May 2013

Request for Information

The board of the Friends of Art of Sweet Briar College is interested in commissioning of a site specific work of art to commemorate the 75th anniversary of the establishment of the Friends of Art and to mark the dedication of a new addition to, as well as the comprehensive renovation of, Sweet Briar College's Mary Helen Cochran Library in 2014.

We hereby invite you to respond to this Request for Information by submitting:

- A statement of interest.
- Images representative of your work.

The intended site of this public art project is the area surrounding the new Cochran Library addition. The board welcomes all concepts and media. However, we expect the work to be environmentally responsible and we are deeply committed to a process of discovery wherein the artist will work closely with the students and faculty to arrive at the concept which will then evolve into the final work of art. Please see the attached Project Intent and Information for further details.

We request that your response include a commitment to visiting the Sweet Briar College campus during the 2013-2014 academic year to interact with the community. Responses indicating initial interest should be electronically transmitted with a hard copy to follow, no later than June 30, 2013, to:

Dr. Karol Lawson
Director, Art Collection and Galleries
Sweet Briar College, Sweet Briar, VA 24595
e-mail: klawson@sbc.edu

The candidates’ information will be reviewed by Dr. Lawson and the project leadership committee comprising studio art and art history faculty and members of the Friends of Art board. Finalists will be notified in September 2013 and will be invited to the campus during the fall semester to work with students and faculty from a number of disciplines on the concept for the work of art. It is anticipated that final execution of the work and installation will begin in June 2014. The finished work, as well as any associated maquettes, preparatory sketches, and any installation schematics or drawings will be accessioned into the art collection of Sweet Briar College.

The estimated project budget for this work of art is $50,000. Expenses associated with developing the project will be negotiable.

All questions regarding this project should be directed to Dr. Lawson.

Please visit both the Sweet Briar College and the Friends of Art websites for more information about the College and for drawings of the Library site: www.sbc.edu and http://sbc.edu/art-galleries/friends-art.

We hope that you will be intrigued by the prospects of collaboration with students and faculty from a variety of disciplines in the development of a concept for a work of art that will become a vital component of the Sweet Briar College campus. We look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Molly Sutherland Gwinn
President, The Friends of Art of Sweet Briar College