

HICKORY

Art Walk

The Hickory Public Art Commission is committed to enriching our city by integrating into public spaces a wide range of art intended to create a visual sense of our community, improve our quality of life, represent all facets of our population, commemorate our history, and be an inspiration to all citizens and visitors.

Artistry and Craftsmanship in Hickory

Hickory is one of the few North Carolina municipalities with a public art program. Assisted by a planning grant from the North Carolina Council for the Arts, the Public Art Commission (PAC) organized and in 2000 named its first members. The commission membership includes one representative from each of Hickory's six wards, five at-large members appointed by the mayor, and a Youth Council representative.

The PAC provides the framework for acquiring and commissioning public art and participates in the selection process. One of the early projects was "Art on the Bench," which enlisted artists to paint benches for placement at bus stops and other public locations around the city. David Zagaroli, Hickory City Councilman and multi-term PAC member, designed the metal benches and Baker Waste Equipment Company constructed most of them from steel donated by Benco Steel Company.

"Hickory Art Walk" is a way for individuals, families or other groups to become familiar with some of the outstanding public art available within walking distance of downtown Hickory. The walking route includes art in six locations:

Union Square, Lenoir-Rhyne University, McComb Park, Patrick Beaver Memorial Library, Sally Fox Park, and S.A.L.T. Block, which incorporates Science Center of Catawba Valley, Hickory Museum of Art, Western Piedmont Symphony, and Arts Council of Catawba County.

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1. **ART ON THE BENCH**
Local artists
Metal: Sixty-two artfully painted benches, located throughout the city. To see all benches, search online for "Art on the Bench Inventory".



2. **TOWER OF MIRACLES**
Mary Rose Carroll
Stone: Obelisk with metal bas-relief, commissioned to commemorate 1944 construction of emergency polio hospital. Located in Union Square.



3. **HISTORIC MURAL**
Roger Cook
Mural: 25'x35' wall art located in Union Square



4. **FLEXIBLE**
Dean Curfman
Aluminum: Abstract sculpture located above the fountain outside Hickory City Hall



5. **LODOLA**
Joel Urruty
Bronze: Sculpture located in Sally Fox Park



6. **CONVERGENCE**
Carl Billingsley
Steel: Sculpture located in Sally Fox Park



7. **WHIRLIGIGS**
Vollis Simpson
Mixed media and metal: Three sculptures, located on southeast lawn of S.A.L.T. Block



8. **LINKAGES**
Wayne Trapp
Steel: 18-foot-long brushed stainless steel sculpture, located on southwest corner of S.A.L.T. Block



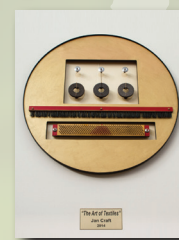
9. **WHISPER BENCH**
Jim Gallucci
Steel: Powder-coated bench located on the lawn between Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and Catawba Science Center



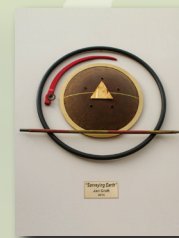
10. **THE STORY**
James Barnhill
Bronze: Located in front of Patrick Beaver Memorial Library. Dedicated in 1998 in honor of Murray Tate.



11. **STONE SOULS RISING**
Julia Stout
Steel: Freeform sculpture located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



12. **THE ART OF TEXTILES**
Jan Craft
Composite: Wall sculpture highlighting textile industry, located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



13. **SURVEYING THE EARTH**
Jan Craft
Composite: Wall sculpture representing surveying profession, located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



14. **FLY AWAY**
Randolph Rose
Bronze: Donated by Saint Aloysius Catholic Church commemorating its 100th anniversary. Sculpture located in McComb Park.



15. **LR FOOTBALL PLAYER**
Jon Hair
Bronze: Sculpture located on corner at Stasavich Place.



16. **NINE ATHLETES**
Richard Hallier/Susie Hallier Huskins
Bronze: Nine sculptures of athletes donated by Irwin Belk, located on Lenoir-Rhyne University campus



17. **SUPER SAX**
Jon Hair
Bronze: Sculpture located in front of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Mauney Music Building



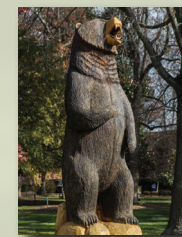
18. **MARTIN LUTHER**
Jon Hair
Granite: World's largest statue of Martin Luther, donated by Irwin Belk, located in front of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center



19. **THE CHARGE**
John R. Phelps
Bronze: Sculpture located between Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center and Shuford Athletic Complex



20. **BEAR**
John R. Phelps
Bronze: Bear sculpture located between Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center and Lineberger Administration Building



21. **BIG TREE BEAR**
Joey Rowel/Jerry Smathers
Wood: Bear carved from tree, located at entrance to Lenoir-Rhyne University's Quad



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