

# Children's Garden Call for Entries

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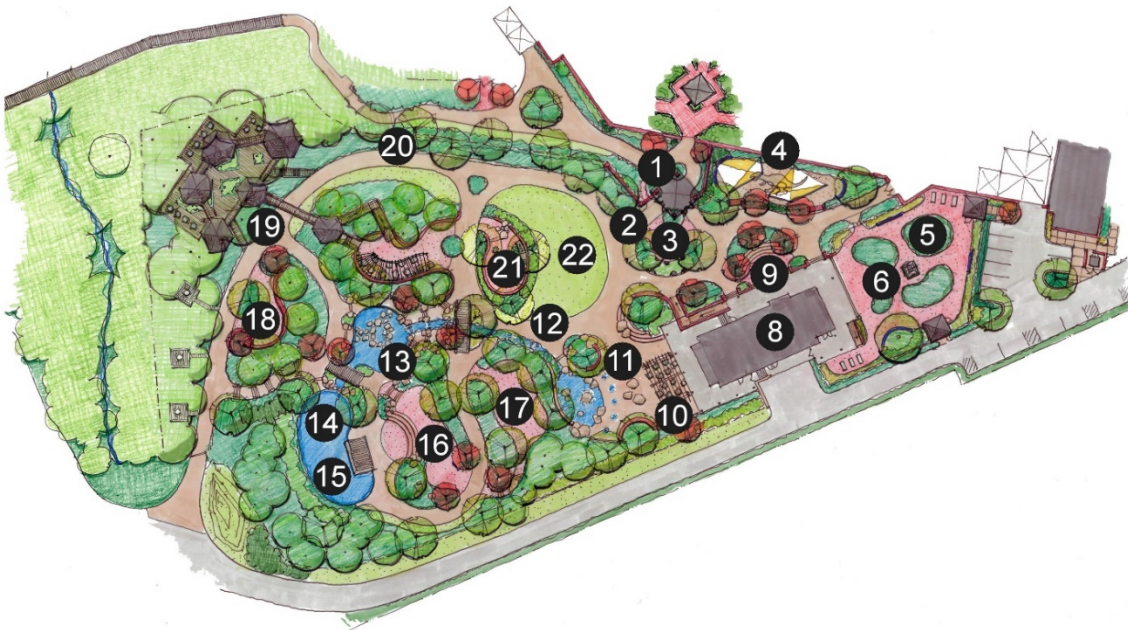
**Intent**

The Riverbanks Zoo and Garden Children's Garden is currently under construction and due for completion in September of 2015. The Garden is located on an approximate four (4) acre site on the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden West Campus. The Children's Garden is adjacent to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden's established and successful Botanical Garden. The Zoo and Garden currently attracts one million visitors per year. Approximately 200,000 additional visitors per year are anticipated for all destination projects once they are established which includes the Children's Garden.

The Riverbanks Zoo and Garden is seeking the participation of Artists and/or Crafts Makers to assist them in enhancing and embellishing the Garden with Works that will provide a safe and engaging place for play, learning, exploration, discovery and positive social interaction within the natural environment.

**Primary features of the Children's Garden will include:**

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|----|--------------------------------|----|-----------------------------|
| 1  | Entry                          | 12 | Stream                      |
| 2  | Rabbit Hole Kid's Entry        | 13 | Wading Pool                 |
| 3  | Rabbit Warren                  | 14 | Natural Pond                |
| 4  | Dino Dig                       | 15 | Deck Overlook               |
| 5  | Vegetable Garden               | 16 | Climbing & Slides           |
| 6  | Windmill                       | 17 | Natural Playground (Future) |
| 7  | Maintenance Sheds              | 18 | Fairy Garden (Future)       |
| 8  | Education Center               | 19 | Treehouse                   |
| 9  | Outdoor Classroom Amphitheater | 20 | Playhouse Row               |
| 10 | Changing Booths                | 21 | Tot Lot (Future)            |
| 11 | Fountains                      | 22 | Lawn                        |



## Key Descriptions

These words and the images they evoke describe the environment that Riverbanks Zoo and Garden Children's Garden wishes to provide its guests.

<i>wonderland</i>	<i>color</i>	<i>adventure</i>	<i>fun</i>
<i>nature</i>	<i>creation</i>	<i>journey</i>	<i>fantasy</i>
<i>explorations</i>	<i>forest</i>	<i>mystical</i>	<i>musical</i>
<i>discovery</i>	<i>paradise</i>	<i>natural world</i>	<i>lyrical</i>
	<i>whimsical</i>	<i>magical</i>	

**Eligibility:** This juried Call for Entries is open to Artists and Crafts Makers 18 years or older producing works suitable for long-term outdoor and public exposure which will be in keeping as well as enhance the concept of the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden's upcoming Children's Garden.

Artists and Crafts Makers are encouraged to review the proposed Garden's layout and features prior to submitting their proposal and may suggest possible location(s) for the work(s). Riverbanks Zoo and Garden cannot guarantee the location, but every effort will be made to consider the Artists' and Crafts Makers' request. Submitted proposals will serve as an agreement to the conditions herein stated for exhibiting in the Children's Garden.

## Important Dates

Wednesday, April 1, 2015 – Artist Proposal Submission Opens

Thursday, April 16, 2015 – Garden Tour, 2 pm

Thursday, April 23, 2015 – Garden Tour, 10 am

Friday, May 1, 2015 – Artist Proposal Submission Closes

Monday, June 15, 2015 – Artist Notifications of Acceptance and Award

Monday, August 31, 2015 – Art Placement

September, 2015 – Garden is anticipated to open to the public

## Children's Garden Tour

Two tours of the site (currently under construction) will be offered during the entry period to provide interested parties context. To attend a tour, interested participants should assemble on the dates noted above prior to the times listed at the West Entrance Ticket Plaza located at 1225 Mohawk Drive, West Columbia, South Carolina.

## Stipend

Accepted proposals and invited Artists and Crafts Makers will each receive a stipend to install and exhibit their work. There will be one stipend per accepted proposal. There will be a limited number of opportunities for Artists and Crafts Makers to have their work displayed at the Children's Garden. No Entry Fee is required. Artists are welcome to submit their works as a donation to the Children's Garden.

## Categories of Works

Category A:	Large Sculptures and/or Complex Works	Up to \$2500
Category B:	Free-Standing Sculpture, larger and/or Complex Works	Up to \$1500
Category C:	Interactive Display Series	Up to \$1000
Category D:	Musical Devices, Dioramas, Graphics Series	\$500 to \$750
Category E:	Plant Art, Small Interactives, Wind Sculptures	\$250 to \$500

Category distribution of stipends is anticipated as follows but subject to change at the sole discretion of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden:

1 each	\$2500	5 each	\$1000	6 each	\$500
5 each	\$1500	4 each	\$750	6 each	\$250

## **Entry Submission**

Please submit by email and include the artist's name, phone number, email address and physical address. Also include the title, dimensions, medium, a description of the work including a brief narrative on how the work meets the intent of the Call for Entries and Children's Garden goals. Images shall be provided in JPG format of sufficient quality to convey intent and detail. Sketches must be clear and may be provided in JPG or PDF format.

Media per Proposal: Images - Minimum: **3**, Maximum: **6**

Total Media: Minimum: **3**, Maximum: **6**

All entries shall be submitted in electronic format by the entry deadline above to:

Jo Marie Brown, Procurement Manager  
Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens  
500 Wildlife Parkway (29210)  
P. O. Box 1060  
Columbia, South Carolina 29202

Email: [Jmbrown@Riverbanks.org](mailto:Jmbrown@Riverbanks.org)

Questions? Reach us any Thursday & Friday, 12:00pm-6:00pm, at (803) 602-0813 or by email at [asegura@riverbanks.org](mailto:asegura@riverbanks.org).

## **Selection**

Works selected for installation will be based on quality, design, durability, scale, suitability for long term exposure to the outdoor environment, safety to the public, and stable mounting best suited for the Garden's intent. Works should be well anchored to a stable base platform, into the earth, in the ponds, or secured to or securely suspended from trees.

Stipend awards to successful entries shall be made by check within 30 days of the installation and acceptance of the work.

## **Delivery and Installation**

Artist/Crafts Maker is solely responsible to insure that all Works arrive and installation is complete by their scheduled dates. The Works will be sited in the Children's Garden by Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. Works not in keeping with proposals are subject to rejection at the Riverbanks Zoo and Gardens sole discretion.

Artists/Crafts Makers are responsible for transporting and installing their Works. It is the responsibility of the Artist to provide additional installation assistance, if needed. For Works that require machinery for unloading and set up, equipment will be available on a limited scheduled basis. Riverbanks Zoo and Garden reserves the right to exclude pieces that pose safety issues, security or other risks. Artists and Crafts Makers will be offered the opportunity to correct any problems or issues if made immediately prior to rejection. Once installed, works become the sole property of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden with appropriate attribution to the Artist and/or Crafts Maker.

## **Ownership**

All work must be the original property of the Artist/Crafts Maker and once installed, shall become the permanent property of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden. Attribution to the Artist/Crafts Maker shall be installed in a permanent fashion on the work without detracting from the piece and as approved by Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

Images of accepted works may be used at the sole discretion of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden for promotional purposes including but not limited to the invitation, web site, or on subsequent years' prospectus. Image will include attribution wherever possible.

## **General Terms and Conditions**

Upon submission, all proposals become the property of Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

Due care has been taken to compose this Call for Entry; however, the responsibility for determining the full extent of the requested services rests solely with those making proposals.

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden reserves the right to contact any or all proposers after submittal in order to obtain supplemental information and/or clarification in either verbal or written form.

Riverbanks Zoo and Garden reserves the right to reject any or all proposals submitted in response to this Call for Entry, waive any or all informalities and/or irregularities, re-advertise with either an identical or revised scope, or cancel this Call for Entry in its entirety.

## **Artist/Crafts Maker Representations**

Artist/Crafts Maker represents and warrants to Riverbanks Zoo and Garden that:

The work was created exclusively by Artist/Crafts Maker;

Artist/Crafts Maker is the sole owner of all rights in the work;

By entering into this Agreement and submitting the Proposal and work, Artist/Crafts Maker is not violating any agreement with any third party; and

The Work does not infringe upon any intellectual property, privacy, publicity, or other rights of any third party (the " Artist/Crafts Maker Representations"). Artist/Crafts Maker will provide Riverbanks Zoo and Garden with appropriate documentation which establishes Artist/Crafts Maker Representations in the form reasonably requested by Riverbanks Zoo and Garden.

## **Safety**

Child and Guest Safety is the primary consideration, especially for interactive proposals. Works shall pose no hazard to the Children's Garden Guests.

## **Media**

Artists and Crafts Makers may propose any type of creative work which is in keeping with this Call for Entry. All media should be suitable for long-term, permanent outdoor installation and exposure to weather, oriented toward children and the natural environment, and safe for all viewers/users. Media may include but is not limited to:

Ceramics	Flat or Wall – Graphics, Plant Art, etc.
Metalwork	Three-Dimensional – Artifacts in cases, free-standing exhibits.
Mixed Media	Dioramas – Scale representations of situations or artifacts.
Sculpture	Interactive – Touchable components, lift panels, wheels, quiz-boards, technological interactives.
Wood and woodwork	
Musical Instruments	
Other	

## **No Substitutions**

Works accepted by Riverbanks Zoo and Garden cannot be substituted with other work after proposal submission. Riverbanks Zoo and Garden reserves the right to reject delivered items not in keeping with the accepted concepts.

**Liability and Insurance:**

Work and entry materials will be handled with all possible care. Riverbanks Zoo and Garden will not be responsible or liable for loss or damage from any cause whatsoever until installation is totally complete. Insurance, if desired, must be carried by the Artist/Crafts Maker prior to final installation and acceptance.

**Reproduction Policy**

To protect Riverbanks Zoo and Garden, only original works shall be accepted for use in the Children's Garden. General merchandise, unless it forms an integral part of the Artist/Crafts Maker's work, will not be accepted. All works must be original works, made by the Artist/Crafts Maker; free of any type of copyright infringement, patent infringement or other property encumbrance for Riverbanks Zoo and Garden's use.

Violations of this policy may result in disqualification of the Artist/Work, at any time.

**Selection Notification**

All entrants will receive a notification by email. The notification to accept a proposal will include specific details and could vary from this notice. A list of accepted Artists/Crafts Makers and a description of their selected Work will also be posted on the Riverbanks Zoo and Garden website. Please set your email account to recognize this address: <http://www.riverbanks.org/procurement/solicitations.shtml> Call for **Entries-Children's Garden Arts and Craft**. Contact Riverbanks Zoo and Garden or check their website if you do not receive a notice.

**Jury Members**

Satch Krantz, President & CEO, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Andy Cabe, Botanical Garden Director, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Amanda Segura, Garden Education Coordinator, Riverbanks Zoo and Garden

Morgan Grimboll & Mark Cotterill, Grimboll Cotterill Associates, Landscape Architects

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