



## CALL FOR SCULPTURE (2027)

Silverwood Park is seeking proposals for outdoor sculpture to be installed in August 2027. One proposal will be selected and awarded a \$10,000 honorarium to support its creation.

**Info session:** June 29, 2026 from 6–7 p.m.

**Deadline:** July 31, 2026

**Juror:** Mary Jane Mansfield

### ABOUT THE PARK

Silverwood Park, a Three Rivers Park District facility located in St Anthony, Minnesota, is devoted to the integration of artistic creation and nature-based experiences. We are a unique 120-acre park in the Twin Cities area, offering views of Silver Lake, restored prairie and mature oak forests.

The main visitor's center includes a gallery, café/coffee shop, sales gallery and large event hall. Other amenities include education facilities, picnic sites, fishing opportunities and paved trails.

Nature-inspired artwork is exhibited in the gallery, performances are scheduled in a multi-use amphitheater, and art and nature classes are offered throughout the year. More information about the park is available at <https://www.threeriversparks.org/location/silverwood-park>.

### ELIGIBILITY

Artists 18 years of age or older who primarily live or work in the Midwest are invited to submit proposals individually or collaboratively.

### ABOUT THE JUROR

Mary Jane Mansfield is an Icelandic American artist, living and working in the Twin Cities. Her world is one of creative drawing and sculptural explorations with water and electricity. Whimsical, lighthearted and sometimes serious reflections on family, life, love, desire and dreams are at the heart of it all.

Her creative work has been recognized with awards from the MN State Art Board, Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and Forecast Public Art among others. She has a book release coming in late May, which is a poetic reflection of her recent exhibition at Second Shift Studio Space of Saint Paul last November, [Quiet Resilience](#). In June, she will be in a month-long artist residency

at Gamli Skolí - The Old School Arthouse on the island of [Hírsey](#), just off the North coast of Iceland.

## **GUIDELINES**

Proposals are accepted for individual and collaborative works. Artwork may include, but is not limited to, freestanding sculpture and site-specific installations. Preference given to site-specific projects designed for Silverwood.

Due to the two-year duration, seasonal or ephemeral work will not be given priority. Materials used in construction should be appropriate to an outdoor environment and should not negatively impact natural habitat, wildlife or park guests. Certain work might require the submission of additional information or materials for consideration.

In your proposal, you may suggest a specific location or site in park that is ideal for your project. However, the site will be determined once work is accepted and the park and artist will work together to determine workable sites. The park will have final approval of the site.

## **SELECTION CRITERIA**

Proposals will be judged on artistic merit, capability, budget and impact as evidenced by past work and supporting materials. A panel including Mary Jane Mansfield and Park District staff members will review proposals and select one project. Ideal proposals will support the mission of Silverwood Park. Work designed specifically for the park is encouraged.

## **BUDGET**

The artist is responsible for all associated expenses related to design, fabrication, transportation, installation, de-installation and removal. Artists should factor these costs into their \$10,000 budget. Please include a specific budget in your proposal.

## **INSTALLATION**

Work is to be installed by August 15, 2027. Costs related to transport and installation of the work will be the responsibility of the artist unless otherwise stipulated.

Limited assistance and equipment from Silverwood's maintenance department is available on a case-by-case basis at park's discretion. Silverwood will provide signage, an audio stop associated with the work and basic maintenance of site. Upon installation, Silverwood will assume limited liability for any gross damage (unrepairable by the artist) or theft of the artwork, excluding ceramic, glass and other fragile sculpture materials or damage resulting from faulty construction or materials.

## DURATION

Duration of installation is a minimum of two years. Work is to be continuously displayed during this time. Silverwood Park reserves the right to request that the artist remove or repair the work at any time during this period if circumstances require. The artist retains ownership of the work. If agreed by both parties, the duration of display can be extended.

## PROMOTION

Silverwood Park retains responsibility for advertising through listing in a quarterly events calendar and onsite fliers as well as through the Three Rivers Park District website and social media sites. Silverwood may include sculptures in educational programs at the park. Any additional desired advertisement will be the responsibility of the artist.

## INFO SESSION

Join us for an info session on Monday, June 29, 2026, from 6–7 p.m. to ask questions about your proposal and learn about the park. Please RSVP to [Eileen.Cohen@ThreeRiversParks.org](mailto:Eileen.Cohen@ThreeRiversParks.org).

## APPLICATION MATERIALS

### **Deadline: July 31, 2026, at 11:59 p.m. (Mountain Time Zone)**

Submission must include the following items listed below. Please put first and last names on each document.

1. **Resume:** Two pages max.
2. **Artist Statement:** One page max.
3. **Proposal:** One page max. Proposal should be clear and specific, outlining a plan and description of sculpture. Consideration should be given to location or site, materials, connection to natural world and how viewers will engage with the work. You are encouraged to submit a rendering of your proposed sculpture.
4. **Budget:** One page max. Budget should support activities, purchases, costs, artist fees, etc., as related to proposal. Consider design, materials, fabrication, transportation, installation, de-installation and removal.
5. **Ten images:** Provide ten images of work samples. Multiple views and details allowed. You are encouraged to include a rendering of the proposed project within your written proposal.
6. **Title, materials, size, year completed, dimensions and optional description** for each image.

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**Artist Notification:** October 1, 2026

## NOTIFICATION

You will be notified by email of application status by October 1, 2026.

## FOR FURTHER INFORMATION

For further information about the park or prospectus, please contact Eileen Cohen at [eileen.cohen@threeriversparks.org](mailto:eileen.cohen@threeriversparks.org) or [763-694-2091](tel:763-694-2091).

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