





Arlington PUBLIC ART WALKING TOUR

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ABOUT ARLINGTON PUBLIC ART

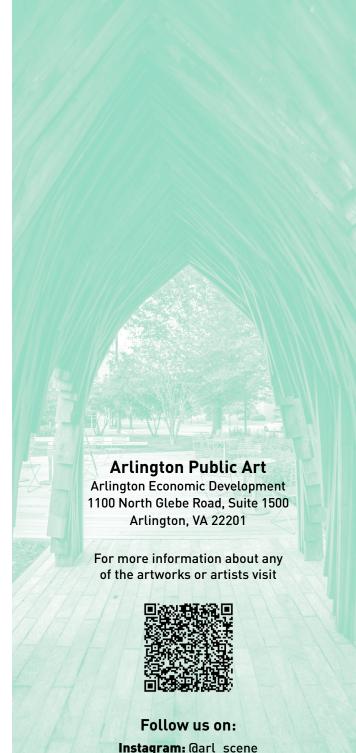
Arlington Public Art is an internationally renowned, award-winning publicly and privately funded program. Since 1979, when art was first negotiated as part of a private development project, Arlington has been an innovator in the field of public art. That first artwork - Nancy Holt's internationally acclaimed Dark Star Park - was dedicated in 1984. Now, forty years later, Arlington is home to a diverse and rich collection of over eighty permanent public artworks.

The commissioning of these works has been guided by a Public Art Policy and Public Art Master Plan, which call for an integrated approach to public art in the places where the County invests its resources.

Arlington Public Art directly commissions artworks integrated into the County's capital improvement projects, coordinates artworks commissioned by real estate developers as part of the site plan process and assists community groups to initiate public art projects on public property. We also partner with local arts and community organizations, artists and businesses to present interpretative projects, temporary artworks, exhibitions and more.

This vision has resulted in a collection that demonstrates how public art can be a force for placemaking, creating strong, meaningful connections between people and places that are vital to community and civic life. Whether you are visiting us for the first time or are a lifelong Arlingtonian, we hope you enjoy this tour of Arlington's public art.

Arlington Public Art is a program of Arlington Cultural Affairs, a division of Arlington Economic Development, which delivers public activities and programs as Arlington Arts.



ARLINGTON PUBLIC ART COLLECTION HIGHLIGHTS



Ballston and Virginia Square

Present Pastimes (2024)

by Olalekan Jeyifous

Combining references to vintage commercial signage and mid-century architecture that used to be found in the Ballston area, this diptych window installation presents a colorful and playful reimagining of a miniature golf course. Here. Jeyifous, a Nigerian-American artist whose work examines the relationships between architecture, community and the environment has reimagined a cherished venue that alludes to leisure in a pre-digital, bygone era.



Langston Boulevard, Falls Church and Westover

John M. Langston (2021) by KaliQ Crosby

Local artist KaliQ Crosby was commissioned to create a mural to celebrate the renaming of Lee Highway to Langston Boulevard as well as the life and many impacts of John M. Langston, the man for whom the highway was renamed.



Columbia Pike

The Pike (2022)

by Donald Lipski

In *The Pike*, artist Donald Lipski explores how an object can be transformed into sculpture and its meaning changed through a whimsical combination of materials and place. Constructed from a reclaimed 50-foot tall wind turbine wing, the artwork serves as a gateway into Arlington County from Bailey's Crossroads in Fairfax County. The base of the sculpture is studded with thousands of coins from 117 countries collected from Arlington County residents.



Clarendon

Floral Sky (2020) by Michael Kalish

Inspired by the beauty and symbolism of flowers, artist Michael Kalish created a multi-dimensional sculpture of larger-than-life blooms sprouting up from the ground. Many of the blossoms incorporated into the bouquet are native to Virginia including dogwood, columbine, moonflower and common



Rosslyn

Luminous Bodies (2020) by Cliff Garten

Marking each of the four corners of the Esplanade Bridge over I-66, these 26-foot high illuminated sculptures, called *Luminous Bodies*, consist of formed stainless-steel rods intersecting to define both exterior and interior surfaces and volumes. The structures respond to the formal stone and bronze monuments that bookend Rosslyn, lending a fresh perspective with their transparent vessels filled with sunlight during the day and color changing LED light at night.



Four Mile Run

West Glebe Road Bridge (West Glebe Flow) (2023) by Vicki Scuri

People driving, biking, or walking across the bustling West Glebe Road Bridge will notice a series of graduating arcs and bubble patterns that enliven the concrete parapets and the metal grills of the rebuilt bridge, enhancing the experience of crossing the bridge. The design encourages people to slow down, appreciate their surroundings and reflect on the natural beauty of Four Mile Run.

8 GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF PUBLIC ART



PUBLIC ART IS LOCATED IN PLACES THAT A WIDE RANGE OF PEOPLE ARE **LIKELY TO ENCOUNTER IN** THEIR EVERYDAY LIVES.



THE GROUNDWORK FOR **FUTURE PUBLIC ART PROJECTS IS ESTABLISHED IN COUNTY PLANNING** INITIATIVES.

PUBLIC ART IS A TOOL FOR PLACEMAKING — CREATING **MEANINGFUL CONNECTIONS BETWEEN PEOPLE AND** PLACES IMPORTANT TO CIVIC LIFE.



PUBLIC ART IS INTEGRATED

INTO ARCHITECTURE,

LANDSCAPE DESIGN AND

INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS.

PUBLIC ART DRAWS ON ARLINGTON'S DIVERSE, HISTORIC, ENVIRONMENTAL AND CULTURAL RESOURCES.



PUBLIC ART IS EQUITABLE, ENGAGING AND ENRICHING.



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PUBLIC ART PROJECTS HAVE WILLING PARTNERS AND ADEQUATE FUNDING.





National Landing

Queen City (2023) by Nekisha Durrett

Standing tall and vigilant, Queen City confronts the 1942 seizure of Black-owned land by the federal government for the construction of the Pentagon. With this work, 903 displaced residents of the Queen City neighborhood are represented by handmade ceramic vessels made in the shape and color of a drop of water. It takes the form of a well or water tower to reference the resilience of this self sustaining community challenged by lack of resources. The 35-foot tall sculpture confidently peers over trees and architecture to mark the presence of the community that existed for 40 years before it was razed.



Courthouse

Ellen M. Bozman Government Center Public Art (anticipated 2024) by Kipp Kobayashi and linn meyers

Two public art installations, *The paths we take...* by Kipp Kobayashi and an installation of hand drawn window privacy screening The Mostly Invisible Ever Present by linn meyers will be installed in the lobby of the Ellen M. Bozman Government Center. Both installations present site-specific interpretations of the Arlington landscape, drawing upon not only the geographic landscape but also abstracting the ways in which we interact with the environment. Working in dialogue with one another, these two dynamic public art pieces will provide the finishing touches to

the redesign of Arlington's Government Center.



Shirlington and Green Valley John Robinson, Jr. Town Square (FREED) (2022)

by Walter Hood Artist and designer Walter Hood took inspiration for

the creation of John Robinson, Jr. Town Square and sculpture from the history and community of Green Valley. The Town Square is composed of two juxtaposed geometries: a set of diagonal walkways laid over the orthogonal street grid creating a place that allows for a variety of community activities, including markets, festivals and daily leisure. The primary feature of the Town Square is the FREED sculpture, a 30-foot-tall beacon which pays homage to the notion of freedom, whether experienced as a historical or contemporary and personal or collective condition.



View more from Arlington's Permanent Public Art **Collection here**

Watch the Arlington Public Art FAQ to learn more about the rich historyof **Arlington's Public Art Collection**

