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Sponsorship Opportunities Remaining for Pear-Scape Art Project

Pearland, TX – June 23, 2016... The Pear-Scape, a public art sculpture trail project in Pearland, is taking shape with nearly fifty percent of sponsorship opportunities secured. The initial roll out for twenty pears sized 4 feet in height announced early this year by the Pearland Convention & Visitors Bureau (PCVB) has garnered lots of interest by sponsors and local artists.

Gold level sponsors committed to the project at the \$4,000 level include: Omkar Enterprise Management, Pearland Animal Hospital, King's Biergarten & Restaurant, Kroger, Pearland Medical Center and Grand Cornerstone Development.

Additionally, green level sponsors at the \$2,000 level include: Comfort Suites Pearland and Keep Pearland Beautiful.

Thirty-two local artists submitted applications with 80 design submissions for review. The review committee culled the entry submissions to the final 60 designs for sponsor selections. Selected artists include:

- Barbara Anderson
- Bill Bonham
- Bonnie Blue
- Carlotta Baird
- Claudia Zopoaragon
- Cyril Maza and Lorna Maza
- Diana Bonham
- Emily Grygier
- George Ty
- Hannah Levy
- Janice Warren
- Josephine Eager
- Joan Moody
- John Gawlik, Jr.

- Kathy Ericksen
- Kelly Kronfeld and Chris Garcia
- Kermit Eisenhut
- Jen Kimvak
- Lee Ann Hilbrich
- Livia Castellanos de Bonola
- Lisa Tenney
- Meghna Patil
- Monica Melgar
- Paulisa Winsong and Sandy Shiver
- Peihong Endris
- Roberto Barron
- Robin Tatem
- Sherri Harris
- Suzette Schutze

"As a local artist I am thrilled visible art is coming to Pearland! Without exception those I have told say, *fabulous idea! When can we come visit?*," says Joan Moody, Pearland artist.

During the month of June, secured sponsors will select their designs based on a first-come, first-serve basis. Dollars acquired from sponsors go toward artist's stipends, artist's supplies, final clear coating process, installation materials and costs.

"We've been very pleased and thankful for the Pearland community's support of this first ever, public art sculpture trail," according to Kim Sinistore, executive director of the PCVB. "We'll continue to work over the coming months to secure sponsors and install these vibrant pieces of art in the shape of Pears in Pearland."

Sponsorship opportunities are still available at the gold and green levels for the remaining pears. Additionally, local businesses and individuals can become a sponsor of our Community Pear by donating a minimum of \$50 and a maximum of \$1,000. This Community Pear will be placed adjacent to City Hall.

For more information about the Pear-Scape project including sponsorship levels, locations and details, go to - <http://visitpearland.com/pearscape/> or call Kim Sinistore at 713-436-5595.

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Photo Outline: Pear image shown in miniature version.