Date: August 28, 2019
To: Ivins City Council
From: Ivins Arts Commission

Re: Proposal: Student Art Exhibition

The Arts Commission recommends the City sponsor an annual Student Art Exhibition, with the first one taking place in April 2020.

By displaying student art, the Council Chamber walls will come to life, bring art to the City's residents and enhance Ivins' reputation as a creative arts community, while honoring, encouraging, and celebrating our City's young artists.

Participating students and schools will take pride in another opportunity to expose the community to the quality of art and art education taking place in our City's schools. The general public will have the opportunity to enjoy and be enriched by the artistic efforts of our young citizens. Together, we will benefit from taking a month to celebrate art and budding artists in Ivins. And, this exhibition is one more way for our City's young citizens to be exposed to the work of the City Council.

Imagine the Council Chamber walls celebrating the creativity of our City's young residents





The exhibition furthers one of the goals of the Arts Master Plan

The Student Art Exhibition fits within Goal 2 of the Arts Master Plan, to "enliven and enhance spaces throughout Ivins City for the community and visitors to enjoy public art and art activities." An annual exhibit also is within the Guiding Principles of the Arts Master Plan such as seeking participation from all segments of the community and working collaboratively to generate arts experiences throughout the City.

Schools involved

Working with local arts instructors at Red Mountain elementary, Vista School, and Tuacahn High School, the Arts Commission would solicit submissions of wall hung art from students to be displayed for one month in the City's Council Chambers. After that, the art will be available for display at KAF and Tuacahn.

The schools will determine which art to submit. Schools may submit up to ten pieces of art.

City Council determines final selection

The Arts Commission will review submissions and make a recommendation to the City Council of appropriate submissions for the City Council or its designated Council member or staff to review and make the final selections.

Judging the Exhibition

The exhibited art will be judged by a panel of professional artists. The City Council will present awards at one of its meetings.

Promoting the Exhibition

The Exhibition will be advertised in the Ivins City newsletter (and elsewhere if required for public notice) and the Arts Commission will send news releases (by email) to local media and work to get media coverage of the awards presentation.

Exhibition cost

Prizes will cost approximately $200 (a Best in Show cash prize of $100 plus 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place ribbons and certificates).

Timing issues

If the City Council approves our recommendation for this exhibition, we need to approach the schools this fall (ideally in September 2019) to announce the exhibition and the criteria. This will give the teachers time to select art throughout the school year rather than being rushed in March.