TOPEKA PUBLIC Art GUIDE

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YOUR GUIDE TO PUBLIC ART IN TOPEKA

ARTSConnect has created this guide because Topeka is home to a huge collection of significant public artwork - both new and old. We hope that this guide offers a new way to explore Topeka - and whether you're a resident or a visitor, we hope that it brings you to a better understanding of our history and our future.

ARTSConnect is Topeka's only umbrella nonprofit arts organization. We are committed to improving Topeka's quality of life and economic success through the arts. ARTSConnect fulfills this mission by painting murals, organizing the First Friday Artwalk, advocating for funding at the municipal level and ensuring that the arts in Topeka always have a seat at the table.

For purposes of this guide, we consider public art to be works in any media planned and executed with the intention of being staged in the public domain. Because of the nature of public art, addresses provided in this guide are that of the building on which the mural is painted.

We encourage you to take photos, share them on social media and invite others to join in the fun. ARTSConnect can be found on Instagram at @artstopeka and if you use #topekaproud or #artstopeka, we'll be able to follow along, too!

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DOWNTOWN

Thanks to ongoing redevelopment efforts, a five-block stretch of S Kansas Avenue is now home to numerous pieces of new and existing public art. These include the works listed in this guide as well as several others - including bronze medallions, pocket parks and other enhancements.

1. Cyrus Holliday: Joe Skeeba (900 block of S Kansas)
2. Colmery Plaza Sculptures: Janet Zoble (900 block of S Kansas)
3. A Century of Progress: Anthony Benton Gude (818 S Kansas, Westar Lobby)
4. Chief II: Anthony Howe (900 block of S Kansas)
5. Stone Bison: Alan Tollakson (900 block of S Kansas)
6. Mariachi Estrella de Topeka Memorial: Emmanuel Martinez (8th & Quincy, Topeka Performing Arts Center)
7. Tiffany Windows: Tiffany Studios New York (817 Harrison, First Presbyterian Church)
8. McKinley Barnett: Marty Pyle (800 block of S Kansas)
12. Docking State Office Building Sculptures: Bernard "Poco" Frazier
13. Justice: Bernard "Poco" Frazier & Malcolm Frazier: (lobby of Kansas Judicial Center)
14. Samuel Crumbine: (8th & Van Buren)

KANSAS STATE CAPITOL: The Kansas statehouse is a work of art itself—and it is impossible to list them all here, but we have included some of the most significant works. The statehouse is open to the public Mon-Fri from 8a-5p and Sat from 8a-1p.

Statehouse Grounds

9. Ad Astra: Richard Bergen (top of the dome)
10. Abraham Lincoln: Robert Merrell Gage (SE corner of grounds)
11. Pioneer Women's Memorial: Robert Merrell Gage (SW corner of grounds)

Statehouse Interior

- 1st Floor Rotunda Murals: David Overmeyer
- 2nd Floor Rotunda Murals: Lumen Martin Winter
- 2nd Floor Rotunda Sculptures: Pete Felten
- Brown v. Board Mural: Michael Young (3rd floor, south wing)*
- Tragic Prelude: John Steuart Curry (2nd floor, east wing)*

NOTO ARTS DISTRICT

The arts scene is thriving in the NOTO Arts District with more than 3,000 people visiting during the ARTSConnect First Friday Artwalk each month. The district is home to art galleries, shops and restaurants. NOTO is the colorful heartbeat of North Topeka. More information can be found at **www.exploreNOTO.org**.

1. Wall of Healing: January Kiefer (1029 N Kansas United Methodist Church)
2. Wizard of Oz: Isaiah Zagar and Community Volunteers (901 N Kansas, alley)
3. ragaZagar: Isaiah Zagar and Community Volunteers (905 N Kansas, alley)
4. Topeka Postcard: Jennifer Bohlander, DeAna Morrison, Nancy Jones & Buck Reist (922 N Kansas)
5. Art Takes Over Topeka: Jennifer Bohlander, Melanie Downie & Jewelia Oswald (901 N Kansas)
6. Sunflowers & Flying Pig: Jennifer Bohlander, Melanie Downie & Jewelia Oswald (114 NW Laurent)
7. Verity: Jennifer Bohlander, Melanie Downie & Jewelia Oswald (909 S Kansas, alley)
9. NOTO Arts Center: Jason Reidel (935 N Kansas)
   - Artists Live Forever (front retaining wall)
   - Create What You Love (back wall)
12. Habitat for Humanity (121 NE Gordon): Beth King with HH homeowners & volunteers
   - Home Sweet Home (east wall)
   - Home is the Key (west wall)
15. Aegir the Giant Brewer (830 N Kansas): Emily Rudy

1. **Freedom Bird**
   Jim Bass
   (Reinisch Rose Garden, Gage Park)
2. **The Great White Buffalo**
   Martin Lumen Winter
   (6526 SW 6th, Kansas State Historical Society)
3. **The Elements**
   Alden Krider
   (2600 SW E Circle Drive, Eastman Building)
4. **Mural**
   Stan Herd
   (Fairlawn Plaza)
5. **Topeka's Graffiti Wall**
   Various Artists
   (6th & Branner)
6. **Aaron Douglas Mural**
   David Loewenstein
   & Stan Herd
   (12th & Lane)
7. **Great Mural Wall**
   Various Artists
   (19th & Western)
8. **Involvment I & II:**
   Dale Rose
   (16th & Clay, Central Park Community Center)

TOPEKA MURAL PROJECT: These works have all been coordinated by ARTSConnect and executed by a variety of artists and members of the community. More information about the Topeka Mural Project found at **artsconnecttopeka.org**.

9. **Seward & Lake:** Jamie Colon & Maria Guzman (1118 NE Seward)
10. **Avondale East:** Jamie Colon (455 SE Golf Park)
11. **Meadows Elementary School:** Justin Marable & Jamie Colon (2nd & SW Quinton)
12. **6th & Lincoln:** Jamie Colon (1309 SW 6th)
13. **Master Gardener's Container:** John Sebelius (South of Expocentre)
14. **Rip On Skate Park:** Various Artists (23rd & Burlingame)
15. **4th Street Bridge:** Jamie Colon & Raul Hluz (4th & SE Lime)
16. **Tennessee Town:** Jamie Colon & Jordan Brooks (Huntoon & Lane)
17. **Brown v. Board Mural Project: Vision & Legacy:** Community mural led by Michael Toombs alongside a team of professional and student artists.
18. **The Sun:** Luke Rocha & Patrick Rocha, Jr. **(Blaisdell Pool @ Gage Park)**
19. **Sport Court Mural:** Oshara Meesha & Robert Tapley Bustamante (Betty Phillips Park)

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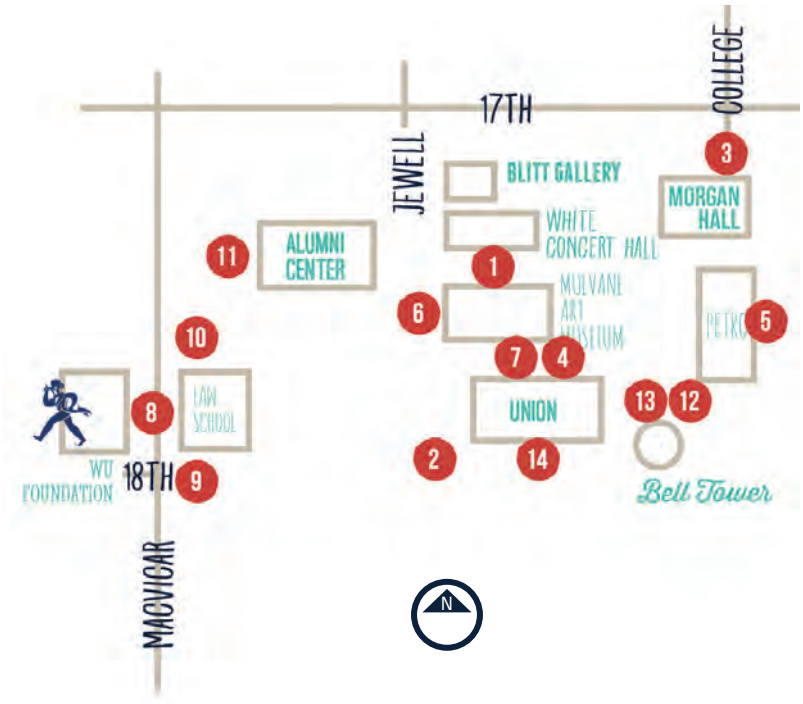

WASHBURN UNIVERSITY

The works that appear on the Washburn University campus represent a wide range of mediums and styles. The works listed on this map are a part of the university's permanent collection, but don't miss those pieces which are a part of an annually rotating collection. You'll find a link to information about the rotating collection and other works of art on this beautiful campus at **www.washburn.edu.**

1. Mulvane Court
2. Lantern Light: Ye Yushan
3. Confluence: Rita Blitt
4. Tracker: Michael Hager
5. The Game: Arlie Regier
6. Interdependence: YuYu Yang
7. Walking Bods: Barret DeBusk
8. Wings of Freedom: Sandy Scott
9. Thomas Jefferson: George Lundeen
10. Benjamin Franklin: George Lundeen
11. Mr. Ichabod: George Lundeen
12. The Poem: Tim Degginger
13. Self Portrait: Ann LaRose
14. Aspire/Inspire: Judith White & Maria Guzman

Rita Blitt Gallery and Sculpture Garden: The Rita Blitt Gallery opened in November 2017 and houses the life's work of world-renowned artist, Rita Blitt. Blitt's sculpture, Confluence of Love and Learning, is in front of Morgan Hall - easily visible from 17th & College.

Mulvane Art Museum: Boasting a collection of 4,000 works of art from around the world, the collection focuses on works by the Kansas and Mountain Plains region of the United States. Admission is free.

Mulvane Court is a sculpture garden nestled in the heart of the Garvey Fine Arts Building. It is a lovely place to sit in the shade while enjoying several sculptures and stained glass windows.

UTILITY BOX MURALS

In 2014, Safe Streets and the City of Topeka collaborated with artists from all across Topeka to beautify 14 of Topeka's utility boxes. More information about these works of art can be found at **www.safestreets.org.**

The Mighty Amigos – 17th & Fairlawn
Chloe Callahan – 29th & Fairlawn
Barbara Waterman-Peters – 21st & Washburn
Beth Bogenrieder Hall – Clontarf & Burlingame
Harley Vinsonhaler – Huntoon & Washburn
Megan Thompson – 6th & Lane
Linnzi Fusco – 17th & S Kansas
Leslie Maynard – 21st & Indiana
Allan Burgess – 29th & California
Dale Rose – 6th & Branner
Darlene Regnier – Seward & Freeman
Austin Wiebler – Gordon & N Topeka
Cherie Stambaugh – 25th & Wanamaker
Jeromie Rose – 10th & Wanamaker

ICHABODS AROUND TOWN

In 2015, these 3-D Ichabods were decorated by local and regional artists and installed across Topeka in honor of the 150th year of Washburn University.

Excellence: Colton Anderson
(Washburn Foundation, 1729 MacVicar)

Prairie Horizons: Matthew Richter (St. Francis Hospital)

Topeka BouleBod: Barbara Waterman-Peters
(Capitol Federal Savings, 1201 S Topeka)

Tribute to Aaron Douglas: Susan McCarthy (11th & Washburn)

You are Washburn: Washburn Rural Students & Faculty
(Washburn Rural High School) NOT PICTURED ON MAP

Washburn Tech: Nancy Palbicke (5724 Huntoon)

Original Mr. Ichabod: Larry Peters
(Jr. Achievement, 3735 Wanamaker)

150 Years in Stride: Margaret Ramberg
(NOTO Community Arts Center, 935 N Kansas)

Ichabod Comes to the Prairie: Peggy Clark
(Kaw Valley Bank, 1110 N Kansas)

A Good Day to You: Larry Peters (8th & S Kansas)

In the Black: Patty Kahn (120 SE 6th)

Now and Then: Peggy Clark & Martha Imparato
(Topeka Capital-Journal, 616 SE Jefferson)

Democracy in Action: Patty Kahn (Ramada, 420 SE 6th)