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ARTS & ENVIRONMENT

## Call for Proposals

### Go Out Doors - Neighbors

A public art installation of painted doors in Concord Center  
Fall 2020

*Mission: "Go Out Doors" inspires discovery and exploration of walking and biking trails, and the intersection/action of place, community, spirit, and nature.*

*"I only went out for a walk and finally concluded to stay out till sundown, for going out, I found, was really going in." — John Muir*

What happens if you open the door and step outside? What happens if the opportunity to engage presents itself? What might we discover if, on foot or wheel, we find ourselves on a path through the woods – hidden from the roads we travel daily? What happens if we leave our electronics behind and find that steps from the front door a sensory world awaits? What happens if we walk and bike daily to and from school and work? Or just for fun? What might we feel? What might change?

Initially conceived for the Go Out Doors installation celebrating newly opened sections of the Bruce Freeman Rail Trail in West Concord, this extended regional exhibition will feature inter-connected artworks reaching into Concord Center, additional bike and walking paths, and neighboring towns throughout Battle Road and Metrowest.

Go Out Doors – Neighbors asks, *How can we, as artists, draw more people outside to reconnect with Nature?* Inspired by the *En Plein Air* door installation on NYC's High Line, we invite you to submit a proposal to paint a recycled door for a temporary 2020 art installations in and outside Concord. We seek images that depict nature, or an activity (solo or with friends) on a recreational trail, or interacting with nature (or fellow recreators) while out on the trail. We seek inspiration, whimsy, irony, reflection, connection, curiosity, spirituality, and/or joy.

#### Specs:

- Standard Doors (roughly 30" x 80") will be provided. Note: most doors will have a paneled surface.
- Doors must be submitted ready to install – weather proofed as needed to last the duration of the exhibit.
- Small stipend awarded to chosen exhibitors.
- Doors will be installed in groups of 3-4, just off the trail in areas where there is space for people to pause and enjoy the art.

- Installation assistance appreciated! Installation materials provided and include: 4 steel braces (two on each bottom edge), which affix to two parallel, weatherized 2' x 8' pieces of wood, which are in turn anchored in the ground with iron stakes.

**Proposal Instructions:**

Submit via email by August 31, 2020 to Caroline Provost [caroline@theumbrellaarts.org](mailto:caroline@theumbrellaarts.org) a letter explaining concepts, a brief bio/resume, links to websites/exhibitions and/or images of previous work, and up to 3 proposed images, as detailed as possible to get across the concept(s).