



Art in the Gardens | Shed Murals Call for Artists

NYC Parks GreenThumb's Art in the Gardens - *Shed Murals* project, is currently requesting proposals for mural artists. Art in the Gardens is a growing public art program within the [NYC Parks GreenThumb](#)¹ community gardening program, which is the largest in the nation with over 550 community gardens.



Mural art by Paul Deo @ Libertad Urban Farm in the Bronx

Art in the Gardens works to connect local artists with the opportunity to collaborate with local neighbors and community gardens as a platform to create and display their art. Throughout May 2018, Art in the Gardens will highlight public art works through art walks, artist talks, and participatory happenings to bring attention to the pieces.

The *Shed Murals* project is a component of Art in the Gardens. It will provide sheds to gardens in underserved communities and enhance the sheds with beautiful artwork.

Proposal submissions should be keeping with the theme of this year's GreenThumb GrowTogether Conference, *Honoring Our Roots*. Artists are encouraged to consider garden history through storytelling, preservation of community culture, and activist/resistance movements.

Applicants can range from professional artists to community gardeners with love of art-making. In an effort to cultivate deep-rooted local connections, preference will be given to artists from the gardens' surrounding neighborhoods – though all are encouraged to apply.

¹ <http://greenthumbnyc.org/>



Guidelines

NYC Parks GreenThumb is looking for artists in the following neighborhoods:

- BRONX: University Heights, Melrose
- BROOKLYN: East New York, Williamsburg, Bedford-Stuyvesant, Gowanus, Brownsville, Canarsie
- MANHATTAN: Lower East Side, Hamilton Heights

The sheds are corrugated steel which allows for a mostly paint-based medium, though mosaic work will be considered. Shed walls measure: four walls at 10' L x 6'10" H each **–OR–** two walls at 5' L x 6'10" H and two walls at 8' L x 6'10" H.

Artworks should be installed in April or May 2018 to coincide with GreenThumb's Art in the Gardens month. Artists should consider a programmatic component for garden visitors. GreenThumb will provide the materials listed below.

- Self-Etching Primer
- Top Coat Epoxy
- Paint Trays
- Paint Cups
- Ventilator Masks
- Protective Goggles
- Rubber/Latex Gloves
- Drop Sheets

Other required materials and supplies are the responsibility of the artist.



Source: Pinterest



Submission Requirements

- A written description of the proposed mural, including title and connection to the surrounding community/neighborhood (300 word limit)
- Color renderings of the mural design
- Installation budget with itemized materials list and method of financing
- Mural artist's resume and/or a description of the sponsoring organization. Include the name, address, and phone number of the contact person.
- Up to ten images of the artist's previous work. All images must be clearly labeled with the name of the artist, title of the work, media, and dimensions.

Deadline for submissions is March 1, 2018, 11:59 p.m.

Submit your proposal by email to Ariana Arancibia, GreenThumb Project Planner:
ariana.arancibia@parks.nyc.gov – Subject: Shed Murals 2018

or by mail to:

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Proposal materials will not be returned and incomplete applications will not be reviewed.