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What: Request for Qualification for July 2012 themed exhibit  
Where: The Arts Center, 700 SW Madison, Corvallis OR, 97333  
When: Deadline Feb 15, 2012, postmarked

The Arts Center invites artists to submit work for a Request for Qualifications to be considered for the July 2012 exhibit. The exhibit coincides with the Da Vinci Days Festival\* 2012 and features artwork with connections to science or technology.

The Arts Center's 2012 exhibit will be related to research by Angelique White, Assistant Professor in Ocean Ecology and Biogeochemistry at the College of Earth, Oceanic and Atmospheric Sciences at Oregon State University. White's research is focused on efforts to gain a better understanding of the factors that control the growth, diversity and metabolism of the microorganisms in the sunlit surface waters of our oceans.

These organisms are effectively invisible to most by nature of their small size, yet they are vital and necessary components of a healthy planet. Marine microbes "are oxygenating the planet. They're the base of the food web. Yet we know very little about how shifts in microbial diversity and productivity impact eco system function" says White in Oregon State University publication *Terra* (February 2011).

For her research White often photographs these microorganisms and we see images of living organisms as unique in their appearance in shapes and colors as fascinating as they are varied. See links to images and *Terra* article below.

We are inviting artists to use these images as a starting point to respond to in the creation of their own artwork. We hope to see interpretations of the imagery, as well as renderings that remain closer to the actual appearance of the microorganisms. Their shapes and colors seem to invite for both visual narratives and abstracted beauty.

We envision the installation of the original photograph and the final artwork together, accompanied by a short statement of the motivation of the artist in making the specific artwork.

We are open to all media, both 2 and 3 dimensional.

<http://angelicquewhite.com/microscopy.html>  
<http://oregonstate.edu/terra/2011/02/plankton-planet/>

Images from The Arts Center Gallery are posted on our website [www.theartscenter.net](http://www.theartscenter.net) under [www.theartscenter.net/exhibitions/3D-tour/](http://www.theartscenter.net/exhibitions/3D-tour/)

\*For more information on the da Vinci Days Festival [www.davincidays.org](http://www.davincidays.org)  
Calendar

February 15, 2012	Deadline postmarked
March 2-7	Selected artists contacted
April 7	All artists notified

#### PROPOSALS MUST INCLUDE

1. Name, address, email address, phone # of submitting artists, and web address if available.
2. A CD with maximum 10 images of past work as .jpeg files with a minimum of 150 dpi and a maximum of 300 dpi resolution (do not send images via email). Name the images with your first initial and name, and title of the work. Label your CD with your name, "The Arts Center da Vinci Call 2012", and return address. **Please do not submit in jewel case**, but use paper or plastic sleeve and if desired cardboard for protection.
3. An image list, preferably with thumbnail prints, corresponding with the sequence on CD. For each image give title, medium, dimensions, and year the work was completed.
4. Artist résumé.
5. If you have a website, please include your web address or other web presence such as a blog spot.
6. **Please** do not staple or tape pages together, please do not submit a binder or pocket folder.
7. You will be notified by email of the juror's action. Materials will only be returned if you enclose a SASE.

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