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City's Summer Arts Series Committee Presents the *Local Artist Choice Awards*

Lockport, IL – The City of Lockport's Summer Art Series Committee is excited to announce the start of the *Local Artist Choice Awards* for artists 18 years and older. The committee has selected 18 pieces of art to display at host businesses throughout downtown Lockport.

Beginning Monday, June 25 through Monday, July 23, the community can tour the artwork downtown with family and friends and vote on their favorite artwork. Each host business will have a poster in their window indicating that they are a host business showing a picture of the artwork displayed in their store. A list of participating businesses, artists, and artwork titles is available below.

Each person can vote only once per day. Ballots will be available upon request and ballot boxes will be visibly displayed. The public is advised to go to the businesses' websites to confirm the hours of operation before visiting.

Artwork location maps are available at each participating business, as well as at the City's Water Department, 222 E. 9th Street, 2nd Floor, and the White Oak Library, 121 E. 8th Street. A digital copy of the map is available on the City's website.

The Summer Arts Series Committee is also hosting a contest for artists ages 17 and younger. Details regarding the contest will be released soon.

The City of Lockport is a historic community of just over 25,000 residents, located just 35 miles southwest of Chicago's Loop. An upcoming community with a historic downtown and trails along the I&M Canal, Lockport is the perfect place to live and do business. For more information on Lockport, visit cityoflockport.net or call (815) 838-0549.

HOST BUSINESSES	ARTIST / ARTWORK
Showanda's Nail Bar 931 S. State Street https://www.showandasnailbar.com	Raquel Mirabella Cartoon of girl on I&M Canal
Amazing Fantasy Books and Comics 113 E. 9 th Street http://www.afbooks.com/shop	Katie Blanchard "On Top of Mother Earth"
Vegan Café 928 S. State Street http://www.hsvegancafelockport.com	Suzanne Serna, "Down by the Water"
Marchio Tile 910 S. State Street http://marchiotileandcarpet.com	Chelsea Trainor "Greetings from Lockport"
Barber Capital 16 W. 9 th Street Facebook @barbercapitallockport	Rodrigo Montoya Ortiz "Grace"
Public Landing Restaurant 200 W. 8 th Street https://www.publiclandingrestaurant.com	Norb Haas "Limestone Beauty"
Port Noir 900 S. State Street https://www.theportnoir.com	Kristin Kemp "Escape Route"
Embers 933 S. State Street http://www.emberstaphouse.com	Steve Streit "Time Machine"
Wildwood Gallery 1010 S. State Street http://www.wildwoodgallery.com	Patricia Mulcrone "Bridges"
Mint Salon 201 E. 9 th Street http://mintexperience.com	Leah Weis "From Old to New"

<p>Nines on 9th 133 E. 9th Street http://tothenineson9th.com</p>	<p>Brittany Svee “Time of Reflection”</p>
<p>Naked Sprout 938 S. State Street http://www.nakedsproutorganics.com</p>	<p>Lori S. “Lockport Farm to Downtown Table”</p>
<p>Papa Joe’s 1001 S. State Street https://papajoesrestaurant.com</p>	<p>Cali Timm “Lock #1 – Past and Present”</p>
<p>Thimbles 940 S. State Street https://thimblesquilts.com</p>	<p>Michael Zimmer “12th Street Lockport”</p>
<p>Boy Scouts of America 921 S. State Street https://www.rainbowcouncil.org</p>	<p>Mary Ehrler “Second Bridge”</p>
<p>IL State Museum (voting) 201 W. 10th Street http://www.illinoisstatemuseum.org</p>	<p>Nancy Ramirez – “Unlock Love” (outdoor display) at 8th Street foot bridge over the canal, public is invited to place personalized locks on the bridge</p>
<p>Gallery Seven 200 W. 8th Street https://www.galleryseven.net</p>	<p>John Voss “Trackside”</p>
<p>Canals & Trails Credit Union 838 S. State Street http://www.canals-trailscu.org</p>	<p>Joseph Rafacz “Lockport’s Evolution”</p>