



Call for Native American 2-D Art Nesika Illahee Apartments

Kimberly Kent is accepting submissions of wall hung art for the interior of the Nesika Illahee Apartments located in Northeast Portland, OR. All Pacific Northwest artists are invited to submit and artists located in Portland and in the surrounding areas are especially encouraged. Preference will be given to Native American artists or artist teams including a Native member. Tribal Liaison Phillip Hillaire will be assisting with this call for art.

At Nesika Illahee (meaning “Our Place” in the Chinook language), the mission is to provide high quality affordable housing to the Native American population in Portland through partnerships with Community Development Partners, the Confederated Tribes of Siletz Indians (CTSI), the Native American Youth and Family Center (NAYA) and Native American Rehabilitation Association (NARA). The Nesika Illahee property is located in the Cully neighborhood on the land originally inhabited by members of the Native village Neerchokikoo.

Portland’s Native community is very diverse, vibrant and growing; its growth has outpaced the Portland regional population growth at over 70,000 strong. The Portland urban Native community is represented by over 380 tribes and many are multi-tribal and multi-ethnic. Some are enrolled citizens of local tribes but many are citizens of descendants of more geographically distant tribes.

This 3-story building with 59 apartments is an unprecedented tribal affordable housing development. It will house a community room, talking rooms, a community garden, and a kitchen with an exterior plaza and seating. Also provided through the project partners will be onsite, culturally specific services to address the resident’s dental, medical, behavioral health and substance abuse recovery needs.

Interior Art locations -

Several locations of various sizes in common areas and corridors will display art from the local community of Native American artists. Work should be two-dimensional or low-profile relief; a variety of media will be considered. Artwork selected will represent Portland’s diverse Native American community.

One wall space near the lobby of the building suitable for a mural or large piece of art, approximately 15’9” wide x 7’8” tall. That space is Please note in your submission if you would like to propose a piece for this location.

Artwork will be selected based on the building owner’s preference for work that is:

- Warm and Welcoming
- Appropriate for Portland and the Pacific Northwest
- Utilizes the concept of storytelling within the imagery
- Reflective of the Native American culture and spirit

To submit a proposal for the interior mural location.

email the following to admin@kentartbroker.com

- Include Nesika Illahee in your subject line.

- Submission for Interior mural or large work
- Resume with tribal affiliation if any.
- Imagery – Up to 10 JPEG images of similar past work.
- A written description of proposed piece.
- Sketches or mock-ups for the proposed piece. All photos, paintings and other works of art must be original and the submitting artists must have all rights to the images.
- Images should be named:
- Last Name_Tital_Size - Example: Jones_JourneyHome_15by8
- Please include an image list with the medium, substrate, location and price.
- Example: “Journey Home_15’w by 8’h_Portland parks and rec building_\$3000

Submissions for Interior Art

- Resume with tribal affiliation if any
- Imagery – Up to 10 JPEG images of available work. Sketches or mock-ups for commissioned pieces may be included. All photos, paintings and other works of art must be original and the submitting artists must have all rights to the images.
- Images should be named:
- Last Name_Size - Example: Kent_24x36__\$800
- Please inform us of the medium, substrate
- Example: All paintings are oil on 2” cradled panel

All complete submissions will be reviewed. Artists will be notified by the deadline shown below. By submitting you are stating that you agree with the terms of this call.

Proposed Timeline

Submissions deadline is September 25, 2019

Selected artists will be notified by October 7, 2019

Artwork should plan to deliver selected works to the project site on or about November 20, 2019

For questions please email us at admin@kentartbroker.com