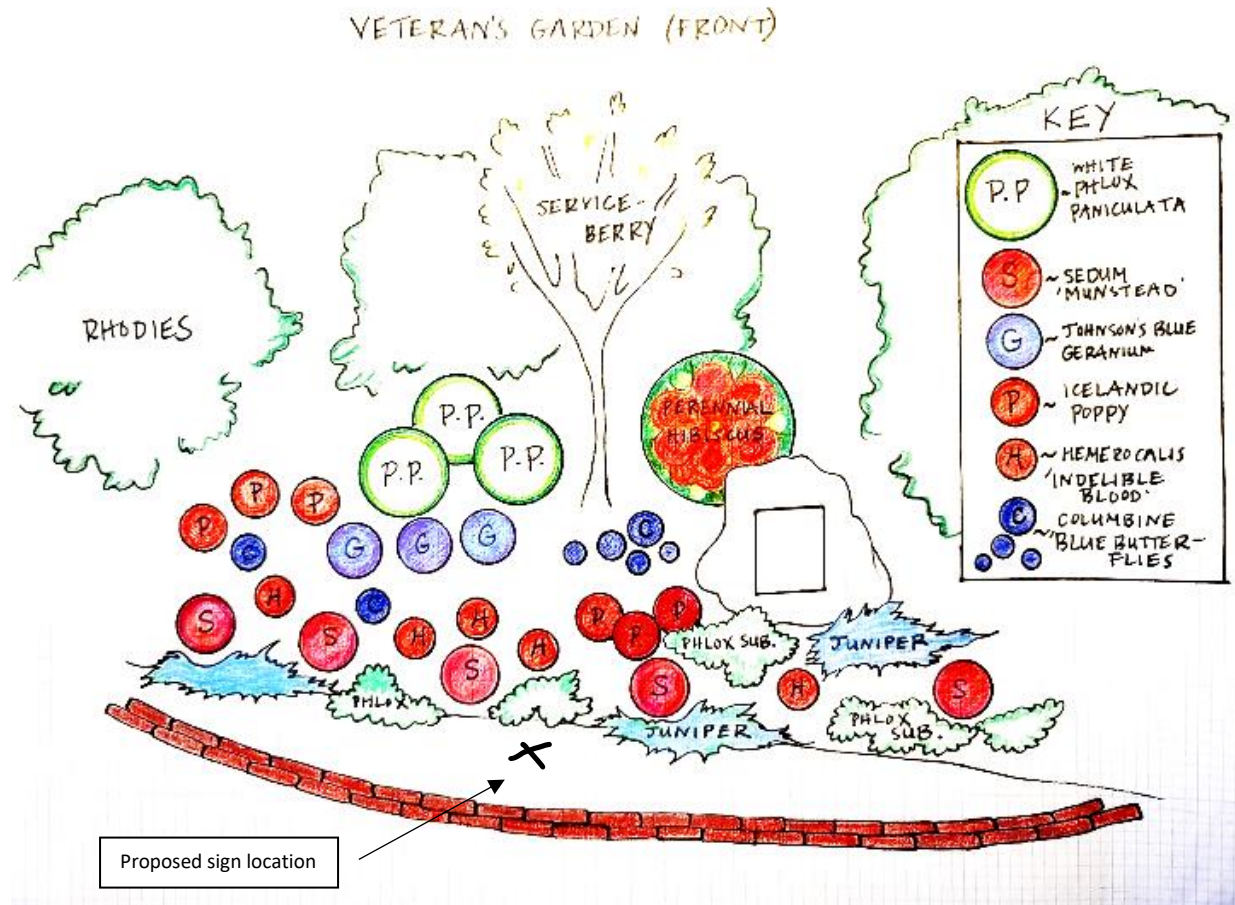


The Freedom Garden - Request for Proposals

About:

In the Spring of 2022, the Commander's Mansion in Watertown, MA, will be breaking ground on The Freedom Garden to honor local Veterans. The Commander's Mansion, in partnership with Veteran's Affairs, is creating a botanical garden where flowers and plants will consistently bloom throughout the seasons and create a habitat for butterflies and bees. Incorporated in the design, will be a space for memorial bricks. The bricks pay tribute to the stories of the Watertown Veterans who made a difference in the lives of others.



Description:

The Commander's Mansion in Watertown, MA, is looking for an artist, designer, or a team of artists to design a unique sign for The Freedom Garden. The sign must include the words "The Freedom Garden", without quotations, in clear lettering.

The sign should incorporate, through representation or abstraction, a patriotic element that will be meaningful to the United States veterans and their families who visit the garden. It should also incorporate, representationally or symbolically, the plants in the garden, pictured below.

The sign will be mounted to 1-2 steel signposts with bolts, located near the entrance to the garden. The signposts will be provided by the Commander's Mansion. How the sign connects to the posts should be incorporated into the design (show placement of bolt holes). Signs should not exceed 36" wide and 24" tall. The sign may be any depth but should not weigh more than 80 lbs. The sign may be any material, treated to withstand all four seasons. The sign should be designed to last for at least five years with little to no maintenance.

Selection Criteria:

The artist(s) who design the winning proposal will be awarded \$1000 upon installation of the sign. The selected artist(s) is expected to create their design based upon the timeline below.

Proposals will be reviewed by a selection panel made up of Commander's Mansion staff, the Freedom Garden designers, the Veteran's Services liaison, and city representatives. The winning proposal will be creative, incorporate the desired themes, be built to withstand severe New England weather, and be feasible within the allotted budget and timeline. Preference will be given to local artists.

Timeline:

April 15, 2022, 11:59 pm:	Proposal deadline
April 31, 2022:	Winning proposal selected, applicants will be notified
May 15, 2022:	Artist Agreement and W-9 required from winning artist(s)
May 27, 2022, 5:00-7pm:	Winning proposal will be revealed at the Annual Poppy Picnic
Week of June 26:	Sign is installed, artist is paid upon installation
July 4, 2022:	The Freedom Garden sign is revealed to the public

To Apply:

Submit the following materials to Liz Helfer, Public Arts & Culture Planner, at ehelfer@watertown-ma.gov. You may combine them into 1 document. Incomplete applications will not be considered.

1. A written description of the sign design that includes dimensions, proposed materials, and how the sign will be protected from the elements. Not to exceed one page.
2. 1-5 images of the proposed sign.
3. A one-page resume for each artist.
4. A one paragraph biography for each artist. If selected, this will be used for promotional purposes.
5. 1-5 images of past work that shows a capacity to complete the sign as proposed.
6. An image list for past work that includes for each image:
 - a. Title
 - b. Medium
 - c. Size (Length x Width x Height)
 - d. Year of completion

FLOWER SELECTIONS



Juniper 'blue chip' , Creeping Phlox,
Perennial Hibiscus, Icelandic Poppy,
Sedum 'Munstead' Geranium 'Johnson's Blue';
Hemerocalis "Pardon Me" (May-June)
Aquilegia 'Blue Butterflies'(May-July) H.'Indelible blood' (May -June);
Phlox paniculata (July-Sept);
Perennial Hibiscus with Smooth Blue Aster & Phlox pan.(Back side Garden)