

Delano Annual Sculpture Walk – 2021

The Delano Area Council for Arts and Culture plans to organize a Sculpture Walk in the Delano Sculpture Park along the Crow River and through historic downtown Delano. The sculpture park was established in 2012. There are currently 3 sculptures and a labyrinth in the park. Our intention is to attract 12 artists willing to display pieces, of different mediums, for one year to expand development of the park. Artists may submit up to three pieces for the event. The Council will give the artists an honorarium of \$350 per sculpture to help cover cost of installation and an additional \$150 when the sculpture is removed at the end of the year. Each installation will be available for purchase, with a delivery date after the year display period. A selection committee of members of the City of Delano Parks and Recreation Commission, Delano Area Council of Arts and Culture, the City of Delano Spirit of Community Commission, the Spirit of Community Trail Committee and the Delano Franklin Township Area Historical Society will choose sculptures from quality artists, that demonstrates creativity, mastery their medium, a distinct artistic voice and has structural integrity to insure public safety. The Sculpture park installations will be included in the Delano Spirit of Community Trail. Each marker on the trail will have a Quick Response (QR) code to link the participant to points of interest and stories about the site. Each sculpture's sign will have a (QR) Code to link information about the sculpture, the artist and relationship to the aesthetics, culture and/or history of the area to educate the public. This project will bring art work of Minnesota artists to the community of Delano. It will be a free activity, in an outdoor setting; something we all need after a year of Covid. Our greatest hurdle for this inaugural event is attracting artists to our small town event. This is an event that we hope will become an annual event to bring people to the area to appreciate new art installations for years to come but the initial year could be a challenge. Our greatest strength for this event is Delano's proximity to the Twin Cities.