

**Flossmoor Station Barrels
+ original artwork +
Flossmoor streets and
parks =**

Flossmoor Barrel Project

Local businesses, organizations, and artists are invited to create a piece of original public art on the surface of wooden barrels that were once used to age Flossmoor Station Brewery favorites.

The Flossmoor Art Commission will place the barrels around town highlighting the assets of our Village.

Like Flossmoor's statues and parks, the painted barrels will be eye-catching pieces of art that YOU can help create!



Project Overview

1. APPLY TO PAINT A BARREL

Sign up [HERE](#) to apply to paint a barrel by April 1. We are limited to 24 barrels, so register early!

2. BARRELS ARE BOUGHT

Buy a barrel for only \$50. You provide the sand paper, primer, paint, and artistic expression. Pick up the barrels on April TBD at The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake.

3. BARRELS ARE PAINTED

Sanding, removing dust, and priming are critical to a successful finished project. After sanding, use a barely damp microfiber cloth or mineral spirits to remove dust and let your barrel thoroughly dry. Then prime and paint your barrel. Check out our suggested materials list to find out what will work and follow manufacturers instructions for dry time. Homewood Auto Body will protect the barrels from the elements with two coats of a clear urethane finish.

Note that designs must not depict guns, drugs, violence or nudity.

4. BARRELS ARE UNVEILED

Barrels will be displayed around town by June 6 in conjunction with Flossmoor Chill Out.

5. BARRELS ARE AUCTIONED

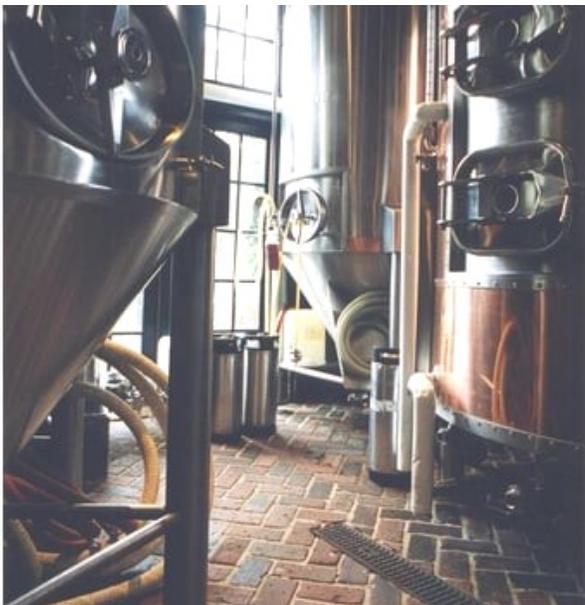
Barrels will be auctioned off at the Art Commission Barrel Auction party at Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery in late September.



Microbrewing & Flossmoor

The Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery was originally the Flossmoor train station. It was later expanded and converted to a mall with several shops. In 1994 Carolyn and Dean Armstrong bought the building and took two years to renovate it. Flossmoor Station Restaurant and Brewery began brewing their own unique and seasonal beers in 1996, making it the "OG" of microbreweries. People still come from near and far to enjoy their locally brewed beers and pub fair. It is an icon and mainstay of Flossmoor.

The barrels for the Barrel Project were once used to infuse unique flavors into several of their local brews. Carolyn generously donated the barrels to the Flossmoor Art Commission to support their community efforts.



About the Flossmoor Art Commission

The Flossmoor Public Art Commission is a volunteer assemblage of appointed residents selected by the Flossmoor Village Board of Trustees. The Commission is responsible for making recommendations for the acquisition and locations for placement within the Village of appropriate pieces of outdoor Art. In addition, the Commission is responsible for community outreach and fundraising for the Flossmoor Sculpture Garden.

Paint a Barrel

Like Chicago's cows and Flossmoor's dogs, our painted barrels will be eye-catching pieces of art -- and you can help create them! Scroll down to learn more and to apply to paint a barrel.

The Overall Project

Businesses, organizations, and artists will paint the barrels. The cost of each barrel is \$50, which covers the cost to apply two clear coats of urethane and install the barrel. The business, organization or artist will pick up the barrel according to the schedule below. The artist will then sand, prime, and paint the barrel and deliver it to Homewood Auto Body on or by May 21. There, the barrels will be sealed with a protective finish. All of the painted barrels will be placed around town by the second week of June, where they will serve as public art throughout the duration of the summer.

The role of the business/organization/artist:

- **Barrel pick up:** Pick up a barrel from The Clubhouse at Dolphin Lake, located at 2700 183rd Street, Homewood, and transport it to wherever the painting will be done.
- **Painting:** The artist will then sand, prime and paint the exterior of the barrel. The artist's signature should be present on the barrel with the following information included "Flossmoor Art Commission Barrel Project 2020 - www.artflossmoor.com".
- **Barrel delivery:** The artist (or organization/business) will then deliver the barrel to Homewood Auto Body on May 21 at 1518 175th St, Hazel Crest, where it will be sealed with a clear, protective finish.
- **Party and poster:** The artist will receive two tickets to the September 26 Art Commission Barrel Auction (additional tickets will be available for purchase) party to celebrate the project and auction the barrels.

Retention of rights:

Although the artist will own the rights to their artwork and images thereof, they will agree to grant their barrel's purchaser and the organizers of the project (Flossmoor Art Commission and the Village of Flossmoor) the right to use digital images of the barrel for publication and marketing purposes.

Design parameters:

There are a few considerations for the design of the barrel artwork. These include:

- The artist's name and organization or business (if applicable) will be hand painted on the barrel. The words "Flossmoor Art Commission Barrel Project 2020 - www.artflossmoor.com" must be painted on the barrel.
- Materials must be suitable for exterior use and exposure to the elements (although the barrels will be sealed with a protective finish). We recommend "mural paint".
- All designs should be appropriate for general audiences and public display. The Art Commission reserves the right to refuse any designs deemed inappropriate for any reason. Art shall not be violent, offensive, profane or discriminatory. Additionally, designs must not depict guns, drugs, violence or nudity. If you have any questions, please contact misnelson@gmail.com.

Recommended materials:

There are two primers that we recommend. Both can be used directly over the lightly sanded barrel and metal hoops. **BE SURE TO SAND YOUR BARREL BEFORE PRIMING IT. PRIMING IS NECESSARY FOR A DURABLE FINISH.**

- Sherwin Williams Exterior Oil-based Wood Primer: It dries overnight and you can use water-based paints over it.
- Zinsser Bull's Eye 1-2-3 Primer: It is water-based and dries quickly.

Mural paint: This is the paint we are recommending for the barrels. It is available from Dick Blick or amazon.com. It is specifically made for outdoor art, offers good coverage and comes in lots of colors: Chroma Acrylic Mural Paint. We have also tested Winsor & Newton Galeria Acrylic paint with favorable results.

Clear sealer: We will apply the finish coat after the painted barrels have been delivered. However, if you wish to do it yourself, we recommend Old Masters Spar-Urethane in satin. **DO NOT BRUSH the finish as it will smear your paint.** Apply it gently, via sponge, for the first coat. The second coat may be brushed. We **DO NOT** recommend sanding between coats.

Important dates:

April 10: Artist/organization/business applications due

April TBD: Pick up barrel from The Clubhouse (at Dolphin Lake)

May 21: Barrels completed and dropped off at Homewood Auto Body, 1518 175th St, Hazel Crest

June 6: Barrels completed and delivered to locations around Flossmoor

September 26: Art Commission Barrel Auction Party @ Flossmoor Station Restaurant & Brewery

Questions?

Contact Michelle Nelson: (708) 227-7206 (cell) or misnelson@gmail.com.