



City of Ketchum

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City of Ketchum Seeks Artists for Two Projects with Wagon Days Theme
'Art in City Hall Exhibition' and 'Wagon Days Poster and Souvenir Art'

KETCHUM, Idaho — The city of Ketchum invites artists to submit qualifications for two separate projects. The Ketchum Arts Commission selected “Wagon Days” as its theme in celebration of the event’s 60th year. Artists may submit artwork related to the parade, the ore wagons or the history of mining in the valley. There is no fee to apply for either project.

The first project is the “Art in City Hall” exhibition. The selected artwork will be featured in the City Council meeting room at Ketchum City Hall. This is the first year that the Ketchum Arts Commission has released a call for artists for this exhibition. Art displayed in City Hall gains much attention from those attending various meetings held there. The Art in City Hall exhibition is in its fourth year. Artists may submit up to five original, two-dimensional works for consideration for Art in City Hall.

Art for the second project, “Wagon Days Poster and Souvenir Art,” will be selected from artist submissions for Art on Fourth who choose to have their entries considered. Artists interested only in the Wagon Days Poster and Souvenir Art will also be considered. Selected artwork will be the official poster for the 60th celebration of Wagon Days and will be incorporated onto souvenir items such as commemorative mugs, pins, t-shirts, etc. Over the years, the posters have become treasured souvenirs of the annual Wagon Days Weekend and many have become collectors’ items. Posters and other items will be on display and offered for sale at Wagon Days Headquarters leading up to and during the Wagon Days Weekend over Labor Day.

Selected artists will receive a stipend of \$350. The deadline for submissions is April 7. Photographers, graphic artists and others working in creative fields are encouraged to apply.

Both projects are organized and curated by the Ketchum Arts Commission, whose mission is to integrate arts and culture into the community’s life.

The call for artists, providing detailed information on the submission process, can be found at ketchumidaho.org/arts or by contacting Sharon Arms, arts and events coordinator at sarms@ketchumidaho.org or (208) 726-7820.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission was created in 2007 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum and a ski gondola at the Sun Valley Resort; Art on Fourth, an annual sculpture exhibit; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; a rotating exhibit of work by local artists in City Hall; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. The commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

About the City of Ketchum

The city of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The city of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 10,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the city of Ketchum, visit ketchumidaho.org.

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