



St. Charles Sculpture Committee

213 Walnut Street • St. Charles, IL 60174
stcsculpture.org

Prospectus

2026-2027 Sculpture in the Park Exhibit 20th Anniversary

The Sculpture Committee in partnership with the St. Charles Park District and St. Charles Park Foundation are accepting submissions for sculptors to participate in the year-round Sculpture in the Park Exhibit in Mt. St. Mary Park along the picturesque Fox River in downtown St. Charles, Illinois. One sculpture will be chosen for display in the veranda garden at the Baker Community Center.

Sculptures

Substantial size sculptures are preferred due to the size of the park (29 acres). Sculptures should be durable and suitable for outdoor placement in a public park. All pieces will be mounted to a concrete slab. Pad sizes by foot are: 3x3, 4x4, 4x8, 4x10, 5x5, 6x6

It is requested that sculptors provide a minimum mounting system of no less than 3/8" bolts and no greater than 3/4" bolts. A minimum 3-point bolting system is required. If the sculptor requires heavy equipment to install the sculpture piece, the Park District must be notified prior to installation day. Any questions related to the mounting system or installation, please call Construction Supervisor Chuck Dupuis at 630-508-2741 or cdupuis@stcparks.org. If accepted, weight of piece must be the same as shown on the application and a design footprint must be submitted upon request. During installation, the Construction Supervisor reserves the right to not accept a sculpture due to safety, durability or construction issues.

Acceptable media include: metal, stone or any other durable material that can withstand the elements and abuse of a year-round outdoor display. Sculptures are accessible to the public; they are displayed along a walking path. Pieces should not have sharp edges, be loose or be able to be dismantled in any way or be an endangerment to the public. The Committee reserves the right to inspect all pieces and order the removal of a sculpture if the committee feels it presents a danger; the committee's decision is final.

All sculptures submitted in the application must be ready for installation. Concepts will not be accepted.

All pieces must be available for sale. The sculptor's name, location and website (if supplied); sculpture name and material; and sale price will appear on a recognition plaque mounted on the concrete base and listed on the sculpture website.

The Committee will be responsible for working with local and regional media to promote the Sculpture in the Park exhibit.

Important Dates

Applications due on **March 6, 2026** via <https://www.stcsculpture.org/application>.

The Committee will review all applications and make recommendations to the St. Charles Park Board for final approval at their meeting on **March 24, 2026**. Sculptors will be notified shortly after that date if their sculpture is accepted for the exhibit.

Sculptures will be installed by Park District Construction Crew. Sculptors must coordinate delivery and removal of sculptures with Construction Supervisor Chuck Dupuis at 630-508-2741 or cdupuis@stcparks.org. Local artists may choose to be onsite during the installation/removal process.

Shipped or delivered sculptures must be received between the hours of 8am and 3pm beginning **May 4 through May 8, 2026**. Sculptures must be shipped at the owner's expense. To keep the installation process on schedule, sculptures received late will incur a stipend reduction.

Send sculptures to:

St. Charles Park District
Denny Ryan Service Center
Attn: Chuck Dupuis
37W755 Bolcom Road
St. Charles, IL 60175

All sculptures should be installed by **May 15, 2026**.

An Artist's Reception will take place at Mt. St. Mary Park on **July 17, 2026** from 5-7pm with presentations at 6pm.

Removal of sculptures will take place during the first week of **May 2027**.

Honorariums & Fees

Along with the online application (<https://www.stcsculpture.org/application>), a non-refundable entry fee of \$25 for each submission must be included and paid using Paypal or a credit card.

For each accepted sculpture, the sculptor will be paid a \$1,500 honorarium.

The Committee will award a "Committee Award" in the amount of \$500 to one sculptor for originality, durability and execution. This sculptor will be recognized at the Sculptor's Reception on **July 17, 2026**.

Sculpture in the Park is hosted by the St. Charles Park District in partnership with the St. Charles Park Foundation, a 501(c) 3 organization; donations are tax deductible to the extent permitted by law.

The Committee will collect a 30% commission on sculptures sold or commissioned during the period of the annual exhibit.

Insurance

The St. Charles Park District will provide insurance during the period of the exhibit for any damages incurred up to a maximum of \$10,000 as determined by the insurer. The District is responsible for insuring the piece while they are in possession of the sculpture. Insurance coverage before delivery and immediately after removal of the sculpture is the responsibility of the sculptor or owner. If any damage is done to a piece, the amount covered is the cost of repairing the sculpture or, in the event the piece is not repairable, the cost of replication of the piece by the sculptor, up to \$10,000 maximum, as opposed to the retail value of the piece. In the interest of public safety, the Park District retains the right to remove damaged or dangerous pieces in the absence of prompt and satisfactory repair.

For insurance purposes, sculptors will certify to the St. Charles Park District that they have created and possess unencumbered title to the sculpture(s) being submitted to the Sculpture in the Park Exhibit.

The Sculpture in the Park Committee, the St. Charles Park Foundation and the St. Charles Park District will not be liable for degradation caused by weather and/or normal wear and tear.

We are pleased you have considered entering the 2026-2027 Sculpture in the Park Exhibit. If you have questions, please feel free to contact Erika Young at 630-513-4319 or eyoung@stcparks.org.