

Community Art Competition - Brian Brown Greenway

Growing community through art



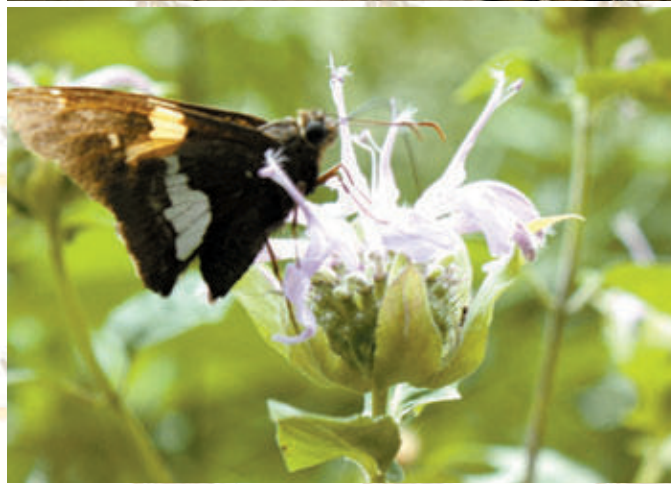
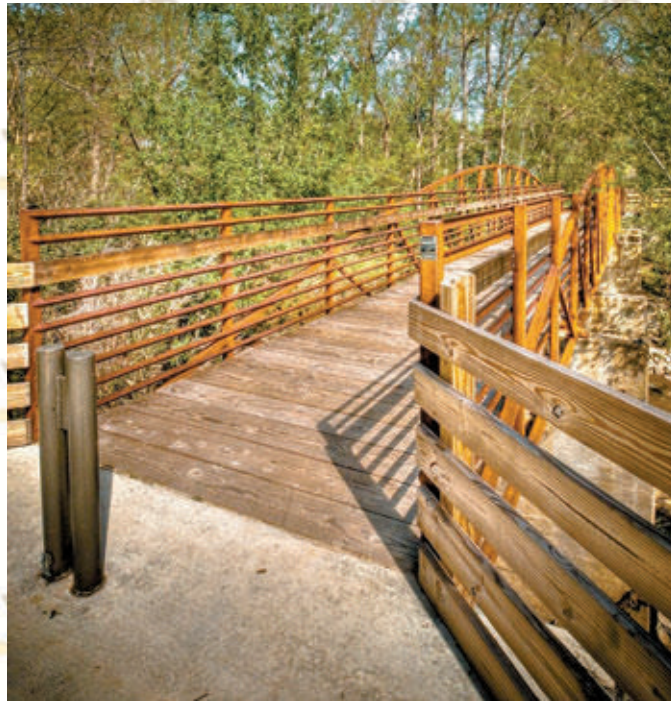
Join the first community art competition to feature the work of individuals, families and groups along the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway in Martin during the 2019 TN Soybean Festival in September.

A three-foot-by-three-foot wooden panel will be provided to be painted as mini-murals by professional and amateur individual artists, families and community groups for \$25 per board with a completed registration form. The theme of the paintings will be "Growing Community Through Art." Registration forms and boards can be picked up at Martin City Hall beginning now through Aug. 23.

Artists have to supply their own paint. Funds raised will cover the costs of the boards and for the beautification of the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway. All boards must be returned to the Martin City Hall no later than noon on Aug. 23 to be voted on and displayed along the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway's new extension by South Lindell Street in Martin during this year's TN Soybean Festival, which will be held Sept. 1-7.

The community art competition is a collaborative effort by the TN Soybean Festival Committee, City of Martin, the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway Foundation and Weakley ArtsCan.

"The Tennessee Soybean Festival applauds the efforts of the good folks of Weakley ArtsCan," said David Belote, TN Soybean Festival director. "And we are excited about partnering with them to provide this wonderful opportunity for our community. We are looking forward to showcasing the spirit of our community through this art



medium in one of the more picturesque locations in the city, the Brian Brown Memorial Greenway.

"As a friend of Brian, truly, this is one of the ways he envisioned the community using the Greenway. A big 'thank you' to all who are investing their time to grow our community! I am excited about what is getting ready to take

place."

Completed art pieces will be displayed along the black fence around the new portion of the Brian Brown Greenway extension area. Pieces will have pre-cut holes and use zip ties to attach to the fence. Directional signs will also be used to inspire folks to take a walk, view and vote for the artwork. Pieces will also

be photographed and posted on the TN Soybean Festival Facebook page.

"Weakley ArtsCan believes in the power of the arts by supporting and empowering all community members through the promotion of inclusive and innovative arts offerings," said Julie Hill, vice president of Weakley ArtsCan. "We believe future generations can and will benefit from being immersed in the arts.

"We exist to promote art education in the Weakley County School system and inspire people to support art programs."

Each piece of art will have a corresponding number. All festival attendees and community members can vote using a ballot box that will be set up at either end of the greenway art corridor, or cast their paper vote at Martin City Hall.

Active voting will take place Sept. 1-7, by casting ballots in designated boxes along the Greenway Art Corridor, or submitted in person to the Martin City Hall. A last day active voting push is scheduled for Sept. 7 from 8 a.m. until 4 p.m. The paintings with the most individual votes will be the chosen winner. Voting will conclude Sept. 7 at 4 p.m. An award ceremony will take place at 5:30 p.m. at C.E. Weldon Library.

The winners will be announced during the final evening of the TN Soybean Festival with the opportunity to win \$100 cash prizes in three separate categories — individual, family and group.

To enter the contest, register at the Martin City Hall in person. Pick up a board from City Hall from now through Aug. 23.

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