



ART COMMISSION OPPORTUNITY - BY INVITATION ONLY

Battle Creek's Fantasy Forest is going to grow in 2016, with the addition of 6-9 more sculptures, and we would like to receive a proposal from you for one of the spots! This invitation is being forwarded to a select group of artists, who produce artwork of established quality, to ensure that the Fantasy Forest will remain a high-caliber artistic destination.

The 2015 Fantasy Forest art competition was an amazing display of artistic talent and creativity, which resulted in transforming a grove of 100-year-old Ash trees (which had been killed by the Emerald Ash Borer) into stunning works of art. The Fantasy Forest is now filled with wizards, castles, dragons and other mythical creatures (*many thanks to the talented artists!*). Thousands of visitors from all across the United States have been able to enjoy this **FREE sculpture garden**.

2016 EVENT DETAILS

Sculptures will be awarded on a commission basis. The 2016 event is NOT a competition!

The event will take place over a 3-day period with a focus on watching the artists create their artwork. There will be quick-carve contests, a beer tent, an auction on the final day, daily lunches provided, and artists will be able to sell their artwork at their worksite. All other expenses will be the responsibility of the artist.

We have one Ash tree that is still rooted, the "leaning tree," that will be awarded to one artist for a **\$3,000 commission** (due to its size). It will need to remain rooted.

There also will be 6-8 **\$2,000 commissions granted**. There are 3 options for these commissions:

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In Beautiful Leila Arboretum

June 16-18, 2016

1. A standing Ash tree which is straight, tall, and rooted to the ground. Trees must remain rooted and tall (there are 2 trees).

2. Utilizing tree trunks brought on-site which will be placed on strategically located cement bases. These trunks will be Catalpa, Cherry, Oak, White Pine, or similar; 2-3' in diameter; and 8-10' in length. Submitted plans should ensure that the trees will remain as large as possible.

3. **If you are an artist, but not a chainsaw artist or carver**, you can submit a proposal detailing a sculpture that does not include a tree trunk, but does stay within the Fantasy Forest theme. Submitted plans should include durable, outdoor-ready materials and a large size.

We invite you to email or snail mail (to the addresses noted at the bottom of this page) a proposal before **OCTOBER 31, 2015** outlining your idea. Proposals should include a written description, and a drawing or sketch - *we don't grade on the drawing/sketch quality, we are only interested in your idea at this time*. If you were not a 2015 Fantasy Forest artist, it may help your proposal if you include your website and/or images of your past work, so that all members of the committee can become familiar with your past work.

If your proposal is selected, the majority of your WORK MUST TAKE PLACE ON-SITE during the June 16-18 event, although not ALL of the work has to be done at that time. You may fabricate items in advance, to be used during the event.

Please contact us if you have any questions. We look forward to hearing back from you, with a proposal for our event!

Sincerely,

The Battle Creek Fantasy Forest Committee



Send Submissions To:

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