Proposals are now being accepted for the Asian American Resource Center’s (AARC) quarterly rotating exhibits program for fiscal year 2014-2015. The AARC seeks to present visual art that speaks to its mission and works that address topics in Asian and Asian American culture, heritage and history.

SELECTION: An independent panel comprised of community members will review all applications and select exhibitions. The panel will be provided only the artwork examples submitted by the artist for review. No background on the artist, including name, experience, age, national origin, gender or other information will be provided. Artwork will be judged solely on its merit.

Selection criteria are broad and may include:

Originality: All artwork is original in concept and/or presentation.

Artistic Impression: Strength of the artwork is shown based on technique, concept of work, execution, and application of artistic abilities.

Appropriateness: The exhibition is suitable for a public space and relevant to Austin’s Asian and Asian American community.

INSTALLATION: Exhibit installation is the responsibility of the artist(s) with guidance from AARC staff. Thirty (30) days prior to the date of installation, the artist(s) must attend a required planning meeting in order to have the proposed exhibit layout and installation methods approved. AARC staff will be onsite to provide consultation during installation; however artist(s) are responsible for installing their exhibit and providing their own hardware and tools.

For more information regarding installation, refer to the Community Exhibition Program Guidelines at austintexas.gov/aarc.

EXHIBIT SPACE: The AARC is not a museum gallery. Exhibit spaces available include a ballroom, classrooms, conference room and the adjoining hallways.

A glass display case located in the lobby is also available for smaller works (not to exceed 50 lbs & 20” in depth) such as jewelry, ceramics, small 3-D sculptures, and small 2-D works.

LIABILITY: Although the greatest of care and respect will be given to all works exhibited at the AARC, the AARC is not responsible for any loss or damage to the application materials or to the accepted works submitted.

Exhibits are afforded property insurance coverage under the Fine-Arts Floater on the City of Austin property insurance policy. The artist(s) is responsible for the deductible amount of $2,500 and also for obtaining Commercial General Liability Insurance.

SALES: Artist(s) may sell work directly to the public provided that artwork sold remains on display until the conclusion of the exhibition. The AARC does not market sales nor receive a commission from sales of art. AARC staff does not handle purchase negotiations for the artist(s). Any and all purchase inquiries will be referred directly back to the artist.

ADVERTISING: The AARC includes descriptions and some images of exhibits in AARC marketing, which may include a website, brochure, newsletters, calendar listings, or other media outlets as available. Additional methods of publicity are the responsibility of the artist(s).

DEADLINE: April 30, 2014
Mail completed application to:
Asian American Resource Center
8401 Cameron Road
Austin, Texas 78754

APPLICATION PROCESS

Regular Hours:
Tuesday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Wednesday-Thursday, 9:00am to 9:00pm
Friday, 9:00am to 5:00pm
Saturday-Sunday, 9:00am to 3:00pm

Asian American Resource Center
8401 Cameron Road
Austin, Texas 78754
512.974.1700
aarc@austintexas.gov

ABOUT THE ASIAN AMERICAN RESOURCE CENTER

The Asian American Resource Center (AARC) is a cultural facility within the Parks and Recreation Department. Our mission is to provide public resources, collaborative and educational programming, and a cultural destination that enrich the lives of Austin’s Asian and Asian American community.

The AARC is a multi-use facility that provides the public with community and meeting spaces that include a ballroom, library and computer lab, community meeting rooms, classrooms, conference room, arts and crafts room and family activities room.

As a high-use, multi-purpose space, the AARC offers an excellent opportunity for local artists to display artwork that celebrates the diverse and dynamic cultural heritage, history, identity and creativity of Asians and Asian Americans.

CALL FOR EXHIBITS

Application deadline: April 30, 2014
Name of Artist(s) / Arts Organization ________________________________

Contact Person __________________________ Title ___________________

Address __________________________________________________________

City _________________________ State ____________ Zip ____________

Work Phone (____) _____________ Cell Phone (____) _______________

Email __________________________ Website _________________________

PROPOSAL

Title of Exhibition ________________________________________________

Medium / Media to be exhibited ______________________________________

Number of Artist(s) ___________________ Estimated number of works ______

Special Installation Requirements ______________________________________

Brief Description / Theme (Please be as specific as possible.) _______________

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Desired months of exhibition. Please rank in order of preference (1-4):

___ October – December ___ January – March ___ April – June ___ July - September

Are you interested in presenting a talk or demonstration associated with the exhibition? Yes No

ALL ENTRIES MUST INCLUDE THE FOLLOWING

1. Completed Community Exhibition Program application.

2. Individual artists must submit 10-20 jpeg images (no larger than 1024 x 768 pixels at 300 dpi) on a flash drive, CD or DVD of artwork completed in the past 5 years for individual application.

   Organizations must submit 5-10 jpeg images by each participating artist of work completed in the past 5 years. Please use title of work as the file name when saving images.

3. Images should include a numbered list with the artist’s name, title of work, medium, dimensions (height x width x depth) and date completed. Although due care will be taken, the AARC shall not be held responsible for lost or damaged drives or discs.

4. Self-addressed stamped envelope with adequate pre-paid postage for return of the flash drive, CD or DVD and other submission information after the selection process. Please note that the AARC will not return drives or discs without a return envelope.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Applications will be reviewed and recommended by an independent panel comprised of community members. Final exhibit selections and programming are approved by the panel in conjunction with AARC staff. All application materials are subject to open records requests. The AARC reserves the right to reproduce accepted entries and images for the purpose of exhibition promotion and educational programming.

Submission of application indicates acceptance of policies and procedures stated in this application. Upon notification, selected exhibitors will sign an additional exhibition agreement and attachments with the AARC.

The City of Austin is proud to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act. If you require assistance from participation in our programs or use of our facilities, please call (512) 974-1700.