

MOSCOW ARTS COMMISSION



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Regular Meeting
~Agenda~

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**Tuesday,
March 11, 2025**

5:00 PM

**Council Chambers
206 E. Third St.**

WELCOME AND ATTENDANCE

REGULAR AGENDA

1. Reading of the Mission Statement

The mission of the Moscow Arts Commission is to enrich the community by celebrating and cultivating the expression of all forms of art and culture. Fulfillment of this purpose shall be based upon the following values:

- Recognition and promotion of artists' value by creating opportunities for work to be experienced.
- Facilitation and promotion of the social, educational, and economic value of all forms of art and culture in the community.
- Performance of leadership, collaboration, and outreach in the conversation between all forms of art and culture with partner agencies, city leaders, and the community.

2. Approval of Minutes from February 11, 2025 (ACTION ITEM)

PROPOSED ACTION: Approve minutes, amend minutes, or take such other action deemed appropriate.

3. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

Members of the public may speak to the Commission regarding matters NOT on the agenda or currently pending before the Commission. Please state your name and address for the record and limit your remarks to three (3) minutes.

4. Third Street Gallery 2026 Schedule

MAC members are invited to discuss potential exhibitions for 2026. The Third Street Gallery (TSG) currently features five new exhibitions per year, including the annual Palouse Plein Air exhibition. Palouse Plein Air will return to the Prichard Art Gallery when it re-opens, at which point the TSG will present new exhibitions on a quarterly basis, contingent upon the City's budget process. MAC members and Arts staff collaborate to determine the structure and topic of each show as well as the artists represented. TSG aims to keep audiences engaged by avoiding the repetition of media or thematically focused exhibitions that have been presented in recent years. Similarly, the Gallery schedule balances the presentation of invitational, juried, open call, and solo/two-person exhibitions. Exhibition timeslots are as follows:

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January - April

April – July

July - September

September – October

October - December

PALOUSE PLEIN AIR

During a regular meeting of the MAC on April 9, 2024, members voted to approve the 2025 TSG schedule. Also at that time, members discussed an exhibition celebrating the 50th anniversary of Moscow Farmers Market (MFM) in 2026. Members noted that while full development of the 2026 TSG schedule would not take place until spring of 2025, the initial recommendation was to reserve the January – April 2026 exhibition slot for a community show entitled Produce.

Following the discussion, Arts Staff will create a 2026 TSG schedule which will appear on the next regular MAC agenda as an action item.

REPORTS

1. Volunteer Hour Tally for February 2025 (Cherry)

2. Staff Report (Cherry)

Arts Staff Update

March Artwalk

Wild Light at the Third Street Gallery

Vinyl Wrap Update

Moscow Poet Laureate RFP and selection timing

Public Art Updates

- City Shop
- East City Park Stage
- PUW Airport Terminal

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**Tuesday,
February 11, 2025**

5:00 PM

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The meeting was called to order at 5:05 P.M.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Stefan Yauchzee, Sandra Stoops, Sue Clark, Erica Wagner, Sonja Foard, Kim Crimmins, Gail Martin, Jacob Wilson, Cindy Barnhart (5:09PM), Donna Woolston (5:14PM)
MEMBERS ABSENT: Michelle Chamberlain, Aaron Johnson
OTHERS: Bryce Blankenship
STAFF: Megan Cherry, Taylor Riedner

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Martin read the statement.

2. Approval of Moscow Arts Commission January 14, 2025 Minutes (ACTION ITEM)

Wagner motioned to approve the minutes as presented, Yauchzee seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: 7; Abstentions: Barnhart, Crimmins; Nays: 0. Motion carried.

3. Public Comment and Response to Previous Comments (limited to 10 minutes)

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None offered

4. FY26 MAC Budget Request (ACTION ITEM)

Each year, City Commissions are invited to present a budget request for projects or initiatives that are aligned with the MAC purpose as defined in City Code and are feasible in regard to operational capacity. Following a discussion and majority vote by the MAC to identify specific projects and recommended funding levels, MAC Chair will forward the request, via Arts staff, to City Administration and Council.

Discussion ensued regarding current needs within the department including pedestals for the Third Street Gallery. Cherry mentioned that pedestals could be included in the Third Street Gallery budget for FY26. Blankenship mentioned that all departments are seeing some tight budget restrictions this fiscal year not just the Arts Department.

Wagner motioned to not ask for any MAC budget, Clark seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: unanimous. Motion carried.

5. ITC Sculpture Garden RFP & Selection Panel (ACTION ITEM)

The annual call for sculptures to be installed at the Intermodal Transit Center (ITC) Sculpture Garden is scheduled to be published in February 2025. The program invites artists to submit photos of existing sculptures. The selection panel will identify up to four artworks to be installed for one year at the ITC Sculpture Garden. Shifts to this program include an increase in the artist honorarium from \$600 in 2023 and \$800 in 2024 to \$1000 in 2025. The honoraria have increased steadily in recent years to achieve market alignment for this type of program.

The MAC is invited to discuss and identify a range of potential participants for the Selection Panel. The Selection Panel will be comprised of the following voting members:

- a. Intermodal Transit Center Staff Member (1)*
- b. UI Art + Architecture Faculty or Graduate Student (1)*
- c. UI Facilities Staff Member (1)*
- d. Moscow Arts Commission Member (1)*
- e. Member of Artist Community (1)*

Following a majority vote of MAC members to recommend the RFP and a slate of selection panel members, Arts staff will facilitate the submission and selection processes.

Cherry mentioned that she will take care of reaching out to ITC and UI Art + Design for a panel member. Clark mentioned Stewart Taylor as a UI Facilities Staff Member and will send Cherry contact information. Barnhart offered to participate as the MAC representative. Martin mentioned ceramics teacher Denae Beyer and an alternate Karen Dowling was mentioned. Wilson motioned to approve the slate of suggested panel members as noted. Clark seconded. Roll Call Vote: Ayes; Unanimous. Motion carried.

REPORTS

1. **Volunteer Hour Tally for December 2024 (Cherry)**
2. **Staff Report (Cherry)**

February Artwalk

There are 7 hosts for February this year and there were 8 in February last year.

Wild Light at the Third Street Gallery

The exhibition will consist of wildlife photography and will be invitation only starting in April.

Public Art Updates

Vinyl wrap submissions are starting and open until the end of the month.

- **City Shop**

After discussing with city staff, it was determined that the fence will likely not be the best fit for an art location due to durability. However, there is a possibility of flanking the gate with walls on either side that may support murals. Staff will be reaching out to the contractors to determine viability.

- **East City Park Stage**

There will be public outreach on the project on February 25th and March 1st. The stage replacement project has been in the works since 2010.

- **PUW Airport Terminal**

Arts staff has been part of initial conversations about public art at the new terminal.

Arts Staff Update

Cherry announced that Taylor Riedner, who has been assisting the Arts Department, recently announced her departure from the City. Cherry and MAC members thanked her for her service.

The meeting adjourned at 5:40 PM



MOSCOW FARMERS MARKET COMMISSION



February 11, 2025

Dear Moscow Arts Commission members,

The Farmers Market Commission and Community Events Division are beyond thrilled to commemorate fifty years of our community's Moscow Farmers Market in 2026!

The current version of the Market that we know and cherish today is in many ways thanks to the historic efforts of the Moscow Arts Commission and the City of Moscow Arts Department.

The Farmers Market Commission expressed interest in leveraging public venues that allow residents, visitors, and vendors to celebrate this milestone. The 1912 Center, Third Street Gallery, and Moscow Chamber of Commerce + Visitor Center were identified as choice locations due to Market proximity and operational history.

Members and staff recognize the importance of collaborative planning efforts to maximize engagement not only amongst attendees but our artist community. We believe the following will offer distinct opportunities and make for an excellent commemorative year:

- **January – April:** *Produce* at Third Street Gallery
- **January – February:** annual call for Market poster artwork, 50th year edition
- **February:** *Cheers to Fifty Years* Community Art Show at 1912 Center
- **Dates TBD**
 - Vendor appreciation community reception at 1912 Center (in alignment with CSA Week in February or first day of public voting for poster art in March)
 - Market History exhibition at MCOC+VC (in alignment with May or June Artwalk or during Idaho Farmers Market Month/National Farmers Market Week Celebration in August)

We hope the above list not only provides insight but generates enthusiasm as the Moscow Arts Commission advises on the timing and creative direction of *Produce*.

Best,

Amanda Argona

JT Manning
Chair

Kassie Smith
Vice Chair
Crafts Vendor representative

Phillip Blankenship
At-large member

Colette DePhelps
University of Idaho
representative

Joshua Larson
At-large member

Kristin Strong
At-large member

Sam Martinet
Moscow Chamber of
Commerce + Visitor Center
representative

Jodi McClory
Produce Vendor
representative

Gerardo Alvarez
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