

**Application to Submit Artistic Design to be
Considered for the Biloxi Bay Bridge in
Ocean Springs -- March 2008**

Call to Artists

The City of Ocean Springs is inviting artists from Jackson County to participate in a project that will produce a mosaic mural to be created by Gulf Coast artist Elizabeth Veglia on the four concrete bridge panels installed on the beach adjacent to the yacht club. Four artists or artist teams will be chosen to input designs for the project. Each of the four will receive a stipend of \$5,000 for the winning entries.

Entry Rules:

Size -24" (height) x 36" to 40" (width) illustration board or paper mounted on matt board or stretched canvas of the same size. Entries on heavy or bulky materials, such as plywood will not be accepted.

Materials for Producing Images – acrylic, oil paint, pastels, watercolor or pen and ink with color fill, such as watercolor, pastel, acrylic. There is flexibility in choice of these materials.

Subject Matter - Possibilities include a variety of coastal scenes and elements, such as marsh, beach, islands, sunset, wildlife, flora and fauna of the Gulf Coast in **natural coastal colors**.

Who May Apply – Individual artists or artists partnering with other artists **as a single entry**. Each artist or team of artists may submit up to TWO entries. Artists must be residents of Jackson County at present or residents of Jackson County, who were displaced by Hurricane Katrina, and are now living in other places.

Possible redesign of entry – The artwork chosen from the four artists may need to be redesigned to some extent to fit within the context of an overall scene that will span the four panels and combine all of the chosen works. Entry into the competition indicates the artists' willingness to do so should it be necessary in order to fit the image into the major work. Winning artists will coordinate that effort with Elizabeth Veglia, project director.

Rendering the Mosaic – The artwork of the four winners will be combined into an overall scene rendered in mosaic by artist Elizabeth Veglia, who has created mosaic murals along the coast including the Ocean Springs Civic Center and the Hurricane Memorials for Camille and Katrina.

Judging Process – The jury process will be blind, in that no artist's name may appear on the submission. Artists will temporarily attach the application below with the artist's contact information to the back of the entry. Staff at the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center will replace the application with a number and keep the applications aside correlating to that number to identify the winning entries later.

Artist submissions will be judged by a committee consisting of: Malcom White, Executive Director of MS Arts Commission; Elizabeth Veglia, Mosaic Artist, Margaret Miller, Executive Director, Chamber of Commerce, and Susan Shepherd, retired Jackson County art teacher.

Deadline for submission of art is Friday, March 28, 2008, 4:30 P.M.

Artists must submit art in appropriate delivery packing to the Mary C. O'Keefe Cultural Arts Center, 1600 Government St, Ocean Springs. An entry/receipt ledger will be kept by Mary C. O'Keefe personnel, and the artist(s) will receive a receipt for the work.

Ownership of works of winning artists – The artwork of the four winning artists will become property of the City of Ocean Springs, with the intent of displaying these works for public view over time. The City shall retain the right to publish or reprint the works. Those works not accepted may be picked up by the respective artist(s) following announcement of the selected entries.

Contact Information -

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Address at time of Katrina, August 29, 2005 (if different than the above address, and explanation of displacement:

Telephone: _____

Email: _____

I hereby agree to the above terms as stated in this document and apply the attached work to be considered for the art panels at the Biloxi Bay Bridge in Ocean Springs.

Signature _____

Print Name: _____

Date: _____

For additional information, please call Johnnie Bernhard at (228) 217-4297