30 min. Downtown Public-Art Tour

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1. Start at the corner of Laporte Ave and Mason St.

Artist: Andrew Dufford
Four Corners
Completed 2001
Downtown Transit Center
Completed 2002
Mason and Laporte Streets

Four Corners includes both bronze paver inlays and streetlight enhancement sculptures. The pavers draw on the current activities on each corner; commerce, justice, civic involvement and transportation. The images trace both the history and progress of these activities. The light pole enhancements pick up on the images in the pavers and give a vertical presence to each theme.

The Transit Center project has four different sculptures relating to the theme of transportation. The artworks are simple and elegant kinetic sculptures located on the top of each of the four central bus shelters. The themes are pedestrian, bicycle, bus and train transportation.

2. Head east toward College Ave. on the south side of the street.

Inside the ground level of the parking garage:

Designed by Raphael López and painted by community volunteers
Raphael López
Community Mural
Completed 2011
Civic Center Parking Structure

The Poudre River Public Library District sponsored muralist and children's book illustrator Rafael López to design this mural. The painting was done by community volunteers under the direction of Rafael López who donated his time and talent. The Library District gifted the mural to the City to be enjoyed for many years to come.

3. Cross College Ave and stop at the intersection of Linden and Walnut Sts.

On the southeast corner:

Artist: James Lynxwiler
Free To Dance
Art in Action Project 2010
Corner of Walnut and Linden Streets

A cooperative project between the Art in Public Places Program and the Downtown Development Authority, the "Art in Action" project set up a sculpture studio in Old Town Square. During the summer and fall of 2010, local artist James Lynxwiler created a life-sized sculpture and demonstrated the steps of the lost wax process of bronze sculpture casting. The culmination of Jim's exciting project was a live molten bronze pour in Old Town Square, facilitated by the Sculpture Center of Fort Collins.
The sculptures were donated to the City of Fort Collins by the Downtown Development Authority.

4. Continue on Walnut St. to the northwest corner of Walnut St. and Mountain Ave.

In the windows of the Mitchell Block Building, 262 Mountain Ave., both on Mountain and Walnut:

Pianos About Town is a collaborative project between the City of Fort Collins Art In Public Places Program, Bohemian Foundation and the Downtown Development Authority. The project combines art and music for the enjoyment of the community. Pianos are painted from May through October in Old Town Square, where the public can interact with the artists as they work. The completed pianos then rotate to various locations throughout Fort Collins, inviting people to admire the artwork and play a tune.

Near the street in front of the building:

Artist: Andy Dufford, Chevo Studios
Water Quality Boxes
Completed 2012
Corner of Mountain Ave. and Walnut St.

Artist Andy Dufford developed interpretive boxes to house Utility water quality testing equipment. The sculptural art boxes provide protection to the water quality monitoring equipment and share an educational message. The art elements of the boxes illustrate the filtration process happening beneath the permeable pavers under the on-street parking at this location.

5. Cross to the south side of Mountain Ave. and head west, to the southeast corner of Mountain Ave. and Remington St.

Artist: Lisa Cameron Russell
Sustainable Garden
Art in Action Project 2009
Near the southeast corner of Mountain Avenue and Remington Street

In a cooperative project between the Art in Public Places Program and the Downtown Development Authority, the "Art in Action" project set up a painting studio in Old Town Square. During the summer of 2009, visitors to downtown Fort Collins were charmed by local artist Lisa Cameron Russell as she painted five two-sided steel panels. The panels were assembled into a vertical double-sided sculptural installation. *Sustainable Garden* was donated to the City of Fort Collins by the Downtown Development Authority and Lisa Cameron Russell.

6. Head west on Mountain Ave. across College Ave. Cross to the north side of Mountain Ave. and continue west. Halfway down the block, you will find the entrance to Tenney Alley on your right. Enter the alley.

Artist: Amelia Caruso, ***Organic Energy,*** Completed 2006
Tenney Alley between West Mountain Avenue and the Mason Street Parking Structure

The Transformer Cabinet Mural Project is a graffiti abatement program that brings art to unexpected places in our community. The APP program completed their first cabinet murals in 2006 in Tenney Alley. The City has completed 204 cabinet murals to date. This graffiti abatement program was featured at the National League of Cities Conference in 2008 and since that time we have been sharing information with other programs around Colorado and the country. The murals, painted by artist Amelia Caruso in Tenney Alley, are inspired by Australian Aboriginal dot patterns, Mandelbrot Fractals and the concept of visualizing the flow of negative space. In addition to tying in the colors already in use in the alley, the artist envisioned the central vein in the design as being a reference to the Poudre River.

As you walk around downtown, keep an eye out for more Transformer Cabinet Murals and our rotating Pianos About Town. You will find that "Art is Everywhere!"