

Art Commission Review – Submittal Form

(Applicant complete below section)

Project Name: Breaking Bread Breaking Barriers

Project Address: Capitolo Park, Greater Olney Library, Northeast Regional Library **On Public Property?** ☒ Yes ☐ No

Total Budget: \$36,000 **Utilizing City Funds?** ☐ Yes (specify amount): _____ ☒ No

Project Type (check all that apply):

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| ☐ Building – New Construction or Addition | ☐ Encroachment in/over ROW |
| ☐ Building – Renovation or Repair | ☐ Signage (Reconsideration) |
| ☐ Plaza/Park/Playground | ☐ Streetery (Reconsideration) |
| ☒ Public Art | ☐ Other: _____ |

Project Team:

Agency/Org.: Mural Arts Philadelphia Design Lead (firm): Mural Arts Philadelphia
Other: Welcoming Center

Primary Contact for Project Communications:

Name: Lili Razi
Affiliation: Project Manager
Email: [REDACTED]

(Art Commission staff complete below section)

Art Commission Meeting Date of Project Review: 10/14/26

Level of Review:

- ☐ Concept Review ☒ Final Review If Final, specify date of preceding Concept Review: _____
☐ Administrative Review (for projects with minimal visual impact on public realm)

Staff Notes (Optional):

September 29, 2026

**Philadelphia Art Commission
City of Philadelphia**

Re: Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers – Community Conversations to Community Murals

Dear Members of the Philadelphia Art Commission,

On behalf of Mural Arts Philadelphia, I am submitting updated materials for the Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers (BBBB): Community Conversations to Community Murals project for review and final approval.

The project received concept approval from the Philadelphia Art Commission on September 9, 2026. This submission includes the three murals located on City property:

- Capitolo Park by artist Manuela Guillén
- Greater Olney Library by artist Samuel Rodriguez
- Northeast Regional Library by artist Shira Walinsky

Following the Commission's feedback, we have further developed the designs and provided updated site specific elevations showing each mural in context. For the Greater Olney Library mural, we have also worked to address the Commission's comments regarding the relationship between the artwork and the existing architecture, including the size, placement, rhythm, symmetry, and use of color.

We are also including the Northeast Regional Library mural in this submission with the additional site and design information requested by the Commission.

We respectfully request the Commission's review and final approval of the three mural designs and their proposed installation at these locations.

Thank you for your consideration and for your feedback during the concept review. Please feel free to contact me with any questions or requests for additional information.

Sincerely,

Lili Razi
Project Manager
Mural Arts Philadelphia

Breaking Bread Breaking Barriers

Welcoming Center, Mural Arts Philadelphia, Free Public Library, Parks and Rec





**THE
WELCOMING
CENTER**



Breaking Bread, Breaking Barriers - January through July 2026

- Food and food tradition as a common denominator between seemingly different people
- What it means to be a good neighbor vs bad (extending grace, respect, welcoming others, embracing differences)
- Civic virtue and a “Philly flavored” recipe for citizenship



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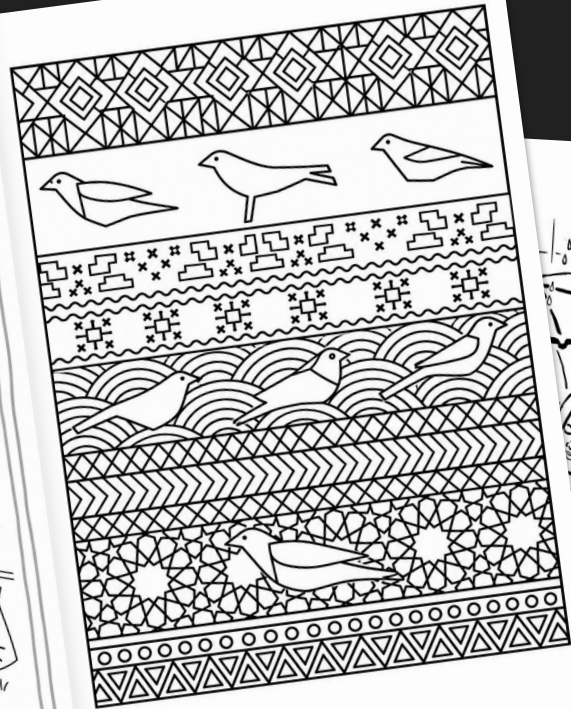
September 17, 2026

500 participants having dinner in front of independence hall



**350 coloring pages distributed during the
September 17 dinner with 500 participants**



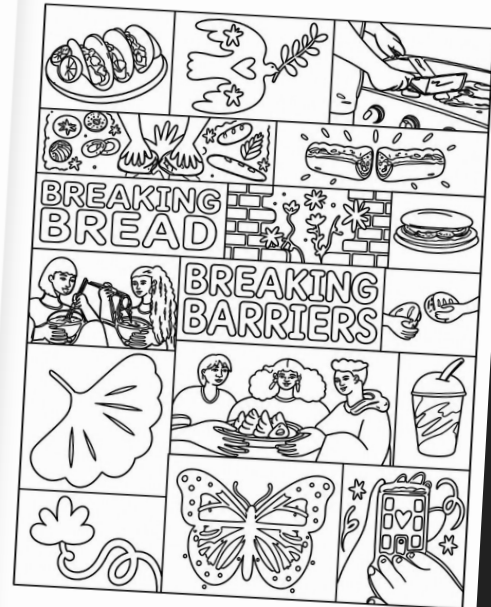


SHIRA WALINSKY — NORTHEAST REGIONAL LIBRARY
PRELIMINARY DESIGN

M Mural Arts Philadelphia

NATHANIEL LEE — WEST AND SOUTHWEST PHIL

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MANUELA GUILLÉN — CAPITULO PARK

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Meet the Muralists



Manuela Guillén

Capitolo Park



Samuel Rodriguez

Greater Olney Library



Shira Walinsky

Northeast Regional
Library

Capitolo Park

Manuela Guillén



Outreach Partners:

South:

- Puentes De Salud
- Gapura (Indonesian)
- Residents United in Advocacy and Direction
- South Philly Action Coalition
- Capitolo Friends Group / the Registered Community Organization **September 1**

Southeast:

- Philadelphia Praise Center (PAX Center)
- Mummers Museum (representing divisions)
- SEAMAAC
- Snyder Ave. Congregational Church (SACC)
- Laos in the House

Manuela Guillén

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ALL MEASUREMENTS ARE APPROXIMATE
PLEASE HAVE ARTIST TAKE THEIR OWN MEASUREMENTS
AND ALLOW FOR BLEED.

Capitolo Park

Manuela Guillén



- Federal St: 124' L x 3' H

- S. 9th St: 52'6" L x 3' H

Material: Parachute Cloth

Capitolo Park

S. 9th St: 52'6" L x 3' H



Federal St: 124' L x 3' H



Capitolo Park

Federal St: 124' L x 3' H

Enlarged design



Federal St. strip design

Capitolo Park



Credit placement

Capitolo Park



Capitolo Park

S. 9th St: 52'6" L x 3' H

Enlarged design



S 9th St. strip design

Capitolo Park



Capitolo Park



Greater Olney Library

Samuel Rodriguez



Outreach Partners:

- St. Paul's Church
- Indochinese American Council
- Olney Culture Lab
- Korean Community Development Services Center
- Lao Temple of North Philadelphia
- Greater Olney Library

Greater Olney Library

Samuel Rodriguez



OLNEY REGIONAL LIBRARY

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Greater Olney Library

Samuel Rodriguez



- Material: Mural Cloth over AMC panel



Option 1

Between the window and door, as
tall as the glass portion of the
window

H: 8'5" W: 5'10"



Option 2

Next to the window, approximately
as tall as the central architectural
feature

H: 7'8" × W: 5'4"

Greater Olney Library



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Option 2

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Greater Olney Library



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Northeast Regional Library

Shira Walinsky



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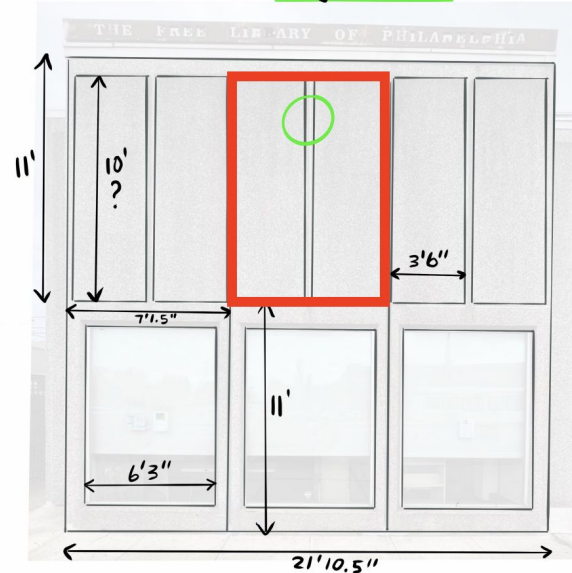
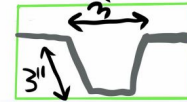
- Nationalities Services Center (NSC) - Afghan, Syrian, Ukrainian participants
- Catholic Charities of PHL
- Feast of Justice
- Northeast Philadelphia Chinese Association
- PA Migrant Education Program
- IHM Literacy Project
- Boy Scouts Troop 100
- Northeast Regional Library

Northeast Regional Library

Shira Walinsky



2228 Cottman Ave



Northeast Regional Library

Shira Walinsky



-H: 11'

-W: 7'1.5"

- Material: Mural Cloth over AMC panel



Northeast Regional Library



Northeast Regional Library



Northeast Regional Library



Northeast Regional Library



Installation

Northeast Regional Library + Greater Olney Library



Mural cloth over ACM Panel with two layers of crotech sealant

Capitolo Park



Mural cloth with two layers of crotech sealant

Maintenance



Reporting graffiti, maintenance needs, or at-risk for development

Please provide us with information about the mural and the issue you have identified. Fields with a red asterisk are required. If you have any questions about your submission, please reach out to pmo@muralarts.org. Thank you!

Fields marked with an asterisk (*) are required.

Your Email Address *

Risk Description *

- ☐ Graffiti
- ☐ Paint peeling/flaking
- ☐ Excessive repair/restoration needs
- ☐ Wall surface deterioration
- ☐ Lot cleanup
- ☐ Scheduled for demolition
- ☐ Scheduled for renovation
- ☐ Property to be developed
- ☐ Property for sale
- ☐ Owner request for removal
- ☐ Unsafe structural conditions (per L&I)

Mural Site Address *

Connecting murals with the Breaking Bread Project



[https://welcomingcenter.org/
breaking-bread-breaking-barriers/](https://welcomingcenter.org/breaking-bread-breaking-barriers/)

Example credit of another project





Breaking Bread Breaking Barriers

