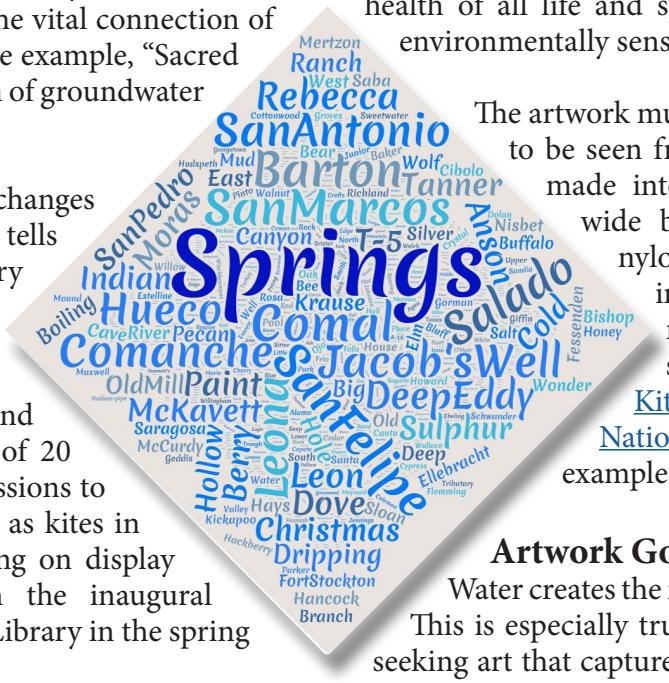
Sacred Springs Kite Exhibition - Call For Artists

Celebrating the Great Springs of Texas

The Sacred Springs Kite Exhibition is the inaugural program of Art4Water, an initiative to advocate for environmental protection through the lens of art. The exhibition is a collaboration between Wimberley Valley Watershed Association (WVWA) and Sky Wind World and brings together the art community around our love for Texas' great springs. For over a quarter century, WVWA has protected and preserved clean, clear flowing water in Jacob's Well, across the Hill Country, and all over Texas.

Flying Buffalo Project by Sky Wind World. Angela Babby, Buffalo Painting.

Through this exhibition, Art4Water, Sky Wind World, and WVWA will raise awareness of the vital connection of water to life. With the Well as one example, "Sacred Springs" seeks to float a collection of groundwater icons in the sky.



Art shapes culture, and changes people and communities. Art tells a universally powerful story that communicates the value of water beyond words. The exhibition will be designed to tell the stories of our springs and the value of water. A selection of 20 artworks from among the submissions to this open call for entries will fly as kites in community events and then hang on display internationally, beginning with the inaugural exhibition at the Austin Central Library in the spring of 2022.

Project Description

Visions of Louis & Clark kites on display by Sky Wind World

We are looking for original artwork expressly for this exhibition that are an extension of the artists' reverence for Nature and a belief that the right relationship with the Earth and natural systems is essential for the continued health of all life and specifically the sustainability of environmentally sensitive regions in Texas.

The artwork must be large and colorful enough to be seen from a distance since all will be made into genuine well-flying kites. A wide border/frame made of ripstop nylon will be added to the paintings in some instances, giving them more square feet of lightweight sail area. The American Kitefliers Association Grand National Champions are inspirational examples of award-winning designs.

Artwork Goals

Water creates the most magical parts of our world. This is especially true for the Hill Country. We are seeking art that captures that magic. The art should be focused on water in all its forms and the life that springs from it and the efforts to preserve it.

Timeline

Jan. 1, 2022: **Entry Submission Deadline**
Jan. 15. 2022: **Jurors' Consideration**
Jan. 16, 2022: **Announcement of Selected Entries**
Feb. 16, 2022: **Completed Artwork Due**
Feb. to Mar. 2022: **Fabrication of Sacred Springs Kites**
Mar. 26-27, 2022: **Austin Kite Festival-Sacred Springs On Strings**
Apr. 30, 2022: **Exhibition Installed at the Austin Central Library**
May 1, 2022: **Patrons Preview, Jurors' Commentary**
May 7, 2022: **Public Exhibition Opening**

Submission Details

Visit **www.art4water.com** for full details, commission stipend, format, and entry requirements.