‘Plein Air’ artists: register for free competition

It’s time for Cumberland County arts and historical organizations to begin thinking about completing their applications for the 2013 series of grants available from the N.J. Historical Commission and the N.J. State Council on the Arts (NJSCA). The deadline for submitting applications is Oct. 12.

The Cumberland County Cultural & Historical Commission has amassed an impressive record in receiving grants. The 2012 state grants for applicants under the Commission umbrella totaled $109,590 from NJSCA for art-related programs and $12,000 from the N.J. Historical Commission for general operating support.

“We received the most funds of is kind of any of the surrounding counties in history and the most art re-grant funding of any county south of Monmouth,” said Matthew Pisarski, Principal Planner for the Commission. He points out that part of the success in receiving grant funds (Continued on page 2)
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stamped on Saturday, Aug. 25, at the Gallery at 50 E. Commerce St., Bridgeton, between 7:30 and 10 a.m. Two works may be submitted for exhibition, but space may require limiting to one piece, at the Gallery’s discretion.

Registered artists may paint after check-in until no later than 6 p.m. and return their work to Gallery 50 no later than 6:30 p.m.

The standard size for canvases or paper is 5” x 7” to 16” x 20.” Canvases must be framed and works on paper matted and framed. The “Plein Air Exhibit” will become part of the Gallery’s annual Landscape Show from Sept. 1 to 28.

The awards presentation and reception will be on Friday, Sept. 7, from 6 to 9 p.m. All work must be picked up at Gallery 50 on Saturday, Sept. 29, between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m., or arrangements made to have work shipped prepaid prior to leaving the art work for exhibition.

So to all you budding artists out there—go out and get inspired!

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lies with the significant support given by the Commission and the County in securing those funds, in combination with “the wonderful programming provided by the recipients of the re-grant funds.”

New category this year

Guidelines regarding the 2013 applications recently went out to all former grantees. Among the notifications was that the Commission has added a funding category this year called “General Programming Support” or “GPS.” This is for applicants who do not need general operating support but are seeking funding for more than one project, activity or event. The “Special Project” category is for a single project or event while the GPS category is for multiple activities or events.

Mr. Pisarski added that each organization may submit two applications—one for arts and one for history—if the programming meets the criteria. If two applications are submitted, they should be packaged separately. Applicants also should inform Mr. Pisarski to expect two separate packages.

The Commission, in its effort to insure success on the part of the applicants, is working on scheduling a grant writing workshop in the near future.

Eligibility

Any nonprofit group is eligible to submit an arts proposal, including libraries, civic organizations, Y’s, educational institutions (for non-standard extracurricular funding only), museums, historical groups, festival programs, arts councils and commissions, and creative groups in all disciplines. For the arts re-grant, non-arts groups can apply for funding only to support arts-related programs.

In the history category, any nonprofit, governmental or educational agency with a historic focus within Cumberland County may apply for funding for itself or as the umbrella agency for a historical project that is largely the work of an individual. Work for which support is sought must be in some way related to Cumberland County history.

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