Lebanon Manhole Cover Art Design Contest

The Lebanon Arts Commission is pleased to announce a manhole cover art design contest to create artistic Lebanon-themed manhole covers to be placed in the downtown area. All interested parties are encouraged to submit their design ideas. The Arts Commission welcomes conceptual designs emblematic of the following five categories:

- Lebanon’s Wood Products Industry Era
- Lebanon Area Wildlife
- Lebanon’s Railroad History
- Lebanon’s Strawberry Heritage
- Lebanon Freestyle (Lebanon themes that do not fit any of the above categories)

Examples from another community:

A panel of judges comprised of members of the Lebanon Arts Commission will group all submissions according to the above categories and seek to select a winning design from each of the five categories. Selected designs will be forwarded to the Lebanon City Council to be ratified as official City of Lebanon Manhole Cover Designs.

The Arts Commission hopes to have all five designs produced as manhole covers to replace generic covers in the downtown area. All replaced covers will be re-purposed as covers in new community developments as they occur elsewhere in the community.

Contest Rules and Guidelines

- All design entries must be submitted on the “Official Entry Form” included with these rules and guidelines.
- Please use a pencil, black ink pen or black marker for designs; no colors should be used in designs as these manhole covers do not have color other than that of the metal. Computer generated designs are welcome (if submitted on an official entry form).

Entry Deadline: 5 pm Tuesday, December 10, 2019

Entry forms may be scanned (front and back) and emailed to Leigh@LebanonOregon.gov

Submissions may also be delivered by hand or via mail to:
Lebanon City Hall
Attn: Leigh Matthews Bock
925 S. Main Street
Lebanon, OR 97355

Artist Name: ____________________________________________
Phone: ___________________________________________________
Email Address: ____________________________________________

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All designs should have a clear focal point and should be simple and uncluttered in composition. Large and bold objects usually work best on the face of a manhole cover. Designs used to create manhole covers will be enlarged by the producing foundry to a diameter of approximately 25 inches.

All designs must be submitted on the circular design template provided in the “Official Entry Form” and the words “CITY OF LEBANON” and “OREGON” appearing on the template must not be altered.

To be considered, all designs must comply with one of the following five (5) themed categories:
- Lebanon’s Wood Products Industry Era
- Lebanon Area Wildlife
- Lebanon’s Railroad History
- Lebanon’s Strawberry Heritage
- Lebanon Freestyle (Lebanon themes that do not fit any of the above categories)

Multiple entries from the same artist are welcome.

Designs with elements covered by copyright, trademark or other rights must include a release acceptable to the Lebanon Arts Commission from the rights owner.

Designs promoting or depicting existing organizations, businesses or living individuals will not be accepted.

All design submissions become the property of the City of Lebanon and cannot be returned.

By the act of submitting a design, contest participants agree they are relinquishing all intellectual or other rights of ownership to such submissions and that they will allow the Lebanon Arts Commission to use their design or concepts on manhole covers and other artistic uses and in promotional materials for public distribution without charge or restriction.

Winning contest participants will be publicly recognized for their designs at public events, through press releases and via social media.

The Arts Commission reserves the right to have submitted designs altered and developed by independent artists prior to production of manhole covers.

The Arts Commission may elect to eliminate a theme category if it is unable to determine a winning design for such category.

The Arts Commission chairperson reserves the right to disqualify any design determined to have not followed the contest rules.

Please read the Contest Rules and Guidelines before starting your design.

IMPORTANT: Please complete the artist information on the back of this form.

Thank you for participating!