



PUBLIC ART TOUR GUIDE



The Town of Munster is pleased to welcome you to the “Art on the Town” public art tour. This guide is provided to take you through a variety of one-of-a-kind, original artwork on permanent display throughout Munster. It is through the cooperative efforts of The Town Council, The Munster Public Art Committee, The Munster Civic Foundation and corporate sponsors that this unique endeavor has become an award-winning community art project. Now this visual showcase can be enjoyed with the benefit of an exclusive profile of each exhibit. This guide allows the viewer an enhanced perspective of the display, detailing its individual evolution as described by the artist and its sponsor.

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GROWING UP HEALTHY

ARTIST: KATHLEEN FARREL
SPONSORED BY: STRACK & VAN TIL

12 RIDGE ROAD

The benefit of a well-balanced diet is portrayed with a boy on top of a mosaic column titled “Growing up Healthy” by artist Kathleen Farrell. The sculpture suggests that “we are what we eat” and through the healthy diet of the child develops a healthy adult. The column is covered in brightly decorated glass mosaic in the design of a variety of fruits and vegetables. The fiberglass-backed cold-cast bronze boy atop the column is holding a garland of vegetables referring to the items available for purchase inside the grocery store. Strack & Van Til is the sponsor of the piece.





TEARIN' IT UP

ARTIST: RANDOLPH ROSE
SPONSORED BY: HEART TO HEART

Commissioned by Heart to Heart, a gift gallery in Munster, NY state artist Randolph Rose, depicts what he calls a “stylish” piece in this young skateboarder, cast in bronze. William Eubanks, owner of Heart to Heart describes Rose’s work as “both contemporary and figurative”. Rose notes that his work is “straight forward and simple. My artwork represents human beings involved in play or work. Hopefully my sculptures transcend language and cultural barriers.” Other works of Randolph Rose can be found exclusively in Indiana at Heart to Heart.

LIONS CLUB DRIVE



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TEARIN' IT UP

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DOUBLE SIPPER / LITTLE SISTERS

ARTIST: MARK LUNDEEN
SPONSORED BY: PEPSI AMERICAS

9300 CALUMET AVENUE

There are two statues in front of Pepsi Americas. The first depicts an elderly man with a young girl who is drinking a can of Pepsi. This “Double Sipper” statue is directly across from a pair of “Little Sisters” reading a book together. Tom Polski of Pepsi Americas Community Affairs stated he “thought it would look neat in front of the building.” Done by Mark Lundeen out of Colorado, the life-size statues are called “Double Sipper” and “Little Sisters” and are part of a limited edition. Lundeen’s work appears throughout the country in various colleges, libraries, and public exhibits.





HOME

ARTIST: CHARLOTTE LEES
SPONSORED BY: PEOPLES BANK

“Home” is the work of Charlotte Lees who has been involved with a variety of public art commissions. “Conceptually, my approach to public art is to define and make visual the goals of the community,” Lees wrote. Peoples Bank wanted to portray a family in a northwest Indiana setting; the piece shows a family floating in a park-like setting near wavy lines—a reference to Lake Michigan. Along the bottom of the 12’ by 8’ steel and aluminum piece, there is a border of homes and buildings, including a steel mill. These reference the role the bank plays in mortgaging local homes and businesses.

9204 COLUMBIA AVENUE



EXHIBIT

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HOME



HOOSIER DADDY

ARTIST: STEVE TEETERS

SPONSORED BY: COLLISION REVISION

490 W. 45TH STREET

The piece at Collision Revision is an artist's car painting in progress—an easel set up showing a painting of a sports car driving into the distance with an artist's palette nearby. It reflects the pride artists put into their work, tying that pride back to the feeling of Collision Revision's employees satisfaction in their collision repair shop. "This sculpture reflects the fact that lots of people and businesses provide us with well crafted works of art that we can use and that by their craftsmanship we end up enjoying them even more," artist Steve Teeters said.



EXHIBIT

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HOOSIER DADDY



HARVEST MOON

ARTIST: STEVE TEETERS
SPONSORED BY: WHOLE FOODS

The Midwestern Wheat Farmer located outside of the Whole Foods Midwest Distribution Center was created by Steve Teeters owner of the St. Eligius Studio in Lubbock, Texas. Teeters has said of his craft, "It doesn't matter so much if other people like it; what matters is if I like it. There's no choice-I have to do art." Steve Teeters is one of a kind. His artistic skills range from steel and ironwork to glass-work to clay mediums, and his unique perspectives on the world around him make him an unforgettable original.

480 W. 45TH STREET



EXHIBIT

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HARVEST MOON



IRON CLAN

ARTIST: JOHN KEARNEY

SPONSORED BY: STALEY GENERAL & ROCKWELL AUTOMATION

333 W. 45TH STREET

Artist John Kearney created this family of deer out of new automobile bumpers in a cooperative sponsorship between Staley General and its neighbor, Rockwell Automation. His works appear in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago and have been showcased in numerous exhibitions including in Rome, Venice, Nigeria, Taipei, and Sarasota. A partner piece to the Clydesdale horse entitled "Horsepower", this quartet of animals depicts the significance of the animal's role in early transportation of goods as it relates to the trucking industry of today.



EXHIBIT



IRON CLAN



HORSEPOWER

ARTIST: JOHN KEARNEY

SPONSORED BY: ROCKWELL AUTOMATION & STALEY GENERAL

The partner to the deer, buck and fawn adjacent to it, this Clydesdale horse resides majestically along 45th Street in front of Rockwell Automation and Staley General. Created from new automobile bumpers, artist John Kearney bridges the gap between the literal “horse-power” of days gone by and the modern, industrial transportation systems of today. His works appear in the Museum of Contemporary Art in Chicago, Detroit Children’s Museum, and the Mitchell Museum among others.

225 W. 45TH STREET



EXHIBIT

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HORSEPOWER



THE BAKER

ARTIST: KARL WIRSUM
SPONSORED BY: DAWN FOODS

Karl Wirsum is the sculptor for Dawn Foods' "The Baker." Wirsum's work is showcased in numerous museums and corporate collections throughout the world and can be seen in the Art Institute of Chicago, Ball State University, University of Chicago Art Gallery, and the Whitney Museum of American Art in New York. A literal connection since Dawn Foods sells baked items, "The Baker" is coated in steel baked enamel paint.

201 W. 45TH STREET



EXHIBIT

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THE BAKER



INSPIRATION

ARTIST: ZACHARY OXMAN
SPONSORED BY: THE TIMES

This abstract image, comprised of a typewriter and a curled sheet of paper combined with a surreal juxtaposition of a reporter sitting high upon the typewriter keys, is depicted in a style reflective of the early twentieth century. Both the keys and typewriter “hammers” contain the detail of raised characters as they would appear on a vintage-style typewriter.

The overall sculpture is approximately 16 feet tall and is fabricated out of rolled and formed stainless steel. The figure is a bronze cast, patinaed pewter in tone, a finish cohesive with the fabricated elements of the piece.



601 W. 45TH STREET

EXHIBIT

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INSPIRATION

OTHER WORKS OF ART

In addition to the original exhibits featured in the Art on the Town Tour, you will find that there are more interesting sites to visit in Munster. From historic Rotary Park nestled at the corner of Ridge and Columbia to the vast expanse of the Community Veteran's Memorial on the south end of town, there are even more unique things to discover when you continue to explore.



LEFT TOP
**COMMUNITY
VETERANS
MEMORIAL**
CALLUMET AVE. AT SUPERIOR



LEFT BOTTOM
**SAND OAK
PROFESSIONAL
BUILDING**
901 RIDGE ROAD

RIGHT
ROTARY PARK
RIDGE ROAD AT COLUMBIA



THE COMMUNITY VETERANS MEMORIAL

Entitled "Defenders of Freedom", The Community Veterans Memorial is dedicated to the veterans of the wars of the 20th century. Their gallant actions have preserved and protected our liberty. World War I, World War II, Korea, Vietnam, Gulf War I. The artists, Julie and Omri Rotblatt-Amrany are a husband-wife team of sculptors and painters who founded The Studio of Rotblatt-Amrany in Highland Park, Illinois. Julie is an international painter and sculptor who is best known as a visionary artist. Omri's energetic style encompasses sculpture montage, realism and futurism, combining style with exploration of new methods of technology in the use of materials. He is working with the concept of the 'fractal' in geometry, and integrates the fractal philosophically and technically into his works. Omri has perfected the electro-forming technique in metal sculpture, and the use of white bronze in figure sculpture. The 12-foot sculpture "Harry Caray," unveiled by The Chicago Cubs in 1999, is a white bronze.





UPCOMING EVENTS

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8005 CALUMET AVENUE

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CENTENNIAL PARK (COMING SPRING, 2009)



DIRECTORY OF EXHIBITS

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ART TOUR ROAD MAP

I-80/94 exit SOUTH at CALUMET AVENUE

Continue SOUTH on CALUMET to RIDGE ROAD. Turn right (WEST) and continue past HOHMAN AVENUE to Exhibit 1 on left (SOUTH) side of street.

Resume tour following the key provided. For more information about visiting Munster, be sure to stop at the Munster Town Hall at 1005 Ridge Road. The Town Hall can provide historic background, as well as information about upcoming events, festivals and entertainment throughout the year.

Enjoy the tour!





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