

# SALEM PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

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2023 Report and Update  
to City Council

December 11, 2023



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.





# SALEM REVISED CODE CHAPTER 15 – PUBLIC ART

SRC 15.020. Salem  
Public Art Commission  
(SPAC)

Established by City  
Council in 2010

7 Volunteer  
Commissioners  
(2 current vacancies)

Acquiring

**Acquiring Public Art for City Facilities**

- Includes 1/2 of 1% total project cost to go toward public art

Stewarding

**Stewarding the City's Public Art Collection**

- Includes maintenance, conservation, and public education

Managing

**Managing the Public Art Fund**

**PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITIES**



# CITY'S PUBLIC ART COLLECTION



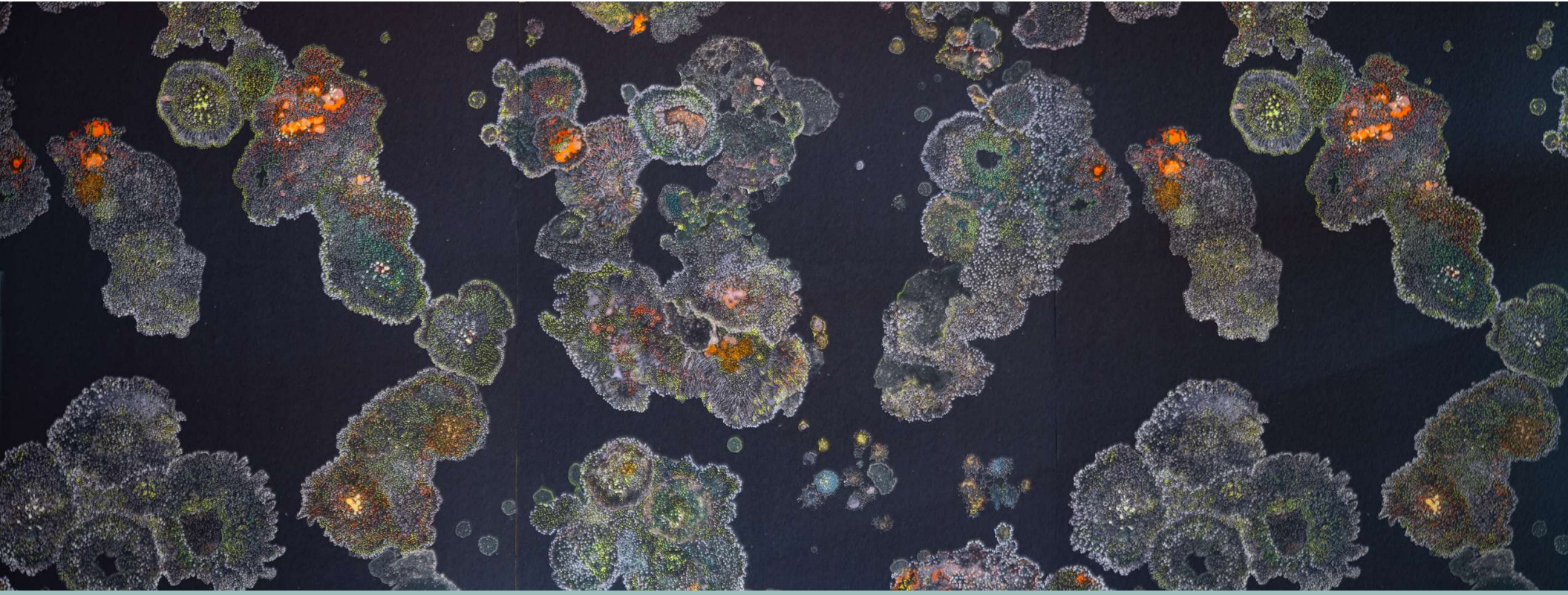
Includes  
nearly 100  
pieces



Valued at  
\$1.37  
Million per  
2016-17  
Appraisal



Indoor and  
Outdoor  
works of art



*Wallpaper art by Claire  
Burbridge*

Public Works Operations  
Building Lobby

## 2023 PUBLIC ART ADDITIONS



*Ram & Beaver Sculpture by Brad Rude*

Public Works Operations Building  
Exterior Entryway

2023 PUBLIC ART ADDITIONS  
CONT.



# 2023 PUBLIC ART ADDITIONS CONT.

Drawings by Claire Burbridge

Public Works Operations  
Building Lobby Hallway



# NEW PUBLIC MURAL — DAVE'S HOT CHICKEN



ORDINANCE BILL NO. 8-23 AMENDED CHAPTER 15 OF SRC TO  
ALLOW FOR PUBLIC MURALS TO BE PLACED ON CURVILINEAR  
BUILDING SURFACES



# 2023 LIBRARY ART HALL



Traffic, John Colburn



Fox, Matthew Dennison

## 2023 Quarterly Exhibitions



The story of stones, Sloy

the story of stones



St. Benedict Leaving,  
Gary Westford

# COMPLETED MAINTENANCE

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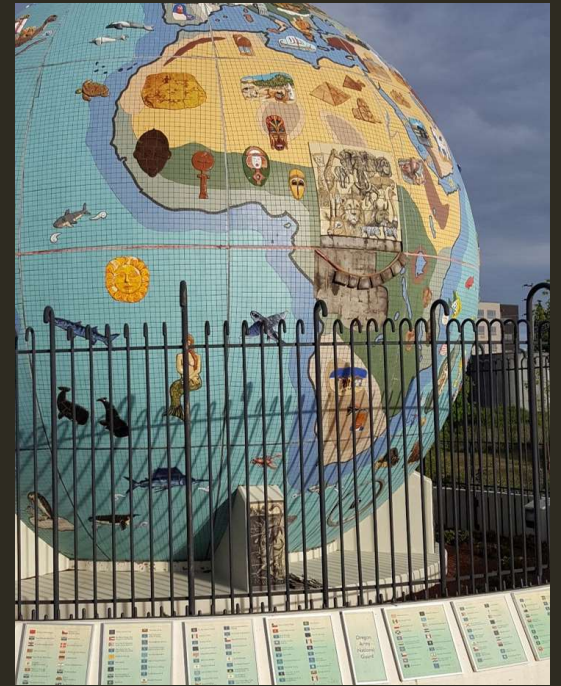
*Good Cents* sculpture cleaned, and signage moved.



# CONTINUED MAINTENANCE UNDER CONTRACT

*The Drummer and Rooster sculpture currently undergoing repair.*





# ECO-EARTH GLOBE FUNDRAISING

*Salem Parks Foundation's Goal is \$400,000.*

# LOOKING AHEAD - 2024 AND BEYOND

- ❖ SPAC Strategic Plan
- ❖ Develop a Public Art Plan
- ❖ SPAC to visit Neighborhood Associations
- ❖ SPAC to partner with local arts organizations
- ❖ Outreach and engagement using social media
- ❖ Commission a public mural