



Art for the Sarasota National Cemetery Assembly Space

Project Information for Prospective Artists

The assembly space of the Sarasota National Cemetery will offer visitors an impactful experience through art that: (1) **recognizes and honors** the contributions to our country of veterans and those connected to their service – such as their families and (2) **inspires patriotism** in viewers now and in the future while helping them to remember the military’s role in preserving our freedom throughout our history.

<p>PROJECT: Family Visitation and Semi-Enclosed Spaces</p>	<p>LOCATION: 2a – Family Garden east of rostrum 2b – Family Garden west of rostrum</p>
<p>BUDGET: \$45,000-\$100,000 estimate for each enclosure, including design fee, materials and installation. Budget does not include foundation footings, site preparation and additional art integrated into structure.</p>	<p>DIMENSIONS OF SITE: Each family garden area is 2,732 sq ft. Dimensions for defined, semi-enclosed spaces are determined but are envisioned approximately 8’ x 10’.</p>

ABOUT THIS PROJECT: Two areas will be created to offer a quiet environment somewhat separated from the monumentally scaled plaza and its activity. Families will be able to use them to rest and visit after completing the funeral in the cemetery. Each space will approximate a room with furniture and art. The combination of designed elements and landscape elements will suggest walls. At least partial shade is desirable. One “room” will be themed to honor, acknowledge and commemorate military service. Its tone will be meditative and serious. The other “room” will be lighter in tone, colorful and appealing to all ages, and themed to patriotism, community and family connections to veterans.

Architects and artists or teams are invited to develop an imaginative concept for both “rooms” that will use commercially available materials, be buildable and meet Florida code. The structure itself can be sculptural and should relate to the themes of the spaces. It should also provide opportunities to integrate imagery and art. Examples of potential art opportunities include glass that can be etched, wall or wall segments that can display imagery or wall sculpture, a spatial design that could present a moderate sized focal point sculpture, a hardscape surface that can suggest a floor with imagery in stone, tile etc.

The design should also accommodate seating and perhaps other furnishings to facilitate small group conversation. The art may not be within the expertise of the designer, but may be provided by other artists such as photographers, sculptors and hardscape artists.

GENERAL INFORMATION: All art must be designed for a life expectancy of 50 years with standard maintenance and minimal conservation during that period. The assembly area is designed for daytime use as the cemetery closes at sundown. Artists must take into consideration the Florida climate, including very strong sun year round, high humidity, high salt content in air, and hurricanes. Grass and plants may be watered with recycled water that may strike the surfaces of art. Art may not incorporate electronic technology, motors, or water. Imagery may not include scenes of battle, guns pointed towards as if being fired, or other violence that may be disturbing.

QUALIFICATIONS: Architects and artists who demonstrate completed work of a similar scope and scale at a high level of professional achievement will qualify for review. Artists should also demonstrate active professional art activities through museum exhibition, professional gallery exhibition, or commissions of a similar scope and scale, within the past five years.

HOW TO REQUEST CONSIDERATION: *Provide the following information:*

- a) Professional resume
- (b) 10–15 jpg images of past work
- (c) Image list of jpgs with: dimensions, materials, location of work, commissioning agency, if there is one
- (d) Statement of artist's process. This may include collaborators, research, or any other information the artist considers relevant.

Upload all information in jpgs, pdf's or PC-compatible word files to:

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