

## **Lincoln Star Journal – February 27, 2006**

### **Cherish the artists**

Deeply ashamed of itself is what the city of Lincoln should be if any sort of prosecution would face someone trying to increase the artistic atmosphere here.

As the Journal Star reported recently, Peggy Gomez had used chalk on a sidewalk to draw attention to her downtown Tugboat Gallery, something for which she is now going to court. Unbelievable.

The Tugboat, a mere showroom of artwork, is a small-scale local activity trying hard to survive in an environment that is still non-artistic in a rather naïve way (although many initiatives are slowly improving this attitude).

Let's be reasonable. Let's cherish our artists instead of bringing them to court. We need a downtown, not a ghost town.

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