

**Subject:** [EXTERNAL]Fountain Proposal December 4 2020  
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Dear Ms. Hudspeth,

Attached please find the submission for a fountain by Mark Saxe in response to the call for art by the Los Alamos County Art in Public Places board. For convenience in downloading, I am attaching a lower resolution image but higher resolution images are available upon request.

Additional photos of previous work are attached in a subsequent email.

If you require any additional information, please let me know.  
Thank you for your consideration.  
Betsy Williams  
Rift Gallery

Proposal for a fountain to be installed at the White Rock Community Garden  
December 4, 2020

1. Contact information:

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2. Artwork proposal:

The proposal is for a basalt fountain, with a solar-powered pump in an underground reservoir fed by the existing irrigation system at White Rock Community Garden. In the winter months, when the irrigation is unavailable, the solar pump for the fountain would be disengaged, and a plug for the fountain will convert it into a bird bath (a basin with water). In spring, the reverse operation will be performed. This seasonal system will allow for year-round enjoyment by both people and wildlife.

Specific location:

Location 3 seems most appropriate, with Location 1 also a possibility. Location 2 would be difficult to access without damaging the surrounding landscaping.

3. Title and specifications of the artwork:

Basalt Fountain by Mark Saxe

Dimensions: approximately 5 feet tall and 18" x 18"  
Weight: approximately 1500 pounds  
Basin: 48" in diameter and 12" deep

4. Photographs of the proposed fountain are attached.

5. Resume and photos of previous work attached.

6. Technical requirements: Fountain will connect to existing irrigation system utilizing a self-regulating solar pump.

Access to site necessitates unobstructed 7' pathway for installation using forklift.

7. Lighting / landscaping needs: No special requirements in addition to those mentioned above.

8. Schedule of routine maintenance:

Routine maintenance would include yearly cleaning and introduction of anti-algae treatment formula.

Pump will be in a reservoir beneath the stone, with access for removal and cleaning.

9. Price estimate:

Delivery & Installation:	\$1200
Fountain with Basin:	\$5500
Solar pump / Self-regulating water supply hookup / Winter plug / Supplies:	\$2000
Total estimated cost:	\$8700

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# MARK SAXE

## SCULPTOR

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### QUALIFICATIONS

- Founder and Owner of Southwest Stoneworks, est. 1980, specializing in custom stonework: sculpture, monuments, furniture, fireplaces, walls, patios, and historic stone restoration, Rinconada, NM
- Sculptor and self-employed stone worker since 1975
- Founder and Co-owner of Rift Gallery in Rinconada, NM since 2005
- Founder and Director of Sax Stonecarving Workshops, inviting accomplished sculptors to teach week-long intensive classes at Southwest Stoneworks, annually in summer since 2001

### EDUCATION

- MFA in Sculpture, Instituto Allende, San Miguel de Allende, Mexico 1974
- Certified Stone Restoration Technician (ASRC), San Francisco, CA 1992

### MILITARY SERVICE

- Veteran of Vietnam conflict, United States Army 1966-1968

### CURRENT GALLERY REPRESENTATION

- Rift Gallery, Rinconada, NM

### PERMANENT LARGE SCALE COMMISSIONS and PROJECTS (selective list)

- Benches and Tables: Embudo Valley Library, Dixon, NM
- Stone Wall Project (with area youth): Embudo Valley Library, Dixon, NM
- Fountain: Taos Center for the Arts, Taos, NM
- Carved Medallion: Berkshire Botanical Garden, Stockbridge, MA
- Carved Medallion and Donor Patio: Albuquerque Aquarium, Albuquerque, NM
- Interior Stonework: The Red Sage Restaurant, Washington, DC
- Interior Stonework: The Taos Inn, Taos, NM
- Historic Stone Restoration: The Embudo Railway Station, Embudo, NM
- Creator of the Highway Safety Art Project
- New Mexico State Highway Sculpture Safety Project, Rio Arriba County, NM
- Palm Desert Living Museum Showcase Designer, Palm Desert, CA

### CURATORIAL EXPERIENCE

- "Occupying Forces" Adams State College, Alamosa, CO 2008

### EXHIBITIONS / COLLECTIONS / RECOGNITION (selective list)

- New Mexico Arts, Purchase Prize, NM Junior College, Hobbs, NM 2020
- New Mexico Arts, Veterans in the Arts Poster Project, 2020
- San Angelo Museum of Fine Art Sculpture Competition First Prize Winner 2014

### OTHER EXPERIENCE

- Author of numerous articles in the Slippery Rock Gazette, 2006 - present
- Guest Lecture, American Institute of Architects, Santa Fe, NM 2006
- Finalist with project partner Paula Castillo, Camino Real Public Art Project, Santa Fe, NM 2001

### COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES / MEMBERSHIPS

- Stone Carvers Guild of North America
- New Mexico Sculptors Guild
- Dixon Studio Tour
- The Stone Foundation
- Ojo Sarco Volunteer Fire Department (Assistant Chief 1998-2001)
- Ojo Sarco Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Chief 1990-1998)
- Dixon Volunteer Fire Department (Fire Chief 1988-1990)

### PERSONAL INFORMATION:

- Born and raised in Boston, MA; Resident of NM since 1979

References available upon request.

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