

# REQUEST FOR ART PROPOSALS

## *Redmond Arts Commission*

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### IDYLWOOD BEACH PARK MURAL

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October 15, 2009, Proposals Due

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#### OPPORTUNITY

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The Redmond Arts Commission requests proposals from artists with experience painting family friendly public murals for paintings on a building in Idylwood Beach Park, Redmond, Washington. There are three walls on one building suitable for murals. One wall sizes are 24' x 8' and the other two are 27' x 8'. The walls are concrete and have small pits in the surface. Murals are meant to last a few years and to have graffiti protection. They do not need to cover the complete wall. They would be considered temporary art in the City's visual arts collection and could be removed if damaged or in the case of renovations to the Park.

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#### OVERVIEW & HISTORY

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**Idylwood Beach Park is located** at 3650 West Lake Sammamish Parkway NE in Redmond, Washington. The park includes a beach staffed with lifeguards in the summer, playground area, and natural stream, and large picnic shelter. Both active play and natural elements coexist at this park facility. Native plants included in the recent stream restoration include: Douglas fir, Western hemlock, Trillium, Salal, Evergreen Huckleberry, and many others. Eagles perch on beach-side trees while families picnic, swim, and play nearby.

Idylwood Beach Park has a long tradition as a popular spot for recreation. In the 1920s, Lake Sammamish was a popular summer vacation sport for families escaping Seattle's urban grit. In 1927, the road between Issaquah and the west side of the lake was graded and paved, offering easier access to the ever-increasing number of area residents who owned a car, and stimulated the development of many small vacation cottage rental businesses.

Gateway Grove, which is now part of the park, was first developed in 1927 by the Charles Enis family, who built a dozen cottages as rental properties, along with a boathouse, swimming dock and playground. The property changed hands several times in the following years, and in 1951 it was sold to Chandler and Myrtle Pickering, who spruced up the resort with a 40-foot slide and a high diving board.

King County purchased Gateway Grove and its neighboring resort, Idylwood Beach, in 1969. The two properties were combined to form Idylwood Beach Park, which King County gave to the City of Redmond in 1994.

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**PROPOSALS**

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Proposals should include:

- Artist Resume
- Images of past outdoor murals
- Budget and timeline

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**METHOD OF SELECTION**

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Selected artists will be asked to meet and tour the park. They will receive a stipend of \$500.00 to complete designs for the building. From those designs, we will select one or more artists to complete the project. We reserve the right to make no selections.

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**SCHEDULE**

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Initial Proposals due October 15, 2009. Selected artists will be notified by November 15, 2009. Work will be completed by April 2010.

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**SUBMITTAL**

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**US Mail**

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