

Request for Proposal:

Artist - Signature Artwork

for the

Sun City Oro Valley

Activity Center

Project Summary

Sun City Oro Valley (SCOV) is an active adult community of approximately 2500 homes located just north of Tucson. SCOV has over a dozen active artisan/craft groups and community studios focused on stained/fused glass, clay/ceramics, wood working, painting, sculpture, and more. The Activity Center – the cultural heart of Sun City Oro Valley – is undergoing an extensive renovation; scheduled for completion in July 2022.

The Activity Center Art Project Team (ACAPT) has the mission of facilitating the completion of a three dimensional (at least raised or relief) “Signature” artwork piece in the main lobby of the Activity Center as an integral part of the entry experience for users of the Center. The artwork should provide a meaningful, uplifting, celebratory experience; and reinforce the Community’s commitment to personal growth through the visual and performing arts; and honor Sun City’s varied residents.

ACAPT intends to select an Artist who will:

- Create a viable concept for a multi-media artwork
- Form and manage - with help from ACAPT - a subordinate group of two or more local Sun City artisans who will participate in the completion of appropriate elements of the piece.
- Participate in a series of “in-progress” reviews with ACAPT as the artwork evolves.
- Take charge of the actions needed to complete fabrication and installation of the artwork as a whole.

Sponsoring Organization

The Sun City Oro Valley Community Association, Inc. is sponsoring this effort and will take ownership of the artwork when completed. The Activity Center Art Project Team is coordinating the details of the artist selection process and is in a fund-raising process at this time. ACAPT has targeted a budget of \$15,000 to \$20,000 for this project. ACAPT will assist in identifying participating local artisans and will provide scheduling and construction updates and other information and support through completion of the artwork.

Submittal Deadline

Proposals are due by 4:00 p.m. (our clock) on November 29, 2021. Proposals should be emailed to scovartproject@gmail.com by that time. Applicants' questions should be directed to Judee Wickersham at the above email address, or by phone at 520-989-3254.

Eligibility

Artists living or actively working in the Southern Arizona area are eligible for consideration for this project.

Site and Project Description

The entry lobby is a 20' x 18' space with an 18' ceiling height (see attached exhibits). The primary focal point for the proposed artwork is a 6'h x 8'w modified existing interior window ("Art Niche" on the attached plans). The public display side of the window is to be backlit; and artists are encouraged to include glass or other elements that may take advantage of this light source. Artists are also encouraged to include elements that "grow" (literally or by reference) from the niche into the greater lobby area. There is a soffit (approximately 24"w x 48"h) around three sides of the perimeter of the space, located 13' above the floor. This soffit – particularly the face directly opposite the main entry doors - should be integrated into the artwork and used to support elements extending from the niche. The soffit opposite the main entry doors is designated as the secondary focal point to enhance the entry experience.

Other input (not requirements) from the Project Team includes:

- Colorful and/or reflective elements are desirable.
- Abstract/non-representational elements are encouraged.
- Elements (such as graphic WORDS, or symbols) that reinforce the concepts of community, kindness, and personal growth could be considered.

Submission Requirements

Interested artists should submit a proposal comprising one or more conceptual sketches, a narrative overview of the concept, estimated costs, types of materials and installation. Graphic exhibits should be in PDF or JPG (1200px maximum on the long side) format.

Applicants must provide a description of their artwork, examples of previous projects of similar complexity, a brief biography, a link to the artist's website; and three references.

Sun City Oro Valley reserves the right to reject any or all proposals received in response to this RFP.

Timeline

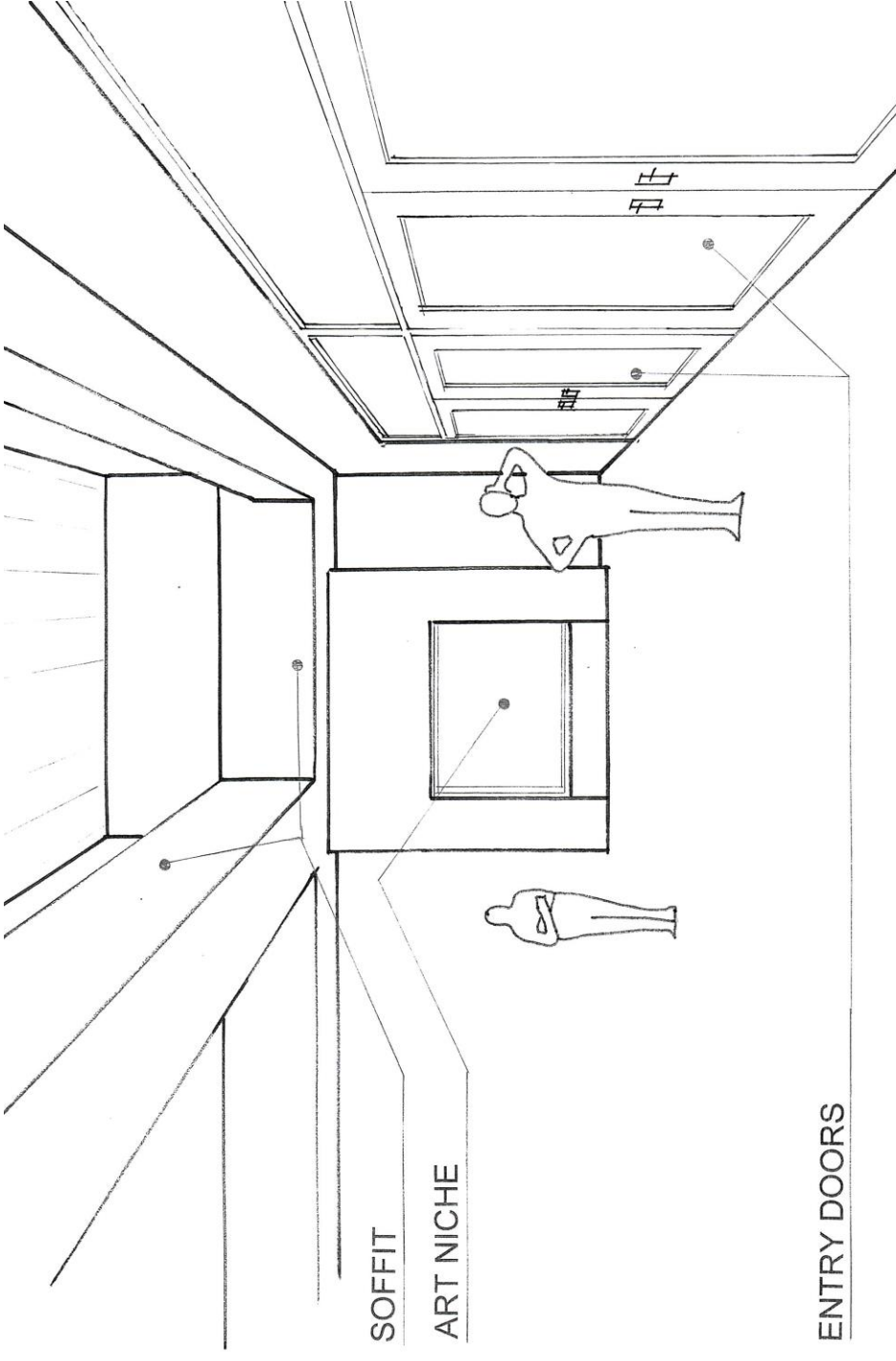
The tentative schedule for this project is:

- October 13 – RFP available via email.
- October 22 - Optional pre-proposal meeting and site visit – 10:00 a.m.
 - o Applicants planning to attend this meeting are asked to RSVP via email to scovartproject@gmail.com by October 18th.
 - o Applicants may also request individual on site visits via the same email address.
- November 29 – Proposals Due by 4:00 p.m.
- December 10 – Top two to three applicants selected for additional review.
- January 10 – Final Artist selection
- January 14 – Signed agreement including a payment schedule, the Artist's projected schedule of in-progress reviews with the Project Team, and community participation deadlines.
- July 29 - Installation complete.

Note: The artist will be kept informed of revisions to the Activity Center construction schedule.

Attachments:

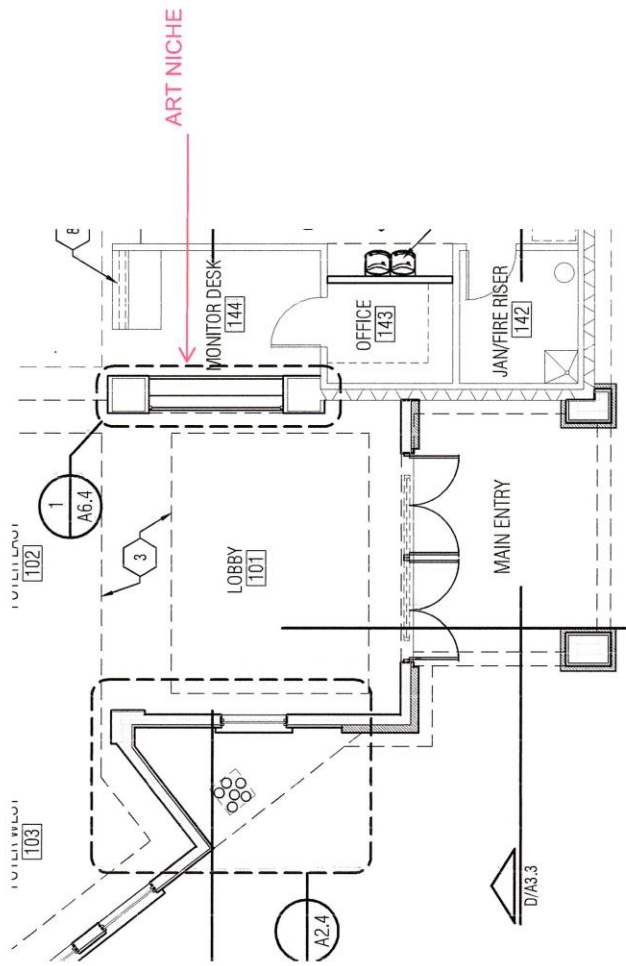
- Perspective Sketch of the lobby/entry area
- Lobby Floor Plan
- Building Section
- Art Niche Detail



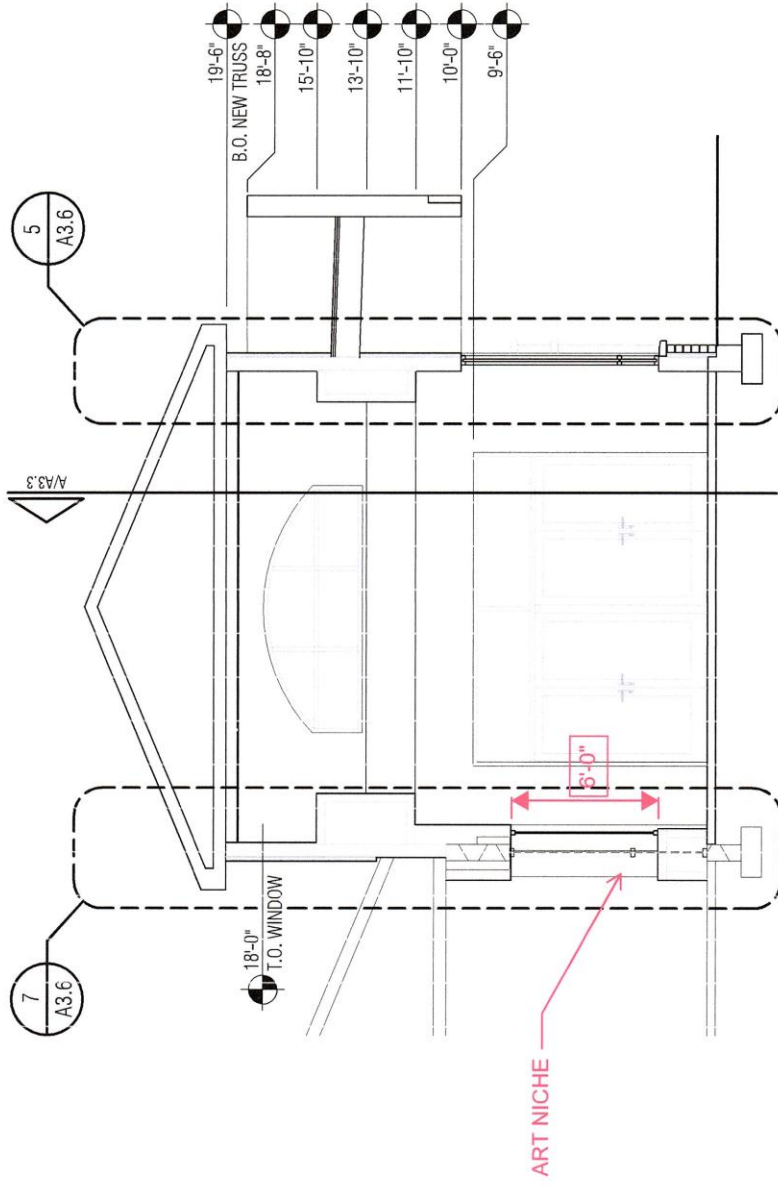
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ART NICHE

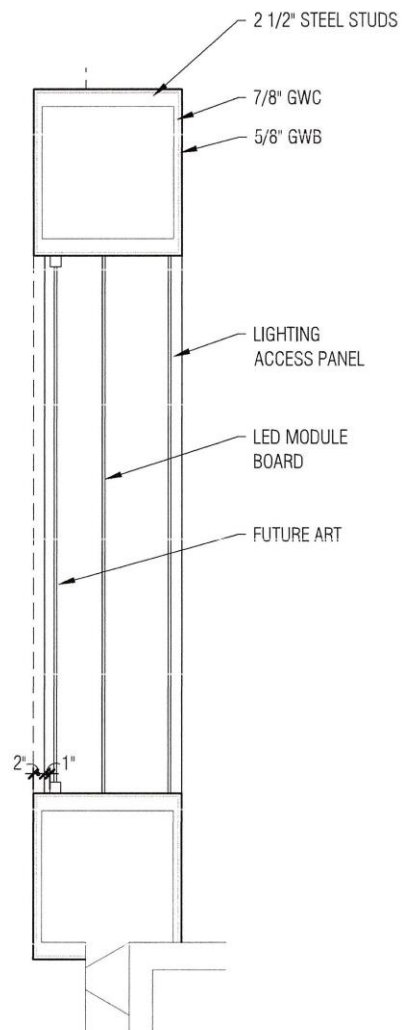
ENTRY DOORS



Scale: 1/8" = 1'-0"



C BUILDING SECTION
 3/16" = 1'-0"



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ART NICHE

1/2" = 1'-0"

