

Art in Nature - Call to Artists

The Art in Nature project is a project to have 6-8 semi-permanent pieces of community-made art on Imago's trail system. This project is part of our larger Trail Invitations project. The Trail Invitations are a series of stations throughout Imago's nature preserve designed to invite community members and other visitors to connect with nature at Imago through a series of installations. The installations fall into three broad (but often overlapping) categories:

- **Art on Trails**
- **Exploration Stations** - Spaces for families to closely investigate and explore nature
- **Sacred Spaces** - Spaces for mindfulness, meditation, journaling and reflecting.

About Imago

Imago is an environmental education organization and urban nature preserve. Our focus is on fostering sustainability and nature connection, especially for people living in urban areas. Part of our work is preserving 37 acres of urban nature that is free and open to the public. Your artwork would be displayed at our nature preserve along with other pieces.

For more information about Imago and our programs visit imagoearth.org

Process

1. [You Apply](#) and the **Imago's Art Committee** reviews your application.
2. **If approved to proceed**, you and an Imago representative walk the land and talk about your design.
3. **Decision Time!** If both parties are still interested, we'll ask that you sign an agreement that will go over timeline, materials, and costs.
4. **Installation.** You're off! You create and install your piece. Imago may have resources that you can use for your artwork or for its installation.
5. **Celebration** - We'll promote your piece and your piece will be up for 12-18 months.
6. **De-installation** - After a year to a year and a half, we'll take your piece down (or you can). You are welcome to have it or you can let us decide what happens to it. Please note that technically, while at Imago, the artwork would be the property of Imago.

Ready? [Apply Here](#)

Interested in being an Artist

Great! Here are a few things to know:

Application Form

We'll ask you to fill out a [short application form](#) - this tells us a little bit more about you and your proposed artwork

Who

Your artwork can be something you do on your own, or something you do with a group.

Materials

In accordance with our mission and aesthetic, we ask that materials for your piece be made from natural or upcycled (recycled) materials. If using recycled materials they should be securely fastened to your piece of art so they don't become litter.

Where does the art live?

Each of the pieces will have its own dedicated space on our trails (you can take a tour to see where your piece might go). We'll mark your piece with a trail marker and a link to our website (through a QR code). We ask that you consider and design your artwork with the outdoor space in mind.

Themes to Consider

As an urban nature preserve rooted in our neighborhood, we ask that you consider nature, sustainability or community as you think about your piece. You don't have to hit all three, but tells us how your piece connects with those concepts.

Life of Piece

We ask that your artwork be structurally sound and should be able to withstand the forces of nature for a minimum of one calendar year.

Honorarium

We value your time and energy and will offer an honorarium of \$500.00 as a way of giving thanks. In certain cases (like if the materials are more costly) we will consider a higher honorarium. Please note that the honorarium is for the whole piece not each member of your group. Please also note that you are welcome to donate part of all of your honorarium if you choose. We will gratefully acknowledge that donation in our promotion.