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PEOPLE

The Baraboo Public Arts Association (BPAA) is a non-profit organization whose goal is to beautify this city and celebrate its heritage.

Please let us know if you are interested in becoming involved with public art in Baraboo, Wisconsin.

Sponsored by the
Baraboo Public Arts Association
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To nominate someone (living or not) for this project, please submit the following:

- The nominee's connection to the Baraboo community in one or two sentences.

Your name(s):

Address:

Phone:

- One or more good photographs of the nominee. Don't send originals - please submit page-sized copies or scans.

- Two or three handwritten paragraphs about the nominee.

- A check for \$600 made out to Baraboo Public Arts Association.

Send nomination to: BPAA, 135 4th St., Baraboo, WI 53913

Nominations for the first 40 portraits will be taken on a first-come/first-served basis, determined by postmark (commencing 7/21/16).

For more information, contact Morgan McArthur, 414-588-4450.



"Every Life Tells a Story" — Butternut, Wisconsin

"People are the Fabric of our Community"

At the core of every community are the people. When dedicating Baraboo's first mural in the fall of 2015, Mayor Mike Palm said, "People are the Fabric of Our Community." Those words captured the spirit of inclusion and the pride that is felt in and about this special place.

The Baraboo Public Arts Association (BPAA) is pleased to announce an exciting piece of public artwork that will highlight the human aspect of the Baraboo, Wisconsin community.

PICTURE THIS...

The People are the Fabric of Our Community project is a public portrait mural that will acknowledge people who have made a difference to others and have helped shape Baraboo. Past and present residents of the Baraboo area can be nominated to have their portraits – 7' tall by 2' wide – painted by a professional muralist and attached to the wall of a downtown building for long-term public display.

Nearly everyone is eligible for inclusion. A community is not exclusive to captains of industry or leaders from long ago. Grandmothers are part of the community. Memorable teachers are part of the community. Veterans are part of the community.

HOW DOES IT WORK?

The initial offering of the BPAA's People are the Fabric of our Community project will be limited to 40 portraits. We anticipate considerable enthusiasm for this work, and the project will likely expand to include more portraits on more walls in the downtown area.

Nominations will be taken on a first-come/first-served basis based on postmark.

There are four firm criteria to honor someone with a portrait on the mural:

1. Honorees must have a distinct link to the Baraboo community, being or having been, a past or present resident of the area. (Yes, living people are eligible, too.)
2. The artist requires good quality photographs to work from. Submitting several different images can help the artist create an accurate rendering. The artist reserves the right to reject any photo submissions that are not of sufficient clarity.
3. We need a handwritten two or three-paragraph narrative describing the nominee. This will not be used to judge suitability – it will become part of the design. The artist will enlarge the handwriting and put elements of the longhand story in the background of the portrait.

4. A minimum donation of \$600 paid by cash or check to the BPAA. Multiple parties may wish to pool money to nominate someone.

The intent of this project is to celebrate community by its inclusion of everyone. The BPAA reserves the right to determine honoree eligibility. There are no refunds and no redos on the mural portraits.

A visitor to the downtown area was overheard saying, "The art around Baraboo shows there is a real spirit in this place."

The Baraboo Public Art Association is committed to sustaining that spirit, and we hope you will see it and support it as well. These are exciting times for creating "magic in the middle" of our fair town.

THE ARTIST

Kelly Meredith has been a professional mural painter for nearly 20 years. She has painted over one hundred murals in 30 communities. Kelly creates her portraits from submitted photographs, and has a knack for capturing the personality of each subject.

The mural magic is created on durable metal panels in Kelly's studio in tiny Butternut, Wisconsin. The finished artwork is transported to Baraboo once finished and attached to downtown building walls near the Square. The first wall is on the east side of the former Spurgeon's Department Store on the northwest corner of Oak and Fourth streets.



Baraboo Public Art Association

"People Are the Fabric of our Community" Mural Portrait Application Form

Sponsor's Name (please print):	
Street Address:	City:
State:	ZIP
Phone:	Mobile Phone:
Email address:	

Please provide information about the Sponsored Individual to be portrayed

Name (Include Maiden name where appropriate):			
Approximate time period they lived in Baraboo			
Specific Occupation			
Height:	Eye Color:	Hair color:	
Any other important characteristics:			

I understand that the final work will be an artistic rendition of my submission and is not intended to be a photographic representation. I also understand that acceptance into this project is at the full discretion of the artists, and that my application may be rejected (and my money refunded) if submitted portrait photo is unusable for the project. **Cost of portrait: \$600 due at the time of application.**

Signature of sponsor:	Date:
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Include with this form:

- Portrait shot (- see specifics on info sheet- send several different photos if possible)
- Full body shot (optional- see specifics on info sheet)
- Send good quality photo copies only. Materials will not be returned. SEND GOOD QUALITY PHOTO COPIES ONLY!!! MATERIALS WILL NOT BE RETURNED.
- Check for \$600) payable to Baraboo Public Art Association. If the application is not accepted this fee will be returned.

Please enclose all materials in a 9x 12 manila envelope and mail to Baraboo Public Art Association, 135 4th Street, Baraboo, WI 53913. Applications will be accepted on a first come/ first served basis. For more information, contact _____.

For BPAA use only. Date and time application was received:

Date: _____ ; Time: _____