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Artists Encouraged to Submit Work for 2020 Town of Taos Lamppost Banner Competition

December 16, 2019 — (Taos, N.M.) The Town of Taos in partnership with the Taos Arts Council has issued a call to artists to submit their work for consideration for its Lamppost Art Banner Competition. The contest is open to artists aged 18 and over who live and work in Taos County, and entries will be accepted until Wednesday, January 15, 2020. Selected entries will be featured on street banners that line the streets of the Downtown Historic District including Paseo del Pueblo Sur and Norte, Kit Carson Road and Bent Street.

As part of the contest, the Town and Taos Arts Council are accepting entries of all media which can be photographed and displayed visually on a banner, including painting, pottery, sculpture, printmaking, music and photography. The submitted work must have been produced within the last five years. The goal is to feature a diverse set of artists currently living and working within Taos County, while welcoming visitors to Taos and the Downtown Historic District.

“There are so many talented artists in Taos and its fantastic to see the diverse range of beautiful pieces that are submitted each year,” said Karina Armijo, Director of Marketing and Tourism for the Town of Taos. “The lamppost competition continues to be a great asset for Taos as it helps us showcase local art to those visiting and travelling through Taos. We look forward to seeing the submissions we receive in 2020.”

Judging considerations include aesthetic impact, diversity of medium and artist background, suitability for the medium, appropriateness for public display and legibility for drive-by viewers. Final selections will be made 7 to 10 days after the competition closes on January 15 and the winners will be notified shortly after selections are made. The banners will be on view from April 1 – October 31, 2020.

Artists must submit their entries through the CaFE website at www.callforentry.org. A complete list of rules and examples of what the banners may look like can be found at taoartsCouncil.org.

About the Town of Taos

The Town of Taos, sitting at almost 7,000 feet, is a small northern New Mexico town with rich history, beautiful surroundings and a bustling creative scene. While the town government provides efficient and responsive services to the people and visitors of Taos, it is also home to some of the most spectacular recreational activities, dining, and shopping experiences in the entire state of New Mexico. Historic adobe homes, Earthships, an ancient acequia system, world-class skiing, and a thriving arts community are all things that locals and visitors alike look forward to when living in and visiting Taos. The town strives to honor our thriving cultural diversity and unique history while looking ahead to the future and leading the way in enriching the quality of life for all of our citizens. Please visit www.taos.org.