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Owensboro's national public sculpture competition! **Riverbend Sculpture Biennial 2005**

September 11- November 6
Preview Gala, Saturday, September 10



Anne Damron, Mary Bryan Hood, and former Mayor Waymond Morris announce the Riverbend Sculpture Biennial.

Owensboro to Host National Public Sculpture Competition in 2005

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Dec. 1, 2004, Owensboro, Ky. — The Owensboro Public Art Commission will hold a national competition to establish an outdoor sculpture program for the City of Owensboro, Mayor Waymond O. Morris announced Wednesday at a news conference at City Hall.

Planning is underway for the first Riverbend Sculpture Biennial to be held in Owensboro next year. The national competition will offer more than \$200,000 in purchase awards for outdoor sculptures that will be permanently displayed at sites chosen by the sponsors, Morris said.

The public art program will complement Owensboro's arts and cultural amenities, Morris said.

"The Riverbend Sculpture Biennial will bring national attention to Owensboro's thriving arts and entertainment scene," said Morris. "The public art program will add another great reason to visit Owensboro and to make it a home everyone can be proud of."

The chair of the Owensboro Public Art Commission, Mary Bryan Hood, said sponsors already have committed in excess of \$200,000 in commissions to the competition.

The Foundation for Health will sponsor a commission for a sculpture at the entrance to the Frank Mitchell Cancer Center now under construction.

A foundation established by the late Robert Puckett, former president of Progress Printing, will honor the printing company's founder Alton Puckett and his wife Margaret Puckett. The commission will provide an outdoor sculpture to be installed on the property of the Owensboro Museum of Fine Art.

Texas Gas Transmission will sponsor a commission to complement the exterior of its corporate headquarters, one of Owensboro's architectural assets.

The law firm of Moore, Malone & Safreed will offer a commission for a sculpture at the firm's 104 E. 4th St. offices.

Terry Woodward, president of Wax Works, will commission a sculpture to be displayed on East 2nd St., a downtown business district being developed by the Owensboro businessman.

Morris encouraged area businesses and organizations to join the community project.

"I invite every publicly-spirited company and civic organization to participate in the Riverbend Sculpture Biennial," Morris said. "There are many ways to help, from making a purchase award, to donating trucks and labor to transport the sculptures, to planning events that showcase the sculptures entered in the competition."

The Owensboro Public Art Commission will manage the Riverbend Sculpture Biennial. The event is the first major project for OPAC. The city established OPAC in December 2003 to help create, purchase and place public art.

Professional artists will be invited to submit proposals for site-specific sculpture. A call to artists will be mailed in mid January. The awards process will be led by a nationally known juror experienced in public art projects. The juror will serve as a consultant to the sponsors who commission the works of art.

For more information about the Riverbend Biennial Sculpture, visit the Owensboro Public Art Commission's Web site at www.opublicart.org or call the [Owensboro Museum of Fine Art](#) at 270-685-3181.