Salem Public Art Commission (SPAC) 2024 Annual Report to City Council

SRC 15.001

The Council recognizes that visual arts contribute to and provide experiences that enrich and better the social and physical environment of the community, and desires to foster an advancement of the visual arts within the City.



Public Art Pays for Itself

"Cultural tourism—which includes public art—generates over \$100 billion annually for local economies, supports 4.6 million jobs, and provides over \$12 billion in tax revenue."

Americans for the Arts

ARTS FUNDING HAS HIGH PUBLIC VALUE.

More than four out of five Americans support government funding for arts programs that improve communities socially, economically, and educationally.

Temporary Art Council Motion

"Direct staff to provide a staff report to Council outlining the requirements and process to modify the City's public art regulations to allow the temporary display of public art."

...temporary and community art is a powerful social, cultural, and economic enrichment tool. It brings people together, beautifies spaces, and empowers individuals to create positive change within their communities.



2024 SPAC Accomplishments

- Strategic Vision and Work Plan
- Social Media Outreach
- Library Collection Acquisition
- Sculpture Repairs
- New Mural
- Scarves for Salem
- Utility Box Wraps
- Street Paintings



Social Media







Nestled on the south end of Mirror Pond. Bill Roy's "Untitled (Black Discs)" was originally restriet on the soun end of Mirror Port, (Bill Roys "Unitted (Black Discs)" was originally created for the Originop Faculty Souther Exhibit in 1912; First curfled from plastic, Roy reimagind the work using steel disks repurposed from farming equipment. The sculpture was generously gifted to the City of Salem by Britta Lion Franz and Nartin Franz, who once served as Chair of the Salem Art Commission.



Mattingly, whose contributions to the community reflect the season's richness A painter and printmaker, James Mattingly (1934-2006) moved to the Williamette Valley in 1968 and began teaching at Oregon College of Education (now Western Oregon University). As a declarated educator, for developed the printmaking program and served as Department Chair for a decade before retiring in 1994... See more



Heintzman. As the state fish of Oregon, the Chinook salmon takes center stage in this colorful mosaic, alluding to the return of summer festivities.

The intricate and vibrant tiles mimic the salmon's texture, while imaginative touches like drums, a trumpet, and plano keys add a whirmical musicality to the piece. It's a fusion of art and nature, showcasing the creative spirit of Salem's community.



scome a reality through the input and active participation of our community. "Equitas" by artist Blessing Hancock was commissioned for the new Salem Police Station to



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Image: Kristin Kuhns, Willamette Valley Wildlife Friends I & III, 2015. Bigleaf maple, Douglas fir, white oak, and polychromed mid-range clay. Salem Public Library Foundation Collection. Location: Salem Public Library, Floor 2.



elebrating our planet's geography, peoples, and wildlife. To close our Mosaic Month, let us book at the history of this iconic work.

emed with over 88,000 tiles and 200 handmade ceramic icons, this iconic artwork was ught to life by professional artists and 126 dedicated local high school students under the sance of Eco-Earth Art Director Mary Heintzman. Originally an ind... See more



down to the Mirror Pond, where you can discover Robert Hess' sculpture. "Great Blue Heron



Did you know that 'Salem' translates to peace? Designed by local artist Lynn Takata in 2011, this

This week, we feature "In a Quiet Meadow" by Delbert Hodges from 1972. These lifelike figure of a doe and fawn appear as if they've wandered over from the Willamette River. Hodges



This week's featured sculpture from Salem's Public Art Collection is "Tom McCail Mem Bronze Ry Fisherman," a tibute to our former governor, Tom McCail, Serving as govern 1987 to 1975, McCail championed groundbreaking environmental protection laws that established Gregon as a leader in environmental stewardship.

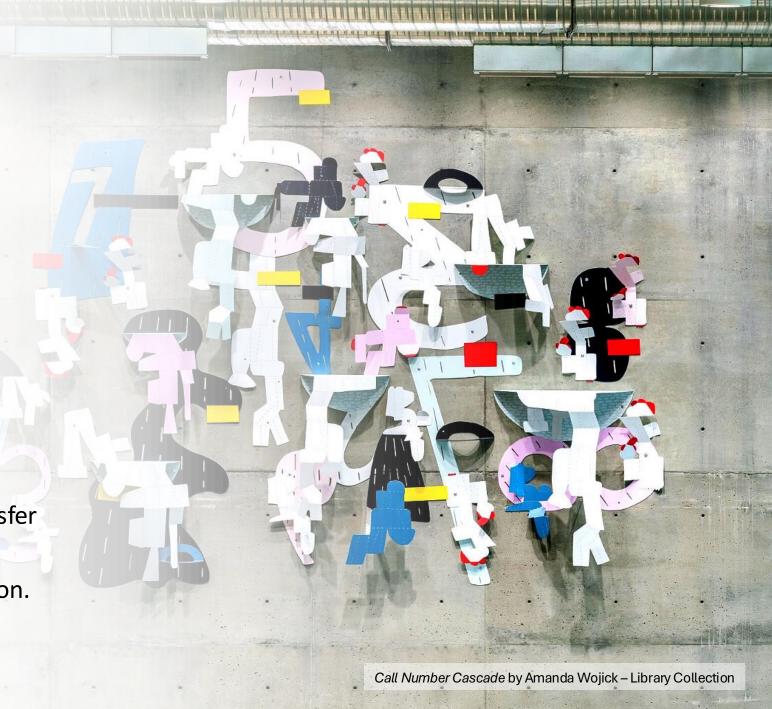
Commissioned by the Torn McCall Memorial Committee in collaboration with the O Community Foundation, this sculpture was brought to life by artist Ri... See more



Library Collection Acquisition

44 Works of Art

The Salem Public Library Foundation transfer of collection featuring regional artists of significance to the City Public Art Collection.



Repairs

Complete

- Drummer & Rooster
- Good Sense

In Process

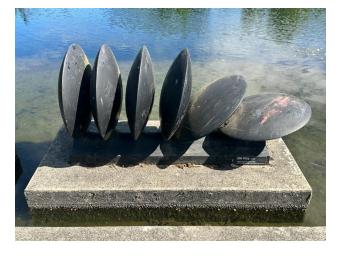
- Eco Earth Globe
- Parkade Mural
- Black Discs











The Drummer by Robert Hess – Center 50+
Good Sense by Lillian Pitt & Mikkel and Saralyn Hilde
Eco Earth Globe by Salem Citizens – Riverfront Park
Waldo Stewards by Blaine Fontana
Untitled (Black Discs) by William Roy – Civic Center

1380-1390 Madison Street Alley Mural

Urban Wilderness

Showcasing graffiti art as a beautiful and engaging expression of community.



Scarves For Salem "Yarn Bomb"

A Temporary Art installation at Riverfront Park

Willamette University Students displayed donated knitted items around the Eco-Earth Globe for the community to take as needed.



Take As

You Need!

Scarves for Salem ART INSTALLATION

Handmade & Collected Winter Wear

Presented by the Knitting Culture College Colloquim class and The Salem Public Art Commission.

Remaining collect items will be distributed by the ARCHES Project.



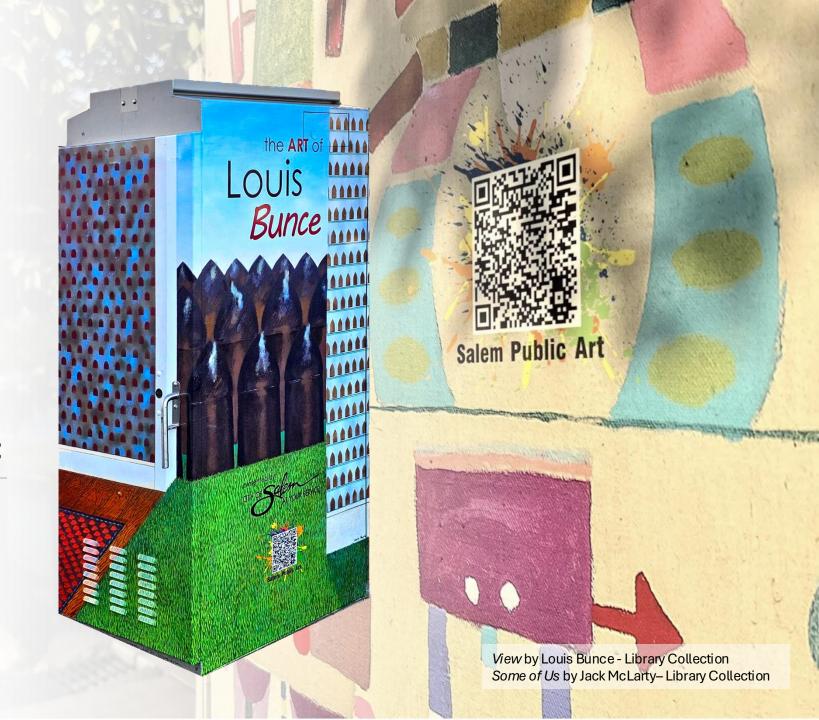




Utility Box Wraps

Downtown Urban Development

Featuring 20 selections from the Salem Public Art Collection throughout the downtown area.

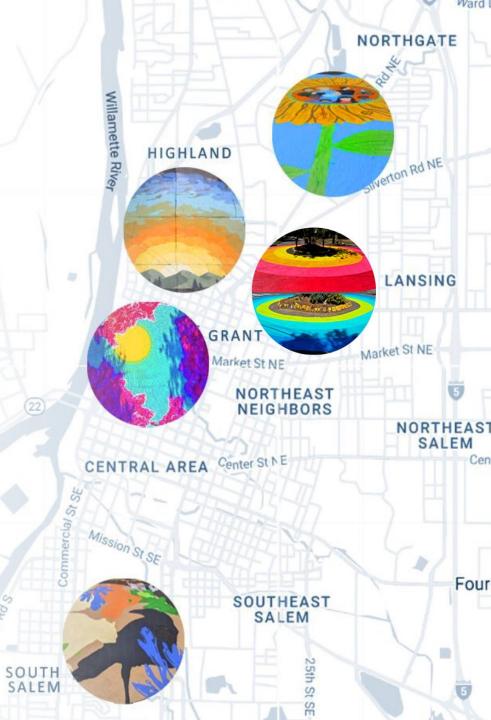


City of Salem Street Painting Program

WEST SALEM

July 2024 Hood Street Roundabouts at Cottage and Winter

Celebrating the Scenic Bikeway.
Sponsored by Grant Neighborhood
Association, facilitated by Public Works,
supported in part by Travel Salem.



Looking Ahead to 2025

- Downtown & West Salem Acquisitions
- Outreach to Neighborhood Associations
- Strategic Vision and Work Plan
- Temporary Art
- Bolster Mural Program
- Library Kiosk
- Collection Data Base Update



Thank you! Questions?

