

CALL FOR ARTISTS:

Celebrating the Gateway Region of Virginia



Are you an artist inspired by the rich history, vibrant communities, and diverse landscapes of Virginia's Gateway Region?

VGR is excited to announce an open call for submissions that celebrate the rich industrial and commercial history, vibrant culture, and dynamic landscapes of this area. Special consideration will be given to works reflecting the spirit of business, entrepreneurship, and commerce in the region.

This project aims to showcase the artistic talent within Virginia's Gateway Region, highlighting works that reflect its rich and dynamic history. From agriculture to industry, we

seek artistic interpretations that celebrate what makes this region special and emphasize its pivotal role in shaping the economic landscape of Virginia.

PROJECT OVERVIEW

We invite you to submit your original concept for a piece that celebrates the creativity and industrial and commercial heritage of this dynamic area. **If selected, your piece will be produced and given as gifts to new business owners establishing in the area and VIP stakeholders visiting the region**, supporting business recruitment and job creation for a stable economic future.

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SUBMISSION INVITATION

- **Eligibility:** Open to artists of all ages and backgrounds, with a preference for those residing in or connected to the Gateway Region.
- **Be sure to include:**
 1. **Your proposal for a new piece.** Works should cost no more than \$100 per piece to reproduce.
 2. **Photos/digital files** of your vision or concept for your proposed piece, along with a brief description.
 3. **A PDF or link to your portfolio/work samples.** Please include the title, medium, dimensions, and a brief description of each piece.
 4. **Your artist statement and bio.**
- **Media:** All forms of visual media will be considered, including painting, sculpture, photography, digital art, craft, mixed media, and more.
- **Theme:** Submissions should reflect the unique essence of the Gateway Region—its historical significance, cultural diversity, natural beauty, and contemporary life, with an eye towards the area's rich economic history.
- **Submissions** may be emailed to: daniel@richmondcultureworks.org
- **Deadline:** September 15, 2024
- **Award/Compensation:** If selected, you will receive a stipend of \$2000, which includes material costs.



Nestled in the heart of the Commonwealth, the Gateway Region boasts a rich and dynamic economic history dating back to the earliest days of American colonization. Encompassing the cities of **Petersburg, Colonial Heights, and Hopewell, as well as Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry, and Sussex counties**, this area has helped shape the economic landscape of Virginia—and the nation. From its early days as a colonial trading post to its current status as a modern economic hub, the region has continually reinvented itself to meet the demands of changing times. Its rich history, combined with a forward-looking approach, ensures that Virginia's Gateway Region will remain a vital and vibrant part of the Commonwealth's economic landscape for generations to come.

VIRGINIA'S GATEWAY REGION

Virginia's Gateway Region (VGR) is a private, nonprofit economic development organization that markets the Tri-Cities of Colonial Heights, Hopewell and Petersburg and the surrounding counties of Dinwiddie, Prince George, Surry and Sussex. VGR fosters regional prosperity through business growth, powerful partnerships and delivering innovative resources to its communities, and focuses its efforts on new and existing business investment and job creation.