

A competition for placement of a sculpture on South Main Street has been announced in a "Call for Artists" by the Burnsville Public Art Design Board. The Board is looking for existing three-dimensional work in any durable medium suitable for all-weather display that can remain on loan for approximately eleven months. The site will be the planted area at the northeast corner of Burnsville Town Center. There is no entry fee. The selected artist will receive a \$250 honorarium, from funds donated by local supporters of the arts. Deadline for submission is May 27, 2011. The work will be installed by June 24, 2011.

As part of the Burnsville Public Art Program another loaned sculpture will be installed about the same time at the corner of South Main and Town Square. Yancey County artist Rob Levin secured funding for creation and installation of this sculpture through the United States Artists website.

The two newly installed works will join loaned sculptures by local artists Barron Brown, Carl Peverall, and Ila Seltzer that are currently placed in planted areas on Town property on South Main Street, and the photo quilt by Barbara Webster in the Town Center that was commissioned by the Town.

On December 2, 2010, the Burnsville Town Council approved a Town of Burnsville Public Art Policy and the creation of a Public Art Design Board. The Board's role is to direct the selection and placement of works of art on Town property and oversee the public art program. The board consists of five members: a Burnsville Town Councilor (Ron Powell), a Toe River Arts Council (TRAC) Board Member (Rolf Holmquist), a local artist recommended by TRAC (Martin Webster), the town's Code Enforcement Officer (Ronnie Tipton), and a member at large (Lisa England).

The Toe River Arts Council will serve as project coordinator for the Burnsville Public Art Program. TRAC will be the point of contact for receiving public art proposals and for persons interested in purchasing artwork on display. TRAC will assist in inventorying existing public art on Town property, as part of a larger planned project to inventory publicly visible artwork in Yancey and Mitchell counties.

Details about the sculpture competition and the entry procedure are available on the Toe River Arts Council website [www.toeriverarts.org](http://www.toeriverarts.org) or at the TRAC Burnsville Gallery at 102 West Main Street.