



HISTORIC MANSFIELD CHALK THE WALK CONTEST

The Historic Mansfield Chalk the Walk Contest is a competition for individuals, groups and families to celebrate the history of art in Mansfield. Our theme is “Past and Future”. Share your vision of where we’ve come from and where we’re going (and anything in between) in your chalk work.

Chalk Art Eligibility:

- Individuals (adults, youth, children)
- Groups
- Families
- Anyone not competing may draw in designated Community Open Art Area.

Space Assignment:

THERE IS NO COST TO PARTICIPATE! Adult and youth competitors are assigned a 4x4ft square on the sidewalk on Main Street. Children will be assigned a 2x2ft square. Spaces will be assigned randomly, so some spaces may have cracks or texture variations. Same-day registrants are welcome as long as space is available.

Materials:

Participants will be provided with a very basic set of sidewalk chalk. Artists are encouraged to bring their own chalk to add vibrancy, depth, and variety. Artists may also bring their own brushes, water, and any other materials or tools they need. All chalk must be water based and temporary (no paint, fixatives, or oil-based products). Chalk will be provided for the Community Open Art Area.

Check-In and Registration:

All participants must check-in prior to starting. Check-in and space assignments begins at 8:00AM at the Check-in Table in front of the Mansfield Historical Museum and Heritage Center. Artists may start drawing any time after 9AM.

Timeline of Event:

- 8:00AM: Check-in begins
- 9AM-2PM: Artists draw
- 2PM: Final Community Viewing and Judges cast votes
- 2:30PM: Awards

Prizes:

- Best in Show: \$150
- People’s Choice Award: \$150
- Best Group Piece: \$150
- Best Adult Piece (18yo+): \$100
- Best Youth Piece (13-17yo): \$50
- Best Children’s Piece (12 & under): \$25

Additional Comments/Rules:

- The title of artwork should be incorporated onto pavement using chalk. Please sign your work.
- People will be walking by, so please keep your design and materials contained.
- Please respect other artists, do not walk on their work, or have open beverage containers that could spill and destroy work.
- Drawings must remain within the designated square area. Drawings on buildings, trees, or any other surface are prohibited.
- This is a family event. Artwork containing nudity, profanity, or content deemed inappropriate will be removed and the artist disqualified.
- The use of flammable or offensive odors may not be used.
- Before entering the Museum or any shops to use a restroom, please wipe chalk from your hands. Wipes will be available at the Check-in Table.
- When you are finished for the day, make sure all trash is placed in a trash can and your area is in the same condition as when you arrived. Remove all personal belongings. Please return unused chalk to staff at tent.
- Maintain low music or wear portable headsets.
- Failure to comply by these rules or guidelines may be grounds for dismissal.

Things to bring:

- Whatever you need to make your work: Water-based chalk, brushes, water, smudging tools, spray bottle with water, sponges, q-tips, rulers, paper towels, wet wipes, etc.
- Blankets or chair, knee pads etc. to stay comfy while you draw
- Sunscreen, sunglasses, and hat
- Sketches or inspiration pieces to guide your chalk design
- Plastic to cover artwork during possible rain
- Water and snacks (bottled water will be available at the Check-in Table)

Tips

- Use chalk sparingly. Build up your layers, starting with a very light layer on the bottom.
- A big chalkboard eraser works great for laying down large areas of color. Moving the eraser in a circular motion works best.
- Creating a chalk-paint by crushing chalk into water and using a paint brush is also helpful when filling large areas.
- If you're a first-timer, consider using one object as the focal point of your artwork – a face, a frog, etc. Small details are difficult to manage on a rough surface — so think BIG & DRAMATIC.
- The more you work with chalk on concrete, the more comfortable you will become. Practice on the driveway at home.

Inclement weather: We will notify of possible delayed start or rain date via email.

For questions or for more information, contact the Historic Preservation Officer at 817-276-4229 or planning@mansfieldtexas.gov.