



**Grand Junction Commission on Arts and Culture  
State of the Arts Annual Report 2013**

*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: The Arts Commission provides free public spaces for local artists to exhibit their work

<b>Location</b>	<b># of Exhibits</b>	<b># of Artists Exhibiting</b>	<b># of Pieces</b>
City Hall	4	60	158
Two Rivers	2	47	69
Tiara Rado	2	29	40
County	4	20	70

Public Art - 1% for the Arts Commissioned Projects by Colorado Artists

<b>Location</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Artist</b>	<b>Value</b>
Police Department Exterior	“Legacy”	Greg Todd	\$80,000
Fire Administration Exterior	“When I Grow Up”	Austin Weishel	\$65,500
Fire Administration Interior	“Legacy of Service”	Scott Freeman	\$22,400
Fire Administration Exterior	“Remember”	Pat Olson	\$100,000
Police Department Interior	“Excellence in Policing”	Scott Freeman	\$19,250*
*(Will be installed in March, 2014)			
Lincoln Park	Benches and bike racks	Jeff Bates	\$3,640
Lincoln Park	Oak leaf bench	Randy Coleman	\$3,800

Public Art – Accepted Donations

<b>Items</b>	<b>Value</b>	<b>Source</b>	<b>Placement</b>
Ten sculptures	\$36,750	Jack and Mary McCord	City buildings
Relief Cast Bronze	\$90,000	Colorado Riverfront Foundation	Riverfront Trail
Horseshoe Cacti	\$15,000	Tim Patty	23 & G Roundabout

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. The Arts Commission purchased \$,1825 in artwork from three local artists: Ellen Wilson, Wendy Videlock, and Diana Woods.

Individual Recipients: Vera Mulder and Lois & Edward Gardner

Business Recipient: Super Rad

A reception was held and awards were presented at the City Council Meeting on January 15, 2014.

Community Outreach

The Arts Commission held a community wide creative writing contest for school age children from 2<sup>nd</sup> – 12<sup>th</sup> grades on *What Creativity Means to Me*. The winners of the three age categories read their submissions at the art reception in October at City Hall. Rocky Mountain Public Broadcasting recorded their readings and KAFM radio recorded their writings for broadcasting. The Art Commission partnered

with Pablos Pizza, The Western Colorado Writers Forum, The Museum of Western Colorado, and the High Desert Opera which provided prizes.

Social Networking

*All Things Art* is the new marketing campaign in the community. It is a scanable QR Code which loads the Grand Junction arts website onto a smart phone. The Arts Commission has partnered with many local businesses to have this card in their storefronts. Upgrades to the website included search engine optimization, Facebook feed on the home page, and the ability to feature selected artists and organizations on the homepage. Currently there are over 350 artists, organizations, and businesses registered on the site.

Art Commission Grant Program

There were 31 requests equaling \$77,198. Funding was awarded to 19 organizations. Grant applicants expect to earn \$137,005 in ticket sales, art sales, concessions, etc. and hope to leverage another \$81,440 in donations from other outside sources. It is estimated in the applications that these events and activities will reach a total audience of 273,545 people.

The following organizations received an Arts and Culture Grant:

<b>Grantee Organization and Project</b>	<b>Grant Award</b>
Pastel Society - International 2013 Mile High Pastel Exhibition	\$1,000
Chatfield Elementary* - Chatfield Cheetah Arts Jungle Camp	\$1,500
Watercolor Society - Rockies West National Exhibit	\$2,000
Riverside Educational Center - Look What I Did	\$2,500
GJ Centennial Band - New music purchase	\$1,500
CMU* - CO2 Global Poster	\$2,000
Grand Valley Art Students League - Open Studios	\$3,000
Rocky Mtn. PBS - Western Bounty	\$3,000
GJ Senior Theatre* - Community Outreach "Create A Buzz – Fill the Seats"	\$1,250
KAFM - Arts and Entertainment Calendar	\$4,000
GJ Downtown Partnership - 25 <sup>th</sup> Annual Downtown GJ Art and Jazz Festival	\$3,500
GJ Symphony - Study Guide, Keys to the City Festival, Instrument Petting Zoo	\$3,000
Mesa County Public Library Foundation - Culture Fest 2013	\$1,100
Messiah Choral Society of GJ - The Messiah	\$1,000
Plateau Valley Friends of the Library* - Thousand Cranes Mural	\$2,000
Super Rad - Super Rad art Jam High School Mall Show	\$2,400
High Desert Opera - Le Miserables	\$2,500
Salt Wash Dance Theater - Grand Valley Performing Arts Festival**	\$2,050
Colorado Writers Forum - Language of the Fantastic Festival	\$4,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$43,300</b>

\* New events/projects

\*\*Returned due to cancellation of festival