**Minneapolis Satellite Reef Frequently Asked Questions**

The *Minneapolis Satellite Reef* is part of the worldwide *Crochet Coral Reef* project created by the Institute For Figuring.

1. **How can I contribute to the project?**
   We are accepting contributions from all participants, including beginners’ work. Contributors can submit more than one piece. Finished pieces can be dropped off with a completed submission form at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization from 8:00 AM - 4:30 PM, or mailed to:
   Mississippi Watershed Management Organization  
   2522 Marshall Street NE  
   Minneapolis, Minnesota 55418

2. **What is the purpose of the project?**
   The *Crochet Coral Reef* is an ongoing project of the Institute For Figuring (IFF), a Los Angeles based non-profit education organization whose mission is to develop creative ways to engage the public with science, mathematics and the technical arts. This project brings together math, handicrafts, community art, feminism, and science. Your participation helps raise public awareness in Minneapolis about keeping the Mississippi River clean for local and global ecosystems.

3. **What kinds of pieces can I contribute to the exhibit?**
   Crocheted works in all shapes, sizes and color, made from any fiber or plastic will be accepted. All representations of sea life will be accepted. We are hopeful some participants will contribute pieces representing bleached coral, made with white or off-white fibers.

4. **How will you be recognizing those who participate?**
   All contributors will be listed and acknowledged in project documentation and signage for the exhibition, unless they request to be unlisted.

5. **I don’t know how to crochet. Where and when can I learn?**
   Join in a crochet circle where experienced crochet artists mentor each other in crochet techniques as they work on their individual projects. Crochet circles are being held at the Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization through July. Check [here](#) for upcoming dates. If you are an organization or community group who wants to host your own workshop, email [kpearson@artsmia.org](mailto:kpearson@artsmia.org) for more information.
6. **How will the crocheted coral be assembled for the exhibit?**
   The Minneapolis Institute of Arts will gather community ideas for the display of the *Minneapolis Satellite Reef* at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization. All contributed pieces will be placed together in the planned design, to create one coral reef ecosystem.

7. **What will happen to the crocheted coral after the exhibit?**
   The Minneapolis Institute of Arts and the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization will not keep contributions at the end of the exhibition. 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 our local watershed, coral reefs and their ecosystems.

8. **Who are the partners on this project?**
   The Minneapolis Institute of Arts is organizing the community-made *Minneapolis Satellite Reef* for an exhibit at the Mississippi Watershed Management Organization from August 23 to September 30, 2015. The *Minneapolis Satellite Reef* is part of the Institute For Figuring’s *Crochet Coral Reef* project and its program of 30+ Satellite Reefs around the world.

9. **What upcoming exhibits are related to this topic?**
   This summer, the Minneapolis Institute of Arts is excited to include the Institute For Figuring’s *Crochet Coral Reef* traveling exhibition in “Leonardo da Vinci, the Codex Leicester, and the Creative Mind”, on view June 21–August 30, 2015. Reflecting on intersections between art and science, this exhibition is anchored by Leonardo’s famous “Leicester Codex”, the notebook in which the Renaissance master sketched his ideas about water both figuratively and conceptually.