



Putting Down Roots Frequently Asked Questions

What is the purpose of the project?

Putting Down Roots is an evolving exhibit of artistic fiber representation of plants that are beneficial for clean water and habitat. Your participation helps us raise public awareness about keeping the Mississippi River clean.

What kinds of pieces can I contribute to the exhibit?

Works can be made from any fiber (yarn, thread, twine, fabric, other) and be constructed using any technique (crochet, knitting, weaving, sewing, dyeing, other). Ideally, works will be life-sized and 3-dimensional. Pieces should represent plants that are good for clean water and habitat and/or species that benefit from these plants like bees and butterflies. We are hopeful some participants will contribute pieces that include the root structure and depth of Minnesota native plants. All participants' work that represents these goals will be accepted, including beginners' pieces. Contributors may submit more than one piece. For ideas, visit <http://www.wildones.org/> or <http://www.dnr.state.mn.us/restoreyourshore/index.html>.

I want to work with others to complete my project. Are times arranged where we can work together?

Art circles are being held at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District. Check [here](#) for upcoming dates. If you are an organization or community group who wants to host your own circle, email Michaela Neu at mneu@mwmo.org for more information.

How will participants be recognized for their contribution?

All contributors will be listed in exhibit documentation and signage, unless they request otherwise.

How can I contribute to the project?

Finished pieces can be dropped off Monday-Friday or mailed with a completed [submission form](#) to one of the locations below from February-August 31, 2016. Submission forms are also available at each site.

Mississippi Watershed Management Organization
2522 Marshall Street NE
Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418
Hours: 8 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Nine Mile Creek Watershed District
12800 Gerard Dr.
Eden Prairie, Minnesota 55346
Hours: 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

What will happen to the pieces after the exhibit?

Contributors are encouraged to select the option of picking up their pieces on the [submission form](#). After picking up their pieces, contributors can use them to share the message about keeping water clean to protect the Mississippi River. The Mississippi Watershed Management Organization and Nine Mile Creek Watershed District will otherwise repurpose, recycle or dispose for a purpose other than exhibition or sale.