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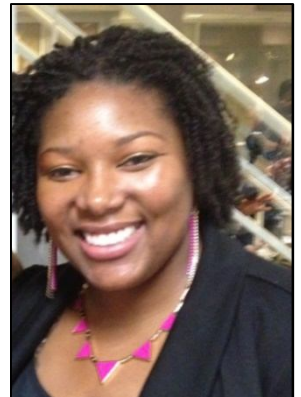
Special Edition

## Artist Selected for Leftwich Pedestrian Tunnel Mural Project

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At the June 23, 2014 board meeting of the Aycock Neighborhood Association, Darlene J. McClinton was selected as the artist to paint the mural at the Leftwich Pedestrian Tunnel located on the corner of Leftwich and Chestnut Streets.



Darlene competed with three other finalists, each of whom presented their artistic concepts at the June 23 meeting. The consensus was overwhelmingly in support of Darlene as the winner.

Darlene works as an Adjunct Professor of Visual Arts at North Carolina A&T State University.

Her artwork includes:

- Celebration of Progress Mural – 2012 – commissioned by the African American Atelier to create a design and paint a mural at the International Civil Rights Museum
- The Circle of Giving Mural – 2011 – commissioned by the African American Atelier to create a design and paint a mural on the campus of Bennett College
- Hope & Joy Holiday Cards – 2011-12 – commissioned by Habitat for Humanity to create holiday cards
- Moses Cone Sickle Cell Center – 2013 – commissioned to provide artwork for the new Sickle Cell unit at Cone Health

For more information about Darlene, visit her website at:

[www.djmclinton.com](http://www.djmclinton.com)



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Work and Play Concepts for Mural

## What's Been Happening Since?

Darlene and her crew began painting the mural on Saturday, August 30, 2014; however, work on the tunnel began long before that.

Early on there were meetings with City staff Kym Smith (lighting) about lighting options and with David Munoz (sidewalks) about repairing the sidewalks on either side of the tunnel.



**Sandblasting by Southern Paint**

The sidewalks were repaired in late July and the old lighting removed in early August. On August 25 the Board approved state-of-the-art LED lighting specifically chosen to complement the artwork. We are happy to announce that we will be the first in Greensboro to have this type of lighting.



**Tunnel Painted Fun Yellow**

On August 23, Southern Paint and Waterproofing began the task of cleaning/patching and applying a base coat of paint to the tunnel. When they were finished, the tunnel was "Fun Yellow" and ready for Darlene's artistic talents. Darlene started on August 30 and hopes to be finished with the project on October 30. She plans to have several community days, among them one with residents and another with Aycock Middle School students. We can't wait!



Stay tuned for more news to be announced on our Facebook page: <http://www.facebook.com/historicaycock>.

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