



Call for Proposals

Go Out Doors-Neighbors Regional Public Art Installation

June 1, 2021 – November 5, 2021

Mission: "Go Out Doors" inspires discovery and exploration of outdoors spaces and trails, and the intersection/action of place, community, spirit, and nature.

What happens if you open the door and step outside? What happens if the opportunity to engage presents itself? What might we discover if, on foot or wheel, we find ourselves on a path through the woods – hidden from the roads we travel daily? What happens if we leave our electronics behind and find that steps from the front door a sensory world awaits? What happens if we walk and bike daily to and from school and work? Or just for fun? What might we feel? What might change? How can we, as artists, draw more people outside to the pathway?

Originally inspired by the *En Plein Air* door installation on NYC's High Line, **Go Out Doors – Neighbors** expands on a summer 2020 installation celebrating the opening of The West Concord section of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail. Additional "Go Out Doors" projects were later commissioned and previewed last fall in neighboring Concord Center, and the towns of Arlington and Lexington, with several more towns planning to join a much-extended, collaborative multitown celebration of outdoors art and healthful outdoors activities as the region re-emerges from Covid isolation.

We invite you to submit a proposal to paint a door for a temporary 2021 summer art installation. We seek images that depict nature, or an activity (solo or with friends) on a recreational trail, or interacting with nature while out on the trail. We seek inspiration, whimsy, irony, reflection, connection, curiosity, spirituality, and/or joy. See TheUmbrellaArts.org/Go-Out-Doors-Neighbors

Specs:

- Standard Doors (@ 30" x 80") will be provided. Note: most doors will have a paneled surface.
- Doors must be submitted ready to install – weather proofed as needed to last the duration of the exhibit. The back side should be painted, even if it is painted a solid color.
- Small stipend awarded to chosen exhibitors.
- Doors will be installed in areas where there is space for people to pause and enjoy the art. Locations will emphasize biking and walking trails, greenspaces, and safely social-distanced, publicly accessible cultural destinations.

Submit via email by **April 15, 2021** to Stewart Ikeda sikeda@artsarlington.org a letter explaining concepts, a brief bio/resume, contact info, links to websites/exhibitions and/or images of previous work, and up to 3 proposed images, as detailed as possible to get across the concept(s).