

# the deborah newton award

ESTABLISHED ADULT ARTIST RECOGNITION

*"The legacy of this experience is to express, explore and do art." – Deborah Newton*

## • ELIGIBILITY

Must be an active visual artist (or a nominator thereof) within the ROCKFORD AREA and must have been engaged in studio art-making for no fewer than 12 months prior to application. For the purpose of the Deborah Newton Awards, ROCKFORD AREA is defined as: Winnebago to the West, Rockton/South Beloit to the North, Belvidere to the East and New Milford to the South. A map defining geographic area is available on Womanspace's web site.

## • SCHEDULE

- Applications can be submitted anytime up until the **5 pm deadline on: March 17**
- Selection committee meets to review applications. **March 18-24**
- Notification of award winner **March 25**
- Awardee meets with Womanspace to determine specifics of award 'recognition' type **April 1-5**
- Name and photograph of awardee announced to the public **April 6**
- Awardee and Womanspace execute recognition. Awardee represents Womanspace and Award during Fall (October) and Spring (April) Art Scene and other event(s) **April 7-March 31**

## • CRITERIA TO APPLY

- Meet eligibility requirements
- Provide images of prior. Selection group may ask to visit artist studio.
- Be open to having a piece of your artwork selected and displayed at a Rockford area charitable organization
- Willing to exhibit your work in the Loretta & William Reif Gallery at Womanspace or other public art venue during the year of your award
- Willing to serve on the selection committee for subsequent award recipients
- Represent the award for 12-months (photograph, interviews, etc.)
- Open to the possibility of offering an art-making experience to the 7th/8th grade Deborah Newton Award recipient

## • HOW TO SUBMIT APPLICATION

Using the online application, submissions shall be made electronically including a letter demonstrating eligibility and meeting criteria, images of (or website links to) artwork, and letters of support.

## • POSSIBLE RECOGNITION TYPES

The recognitions shall be of mutual interest and benefit to the recipient(s) and Womanspace. There are many possibilities which allows recipients and Womanspace flexibility. Just a few examples include:

- Monetary award with encouragement to participate in opportunities that help perpetuate the awards
- Exhibit of awardee's work within Womanspace or other selected art/public venue
- Offer work by awardee to become part of collection of Rockford area charitable organization
- Monetary award to Rockford area artist participating in RAM Greenwich Village Art Fair or RAAC Art Scene
- Plaque and/or press regarding awardee's selection to receive a Deborah Newton Award

## • INTENT

Like the first of nine [Jessica Holt Purchase Awards](#) Deborah received when she was a 50-year-old successful artist, organizer, and leader, this award is to provide recognition to active and established adult artists in the Rockford area.