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'Diverse, accessible, world-class'

Explosion of public art invigorates Hoosier cityscapes

story by ELIZABETH GRANGER

It started with apples. Soon there was an apple orchard.

Then flowers in a flower garden, dogs in a dog pound, woodland creatures in the forest, and bicycles in a bike rack. This year, love in the Tunnel of Love.

Welcome to the **Art Path** in Nappanee's Stauffer Park where, artist Jeff Stillson says, 99 sculptures "put a smile on your face." The plan is to create one huge sculpture for the 100th.

All of the sculptures, by theme, were in downtown Nappanee before being retired to the hiking/biking path. This year, "love is in the air" is downtown. Those sculptures will move to the Tunnel of Love on the path.

"Public art is an enhancement to the way we live," Stillson says. "It adds enjoyment. The world without art is 'eh.'"

That thought is pervasive. Everywhere throughout the state, in a variety of mediums and for a variety of reasons. To commemorate important events and important persons, or the everyday. To encourage joy or thought or action on pressing issues.

And it's freely accessible, funded in many cases by local governments. Bloomington is just one example. Erin White of Visit Bloomington says, "We're really proud of our One Percent for the Arts program and love seeing how major pieces come to life as a result of the commitment to always growing the arts and culture community that exists here."

In Madison, their **Arts and Cultural District** is one of only 12 such districts in the state, and earned the distinction because of its parks, galleries and studios, museums, art exhibits, and more. With more than 200 years of historic architecture, colorful gardens,



Fort Wayne is a canvas for larger-than-life murals, sculptures, and more on their Public Art Trail.

PHOTO: Visit Fort Wayne

walkable neighborhoods, and multiple artistic offerings, this beautifully-preserved town is an inspiration for artists to tell their story with art.

Some cities have created options to lease public art. In June, **Sculptures Angola** will unveil four sculptures that will remain in the Commercial Historic Downtown District for a year and then will be available for purchase.

✳️ Richmond has long touted its **Mural**

Trail. It continuously adds more stops, many tied to the area's history. There are now 88 murals.

The **Midwest Music & Heritage Trail**, focusing on musical artists that recorded at Richmond's Gennett Recording Studio, is installing sculptures this spring. ✳️

Kosciusko County's mantra – "art brings us together" – is showcased on its **All Things Art Map.** It

Wabash Avenue, has transformed more than 50 blank spaces “into professional pieces of art that are dynamic in theme, diversity, and subject matter. **Wabash Walls** exemplifies how public art can create identity and engage community.”

So pick a city. Contact the visitors bureau. Ask for a map of public art. And then enjoy.



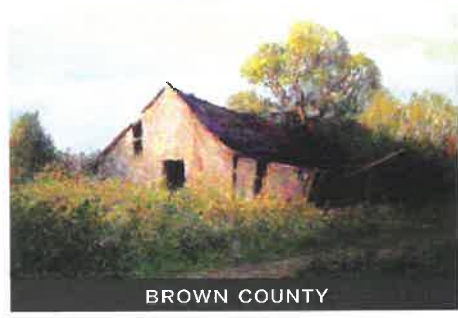
The music garden at Glen Miller Park in Richmond. PHOTO: Richmond-Wayne County Convention & Tourism Bureau

“Stinker Fish” by artist Billy Pozzo is just one of the fun sculptures in Valparaiso’s Rotary Library Garden.

PHOTO: Valparaiso Events



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