arts:

Annual award granted to a business and an individual that exemplify excellence in support of local cultural arts. Nominated by the public, recipients receive original artwork from local artists.

Individual Recipient: Harold & Ruth Moss                      Artist: Susan Stanton      Purchase Price: \$450

Business Recipient: Doyle Trading Consultants              Artist: Mary Mansfield      Purchase Price: \$800

A reception was held and awards were presented at the City Council Meeting on January 16, 2013.

### National Arts and Humanities Month

The Arts Commission ran a community wide creative writing contest for school age children from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grade. The subject was *What Art Means To Me*. Five children read their submissions at the art reception in October at City Hall. Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting recorded their readings and gave a copy to each participant.

### Social Networking

Currently 350 local artists are registered on the Art Commission website. Listings for *Calls For Artists* have increased, which increases opportunities for promotion and employment. The Art Commission continues to utilize Facebook to increase marketing reach and a Facebook feed will be added to the website in 2013.

### Art Commission Grant Program:

The Commission's focus this year was on making sure the grant monies remained in the hands of local artists for local events. Criteria included innovation and collaboration within the local arts community. The Commission received 29 requests, asking for a total of \$47,266. The Commission awarded funding to 23 organizations.

KRMJ-TV Rocky Mountain PBS "Western Bounty"	\$3,000
KAFM Community Radio "Arts & Entertainment Calendar"	\$4,000
Western Colorado Watercolor Society "Rockies West National Exhibit"	\$2,000
Grand Valley Catholic Outreach "Art in Transition" project *	\$1,000
Riverside Educational Center "Look What I Did" event	\$2,500
Super Rad Art Jam High School Art Exhibition	\$2,000
Bookcliff Barbershop Harmony Chorus "Youth in Harmony" Project	\$1,000
Grand Junction Downtown Partnership Art & Jazz Festival	\$3,500
High Desert Opera "The Elixir of Love"	\$3,000
Talking Rhythms Musicians in Residence program	\$500
Artspace & Open Studios Career Center project *	\$1,000
Chipeta Elementary "Young Artists" program	\$1,500
Hudson Reed Ensemble "The Evolution Movement" *	\$2,000
The Art Center Spring Art Week	\$1,500
Caprock Academy Pottery Program*	\$800
Grand Junction Symphony "Tchaikovsky's Nutcracker"	\$4,000
Center for Independence Clay Sculpture Class *	\$750
Mesa Land Trust Conserved Land Photography Project	\$500
Grand Valley Community Theatre "Some Enchanted Evening"	\$750
Western Colorado Chorale "Festival of Carols"	\$1,000
Calabash Gourd Artisans Calabash Gourd Festival	\$1,000
Salt Wash Dance Theatre Grand Valley Performing Arts Festival **	\$3,500
Western Colorado Writers' Forum Poetry in the Streets III	\$2,500
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Total Support	\$43,300

\* New events/projects

\*\* Second year events/projects