



# Experience ENJOY Embrace the Arts IN ARLINGTON HEIGHTS

The Arts Commission continues to expand its contribution to all artistic disciplines, and serves as a supportive network for those looking to reach their creative goals. We welcome sponsorship from local businesses and suggestions from Village residents on ways we can be of greater service to the community.

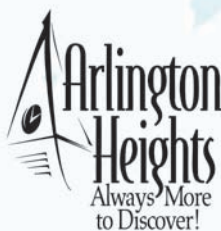
The Arts Commission encourages the cooperation of public and private agencies as well as the general public in support of cultural advancement within the Village.

The Village's Arts Commission is composed of nine local residents who serve three-year terms. We generally meet on the first Wednesday evening of the month at the Village Hall. Those who are interested in serving on the commission or would like to attend our meetings may contact Derek Mach, Staff Liaison, at 847-368-5200.



The Village of Arlington Heights Arts Commission encourages art awareness within the Arlington Heights Community and creates projects, events and programs to produce an environment where cultural arts can flourish.

We support, showcase and reward the artists in our community in several disciplines, including (but not limited to): painting, photography, sculpture, ceramics, textile art, multi-media art, film, television, music, dance, theatre, and all forms of literature.





## ONGOING PROJECTS



### Annual Photography Competition:

Local photographers submit photos depicting a subject unique to Arlington Heights. The commission has the winning photo framed and displayed in the Village Hall.



### Decorated Object Competition:

In July, the commission invites the community to decorate an object and display them as part of Frontier Days events. Objects change each year. Previous object choices have included Hats, Umbrellas, Bird Houses, Chairs and Wastebaskets. The most creative submissions receive gift certificates.

### Bi-Annual Art Outreach Events:

Twice a year, our Art Outreach program features creative community art networking opportunities. In addition to local artisans, we have showcased musicians, dance companies, animators, writers and performers.

### Cultural Arts Award

The commission each year presents this award to an outstanding artist or group who has created a significant body of art, and has made a substantial contribution to the arts in Arlington Heights.

### Creative Writing Program

To encourage school children to increase writing skills, the commission funds a creative writing program. This culminates with professional actors presenting student stories.

### A.R.T. – Art 'Round Town Publication

Annually the commission creates an annual cultural arts event leaflet listing year-round Arlington Heights community events and activities.

### Village Hall Rotating Art Exhibits

Four times a year, the commission requests paintings, drawings and other framed artworks from residents for display in Village Hall.

### Banner Pole Project

A juried competition in which artists submit banner designs relating to a particular season. Banners are displayed on light poles during that season.

The project is designed to showcase the talents of local artists, and adds a unique variety of graphic artwork throughout the village.

### Supporting other organizations' projects relating to the arts

Arts Commission members serve as greeters for the library's annual Teen Film Fest and contribute their talents to the History Museum's biannual Festival of the Wreaths fundraiser.



## PAST ACCOMPLISHMENTS

- Contribution to the Eternal Flame Sculpture in Memorial Park
- Winner of the Golden Paint Brush and Illinois Arts Friendly Community awards
- Sculpture Walk, which brought 12 sculptures to the Downtown
- Recommendation regarding acquisition of 'Cell Phone Booth'
- Recommendation of the location/placement of the 'New Friends Sculpture'