Art Chat
Artist Space Needs
Survey Results - Overview

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The City of Bloomington and Artistry in partnership with Springboard for the Arts coordinated an event in July, 2019 called Art Chat, where we invited artists and creative workers to share what type of artist spaces they would like to see in Bloomington, specifically in the Gateway District. We also distributed a survey to gauge interest in potential future spaces for artists. 111 individuals responded to the survey. View complete survey results here. We also reviewed input received during the event, through email, and social media.

What type of artistic/creative practice do you work in? Top 5:
1. Painting, Drawing, Collage, Pastel
2. Mixed Media
3. Photography
4. Fiber/Clothing
5. Three-way tie: Small Scale Sculpture, Graphic Design, and Socially Engaged

What type of space do you need/want? Top 5:
1. Studio
2. Display/Exhibition Space
3. Affordable live/work
4. Maker Space
5. Two-way tie: Communal and Co-Working

What types of amenities would you need in a building/space to produce your work? Top 5:
1. Natural Light
2. Sink (in studio/space)
3. Public display space/gallery
4. Ventilation
5. Large, open spaces

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What type of transportation would you utilize to live or work in Bloomington?

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What type of neighborhood amenities would attract you to live or work in Bloomington?

Most common topics:
1. Walkable/Bike-able
2. Restaurants/Cafes
3. Green Spaces/Parks
4. Grocery store
5. Artist/rehearsal/gallery spaces
6. Coffee Shops
7. Public Transit
8. Affordable/livable housing options
9. Non-chain, co-op, local options
10. Family/kid friendly

What else would you like to share with us?

Most common topics:
1. Love this idea, thank you
2. Exhibition and gallery space is important
3. Art space/studios are needed in this area.
4. Affordability of space is very important.
5. Would like to connect/meet with other artists.
6. Would like more access to art classes.
7. Not all artists are visual artists – consider rehearsal and performance space.
8. Consider community gathering places and meeting rooms.
9. Diversity of ages, race, etc. within space is important.
10. A few other topics: safety, 24-7 access, pet friendly, electric kiln

Survey Respondents Demographics

Q11 What is your age?
Answered: 108 Skipped: 3

Q12 With which gender do you identify?
Answered: 108 Skipped: 3

Q13 What is your race/ethnicity (check all that apply)?
Answered: 107 Skipped: 4

Q14 What is your estimated annual household income?
Answered: 59 Skipped: 12
What would help you thrive as an artist in Bloomington? What else would you like to share?
(Input collected outside of survey - at Art Chat Event, email, and Facebook. Topic summary below.)

Additional Input Summary

- Splash pad
- Amphitheatre
- Sustainability (solar power, etc)
- Garage for cold weather
- Artist Cottage Community
- Membership program
- Materials Library
- Table tennis
- Live music
- Chalk art/wrapped utility boxes
- Coffee shop
- Artistry
- Walkable
- Art for kids
- Transit
- Parks, green spaces/native plantings
- Art shows and events - open studio, self-guided tour, yard sale
- Community/networking, art clubs
- Space
"Space" Comments, detailed

- 55+/senior
- Performance
- Ventilation
- Bathroom
- Dark room/photo studio
- Writer studios
- Storage
- Rehearsal
- Live/work
- Space
- Meeting/class space
- Affordable
- Shared, co-work
- Studio/work
- Writer studios
- Dark room/photo studio
- Bathroom

Art Chat - Event Photos