



## Slater's Sheep Community Art Project – Artist Information & Agreement

Thank you for your interest in participating as an artist in the Slater's Sheep community art project, in support of the Samuel Slater Experience, which will open in Webster this summer.

This public art campaign will bring a trail of brightly decorated sheep sculptures to Webster and surrounding communities.

We are compiling a list of artists who are willing to join the Slater's Sheep art project. The list will be given to participating sponsors for direct discussion with the potential artist. Sponsor and artist together determine the theme/design for sheep and give it a name. Time for completion is six weeks.

To be included on the artists list, contact Barbara Van Reed at [bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org](mailto:bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org), 508-243-6392. Artist must sign and return the Artist Agreement attached and send a representative image of completed work.

The liaison for artists is Dave Laabs at [dave@theairbrushshack.com](mailto:dave@theairbrushshack.com), 860-377-3618. He will offer assistance to each artist with preparation and painting suggestions. He will also assist in coordinating the moving of sheep to painters, attaching the bases, and arranging installation at the final destination.

Samuel Slater Experience will provide each artist a stipend of \$500 for materials and labor (in two payments) when the sponsor notifies us that an agreement has been reached for sheep design and timeframe.

Sheep will be delivered to the artist's studio for decorating by and when finished, picked up for clear-coating, installation on a cement base, and application of the artist/sponsor plaque. It will then be delivered to the sponsor's display location.

Artistic designs and themes can be inspired by a business's product or service, individual hobby, or creative flight of fancy. However, the sheep sculptures will be on public display and must abide by the following design considerations.

- Acceptable as family content to be viewed by all ages.
- Emphasis on artistic product over commercial message.
- Exclusion of political, anti-social, or sexual references.
- Cannot be directly or indirectly offensive, insulting, or negatively referencing another business or organization.
- Cannot be copyrighted material.
- Logos and trademarks can be included but cannot be larger than one 12" x 12" space.

The fiberglass sheep sculpture is life-sized, 30.5" high, 40" long, and 19" wide. It weighs 30 pounds. The heavy cement base to which it will be secured for display is 36' x 26" x 4."

Artists must use high quality acrylic paints to ensure colorfastness, no mixed media. Complete instructions and guidelines are provided by the manufacturer, Icon Poly. In addition, well-known local artist Dave Laabs will also consult with individual artists on design and implementation. See his contact information above.



## Slater's Sheep Artist Agreement

Artists and artist teams who have been selected by a Slater's Sheep art project sponsor and have come to an agreement will abide by the conditions outlined in the Artist Information package.

I agree to these conditions.

I understand that if I have been selected by a sponsor and have received the first half of the stipend from Samuel Slater Experience, I will have six weeks to complete the painting of the sheep. The remaining half will be paid upon completion.

I agree to use only high-quality materials and follow the Icon Poly recommendations.

If the finished design does not adhere to the approved standards or I cannot complete the project, I will return the sheep in a ready paintable condition.

If an art educator's class decides to participate as an artist team, the educator will be responsible for making sure the design meets the requirements.

Marketing:

All artwork/designs may be used in print and electronic media for the purposes of promoting and publicizing the Samuel Slater Experience museum and the Slater's Sheep community art project. SSE reserves the right to reproduce the design in any promotional or marketing materials, media releases, or other materials.

If within one year following permanent display, a sheep is damaged, SSE or sponsor staff will contact you to make the repairs.

Artist Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Send agreement and sample artwork to Barbara Van Reed, Samuel Slater Experience, 31 Ray Street, Webster MA 01570, or via email to [bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org](mailto:bvanreed@samuel Slater Experience.org).

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