



***City of Moorhead
Public Art Projects
2015-2025***

2025:

Moorhead Sculpture Walk

Curated by the Rourke Art Gallery + Museum, the Moorhead Sculpture Walk consists of a plethora of public art installations throughout downtown Moorhead and the surrounding areas.

To view a walking map and descriptions of artwork included on the walk, visit:

<https://moorheadsculpturewalk.com/>



Nii Woo Gaw Bow – Indigenous Sculpture

In an effort to expand the Moorhead Sculpture Walk with a new art installation that embodies and celebrates the rich heritage of Indigenous People and their cultures in our region, the City of Moorhead commissioned Indigenous artist, Duane Goodwin, to design and fabricate a sculpture. 'Four Standing' or Nii Woo Gaw Bow, named after the artist in Anishinaabe, is an Anishinaabe Hunter Trapper that draws inspiration from the Red River Valley which was the ancestral land of the Anishinaabe, Dakota, Lakota, and Nakota peoples. These Indigenous nations lived in harmony on this rich trapping land long before the arrival of white settlers. The sculpture was installed in an open space area at 4th St and Center Avenue.



2023:

Installation of Utility Box Art

In coordination with Fargo's Downtown Community Partnership, the Arts Partnership, and Office Sign Company, designs were solicited and installed on three different utility boxes in high traffic corridors throughout Moorhead.



2022:

Forest Friends – Wildlife Natural Sculptures

Local artist Patrice Delaney created Bun-Bun the rabbit, Georgie the hummingbird, and Buddyfly the butterfly from urban wood waste, natural materials, wire, and found objects, along with some screws, nails, and glue to keep them together. The Forest Friends are nestled into the forest of Viking Ship Park.

Patrice stated “I wanted to create public art that would surprise people on the trails in Moorhead and encourage art lovers to explore the natural areas near the Red River. The riparian ecosystem is at the center of our community, and I want to encourage people to go there, look closely, and enjoy the environment for a moment or two.”



**Photo courtesy of Roni Delaney*

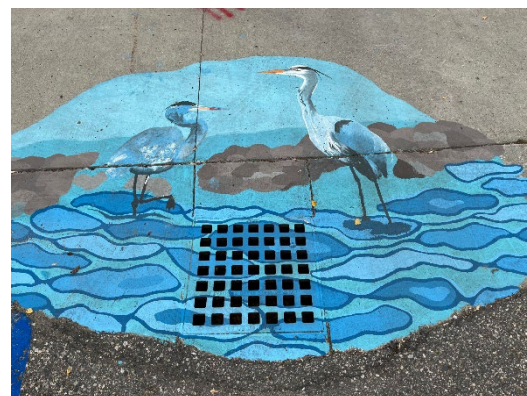
Center Avenue Sidewalk Stamp Installation

As a part of the reconstruction of Center Avenue, leaf stamps were installed throughout stretches of concrete in between the sidewalk and bike lane, alongside pocket prairies.



Storm Drain Community Art

River Keepers partnered with artist Olivia Baine to design and implement public art around storm drains. The project is intended to leave a lasting impression on the community to monitor and protect our water system from storm drain pollution.



2021:

Breaking the Surface Sculpture Installation at Davy-Memorial Park

Local artists Catie Miller and Emily Williams-Wheeler have partnered to bring vibrancy to the park with an unexpected and humorous approach. Over several weeks, they carved the beaver prototype from a stacked block of foam insulation and covered it with plaster. Once the prototype was complete, it was delivered to a fiber glass studio in Buffalo, MN to create a mold.

Breaking the Surface has two distinct meanings. It refers to the ecosystem of the Red River Valley and character traits of our community. Beavers can be seen throughout the Red River Valley and are symbols of persistence and hard work. They are also team orientated, working together to create a strong colony.

Of equal importance, the project represents one of the first large public art installations in Moorhead, bringing a uniqueness and playful identity to the City and park while providing access to art for all!

This project was made possible through generous donations to the [Moorhead Community Fund](#) and a grant from the FM Convention and Visitors Bureau.



2020:

Installation of Bench and Utility Box Art

In collaboration with Moorhead High School teacher Grady Carlson, 15 students submitted original works of art for consideration to be placed on seven downtown benches and a utility box near Moorhead High School.



I-94 Water Tower Art

Moorhead Public Service and the City of Moorhead, in partnership with the Churchill Group, conducted community engagement to develop a work of art for the I-94 water tower. The art captures the Red River of the North, the River Corridor Trail, and seasonal trees including Concordia's Crazy Tree.



2019:

Florence Klingensmith Mural

The artist team of Cory Gillerstein and Jared Froeber painted a mural of Florence Klingensmith, a Moorhead native, who was an aviation pioneer in the 1920s. She was recently a subject of a best-selling book “Fly Girls: How Five Daring Women Defied All Odds and Made Aviation History.” Her little known story will now be honored as part of Moorhead’s history. Ace Hardware on Main Avenue has enthusiastically offered to display the mural on the west side of the store.



Southside Water Tower Art

Moorhead Public Service and the City of Moorhead collaborated with southside neighborhood representatives to develop a work of art for the Southside water tower. Carrie Lee Kinslow, Stephen Dorset and Jack Lunde created the design, which is unique to the neighborhood and consists of the Bluestem Amphitheater and Concordia’s Crazy Tree.



2018:

Woodlawn Water Tower Art

Moorhead Public Service and the City of Moorhead collaborated with the Woodlawn neighborhood to develop a work of art for the Woodlawn water tower. Su Legatt, Stephen Dorset and Jack Lunde created the design, which is unique to the neighborhood, consisting of the Main Avenue bridge, Red River, Stave Church, and log cabin.



2017:

Oakport Water Tower Art

Moorhead Public Service and the City of Moorhead collaborated with the Oakport neighborhood to create a work of art for the Oakport Water Tower. Su Legatt, Stephen Dorsey and Jack Lunde created the design, which is an interpretation of 'Life in Moorhead' and focuses on some of the key aspects that make our city unique, with special emphasis on the amazing wilderness available in the Oakport neighborhood.

This project is made possible by the voters of Minnesota through a grant from Lake Region Arts Council thanks to a legislative appropriation from the Arts and Cultural Heritage fund. Video: [Long Format](#) / [Short Format](#)



2016:

Sidewalk Art and Poetry Project

Nearly 100 designs were imprinted in sidewalks being replaced as part of road construction projects on Moorhead's major corridors.

You can check out the sidewalk stamps on Main Avenue, 8th Street, and Center Avenue near downtown Moorhead!



CenturyLINK Moorhead Box Art

CenturyLINK commissioned seven works of art through the CenturyLINK Moorhead Box Art Project contest that invited creatives to submit original works of art with a technology theme for the chance to be selected to wrap a CenturyLink utility box. [CLICK HERE](#) for brochure featuring the selected works of art and the location.

2015

Aerosol Art

Micah Leitel joined with the community and Rourke Art Museum to create "Bubbles", an aerosol art piece on a utility structure on Center Avenue. A free interactive aerosol workshop allowed community members to interact with the aerosol medium and create their own works of art. [MPR documented the day](#) that was enjoyed by many.

Although the utility structure was removed for the 2022 Center Avenue reconstruction, the art and workshop leaves a lasting impact on the community.

