

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

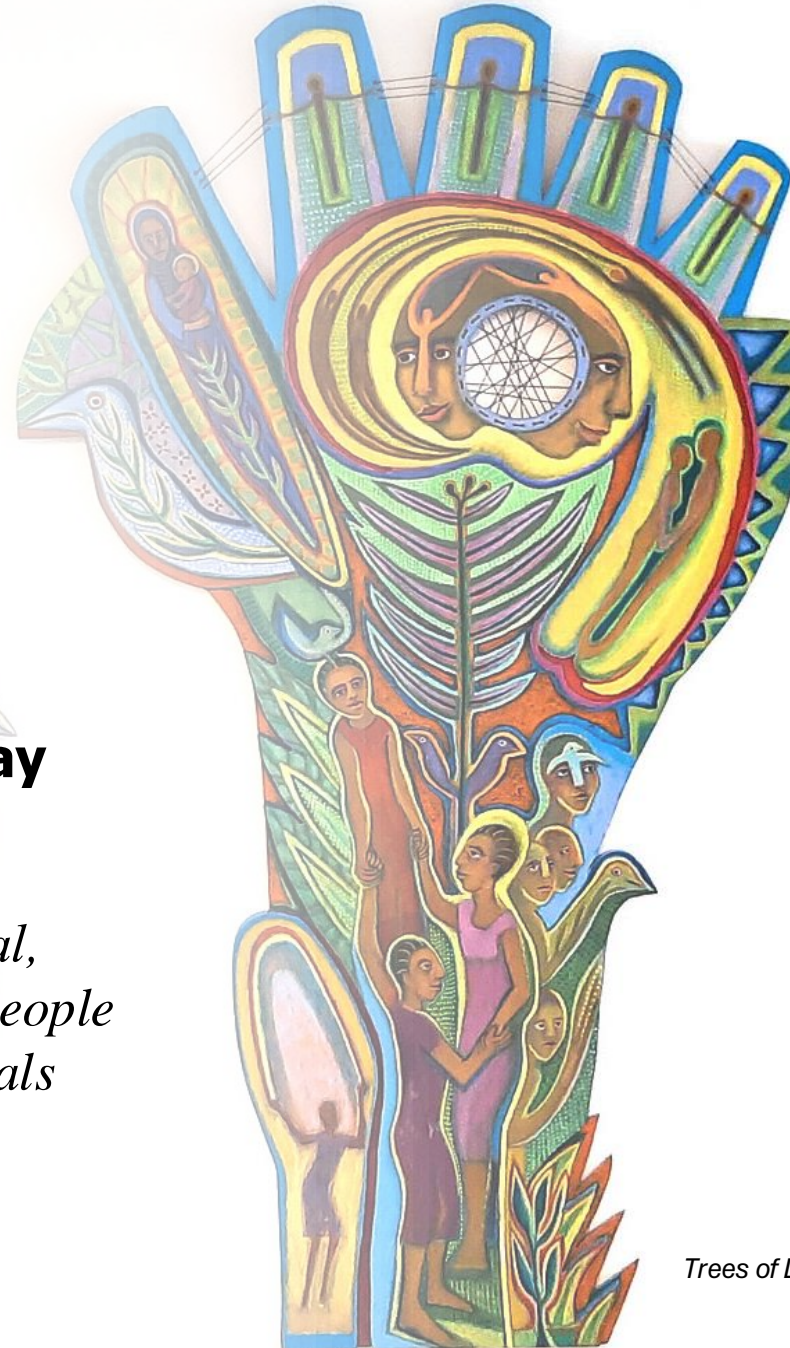
**COMMUNITY-ORIENTED
ARTS FUNDING
HAS HIGH PUBLIC VALUE.**


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



Homage to Clifford by Bonnie Hull – Library Collection



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 Progress

- 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.



Urban Wilderness by multiple artists including Commissioner Eduardo Diaz

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.



Please
Take As
You Need!

Scarves for Salem
ART INSTALLATION
Handmade &
Collected Winter Wear

Presented by the Knitting Culture College
Colloquium 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.

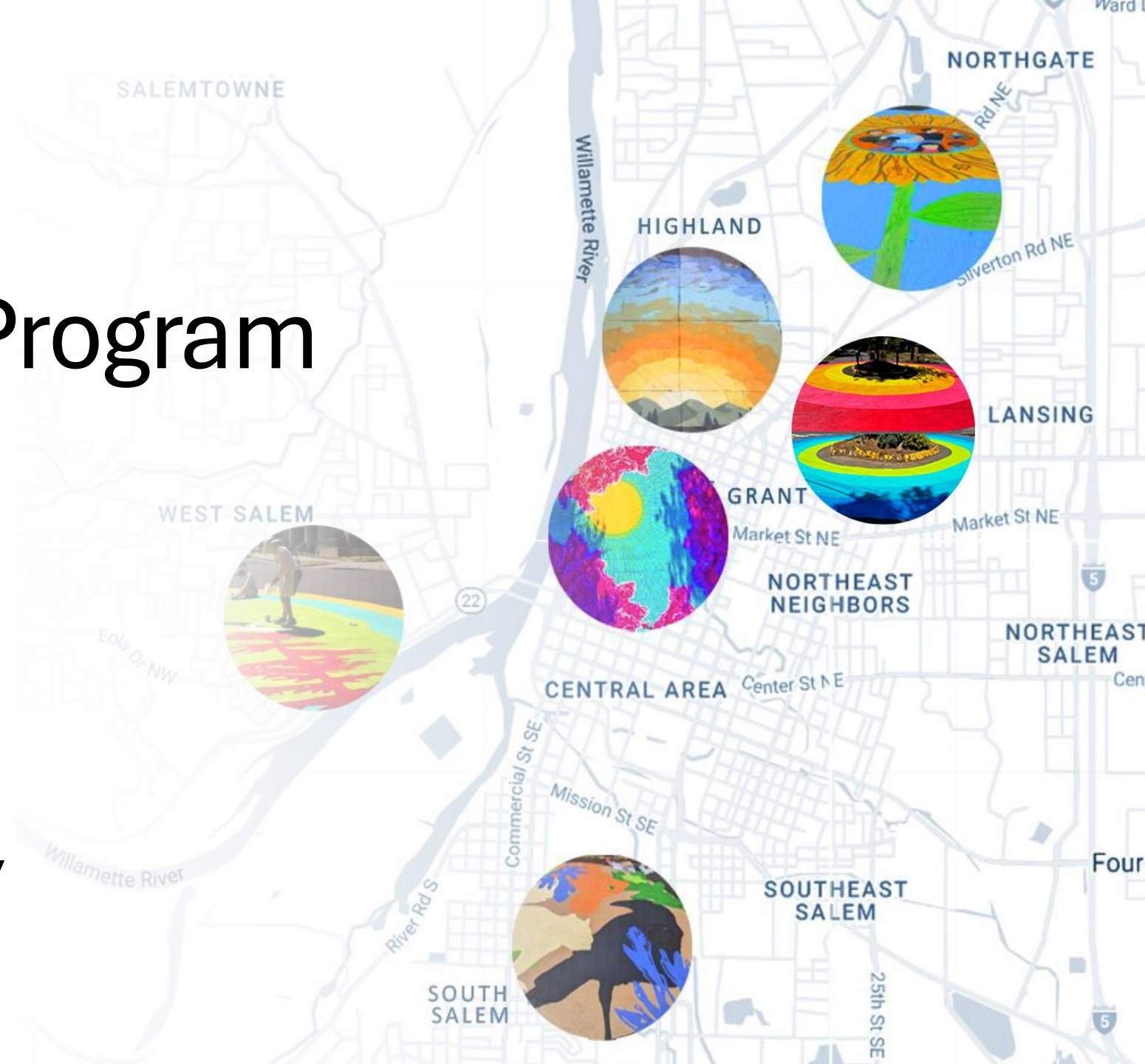


View by Louis Bunce - Library Collection
Some of Us by Jack McLarty- Library Collection

City of Salem Street Painting Program

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



Yellow Flowers by James Kirk – Library Collection

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Thank you!
Questions?

