



Project Name: Maple Leaf Art Installations

Requesting Bids Beginning Jan. 20, 2026

The Route 66 Tourism Committee
In Partnership with Vision Carthage
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Overview

The Route 66 Tourism Committee is seeking a variety of talented artists to help us bring a total of 20 maple leaf installations to life in commemoration of the 100 year anniversary of Route 66. Known as the Maple Leaf City, Carthage's rich history on the Mother Road will be celebrated through the creative lens of local artists. Once painted, these maple leaves will be installed in high-traffic tourist destinations selected for their local and historic significance by the Route 66 Tourism Committee. Tourists will be able to "check-in" at each maple leaf utilizing a local passport book.

Specifications

1. Each leaf is made of primed plywood and approximately 40" x 40." The artist will receive a leaf as a blank canvas to make their own.
2. To be selected, an interested artist should submit their proposed design concept using four colors or less. Design concepts are open to the artist's choice, but themes incorporating Route 66, Carthage history, and local landmarks will be prioritized by the Route 66 Tourism Committee. Regardless of design, each maple leaf will be stamped with the classic Route 66 shield.
3. A small stipend will be given to each selected artist for their time and talent. Paint and resin for sealant will be supplied for each leaf. Artists should understand that these leaves will be outdoors, exposed to all elements, and highly visible to the community.
4. Leaves will remain staked out in their designated locations year-round. At the end of the year, completed leaves may be auctioned off to benefit the Route 66 Tourism Committee to support this initiative and future projects.

(Insert Image) Interested artists should submit their proposed design concept no later than **Feb. 21**. Artists of all ages and skill levels are encouraged to apply for consideration. If an artist has more than one concept to submit, they may do so. Please email a resume and attach your design to an email sent to director@visioncarthage.org. Selected artists will be notified by March 1 and leaves will be revealed to the public on May 15.



Payment

Upon approval by the Route 66 Tourism Committee, the selected artist will receive a 50% deposit to begin the project with the remaining payment made in full upon completion of the maple leaf.