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The Urban Ecology Center – Riverside Park, is seeking artists interested in showing their work in our Community Room Gallery. The Urban Ecology Center is a neighborhoodbased, not-for-profit environmental, community center located in east Milwaukee's historic Riverside Park. The Center educates and inspires people to understand and value nature as motivation for positive change, neighborhood by neighborhood.

Criteria for Community Room Gallery exhibits:

To enhance the Urban Ecology Center's educational mission, artwork must have one of the following as its theme: nature-related subjects, the natural sciences, natural products used as art or the relationship of the urban environment to nature. Work submitted in response to the RFP must be consistent with what you will have available for exhibition.

Details:

Selected artwork will be displayed in one of the quarterly shows: January - March, April -June, July - September, and October - December. Art Opening receptions will always be on the second Thursday evening (5 - 7 pm) of the month beginning an exhibit.

The Community Room/exhibit space also serves as a meeting room and classroom that is used daily. The exhibit space has approximately 90 linear feet of wall display area and each show typically exhibits two artists concurrently. Artists are responsible for hanging their work using the gallery system. Help can be made available and an arts committee member will oversee it. The Urban Ecology Center provides the space, notifies its membership and community of the exhibit through a printed newsletter, email blasts, and social media. While the Center will promote the art show, artists are responsible for their personal mailing list. Art work may be made available for purchase with a 20% of sale price contribution to the Urban Ecology Center. The Center carries insurance for these exhibits.

Artists are also welcome to offer workshops, talks, or classes relative to their work at the Center. You have the opportunity to connect in this way with community programs, educational and school programs, and even staff development.

Application Process:

Apply by email. Include the following:

- (1) Artist Statement (two pages maximum). Tell us how your work relates to our mission. Tell us if you propose incorporating a workshop, talk, or class with your exhibit. Include the number of works you'd like to display and the ideal time frame.
- (2) Resume and exhibition record (three pages maximum).
- (3) Five to ten digital images of artwork (individually or combined in PowerPoint).
- (4) A list corresponding to the images, providing title, medium, size, and year, for each image.

Submission deadline is October 31. Work should be submitted to the Urban Ecology Center by email: <u>iferschinger@urbanecologycenter.org</u>. For questions, call Jamie Ferschinger at (414) 964-8505.

Thank you for your consideration and we look forward to receiving your submission!

Sincerely,

Urban Ecology Center Art Committee

