

HICKORY PUBLIC ART COMMISSION

The Hickory Public Art Commission is committed to enriching our city by integrating into public spaces a wide range of art intended to create a visual sense of our community, improve our quality of life, represent all facets of our population, commemorate our history, and be an inspiration to all citizens and visitors.

Hickory is one of the few North Carolina municipalities with a public art program. Assisted by a planning grant from the North Carolina Council for the Arts, the Public Art Commission (PAC) organized and in 2000 named its first members. The commission membership includes one representative from each of Hickory's six wards, five at-large members appointed by the mayor, and a Youth Council representative.

The PAC provides the framework for acquiring and commissioning public art and participates in the selection process. One of the early projects was "Art on the Bench," which enlisted artists to paint benches for placement at bus stops and other public locations around the city. David Zagaroli, Hickory City Councilman and multi-term PAC member, designed the metal benches and Baker Waste Equipment Company constructed most of them from steel donated by Benco Steel Company.

"Hickory Art Walk" is a way for individuals, families or other groups to become familiar with some of the outstanding public art available within walking distance of downtown Hickory.

The walking route includes art in six locations: Union Square, Lenoir-Rhyne University, McComb Park, Patrick Beaver Memorial Library, Sally Fox Park, and S.A.L.T. Block, which incorporates Catawba Science Center, Hickory Museum of Art, Western Piedmont Symphony, Hickory Choral Society, and United Arts Council.



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Artistry and Craftsmanship in Hickory



1. ART ON THE BENCH
Local artists
Metal: Sixty-two artfully painted benches, located throughout the city. To see all benches, search online for "Art on the Bench Inventory".



2. TOWER OF MIRACLES
Mary Rose Carroll
Stone: Obelisk with metal bas-relief, commissioned to commemorate 1944 construction of emergency polio hospital. Located in Union Square.



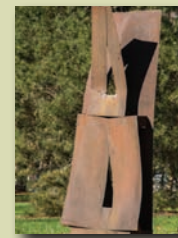
3. HISTORIC MURAL
Roger Cook
Mural: 25'x35' wall art located in Union Square



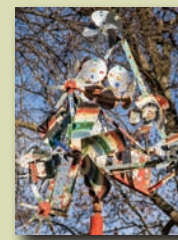
4. FLEXIBLE
Dean Curfman
Aluminum: Abstract sculpture located above the fountain outside Hickory City Hall



5. LODOLA
Joel Urruty
Bronze: Sculpture located in Sally Fox Park



6. CONVERGENCE
Carl Billingsley
Steel: Sculpture located in Sally Fox Park



7. WHIRLIGIGS
Vollis Simpson
Mixed media and metal: Three sculptures, located on southeast lawn of S.A.L.T. Block (Hickory Museum of Art Collection).



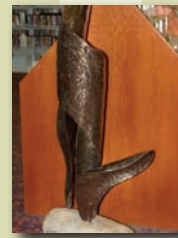
8. LINKAGES
Wayne Trapp
Steel: 18-foot-long brushed stainless steel sculpture, located on southwest corner of S.A.L.T. Block (Hickory Museum of Art Collection).



9. WHISPER BENCH
Jim Gallucci
Steel: Powder-coated bench located on the lawn between Patrick Beaver Memorial Library and Catawba Science Center



10. THE STORY
James Barnhill
Bronze: Located in front of Patrick Beaver Memorial Library. Dedicated in 1998 in honor of Murray Tate.



11. STONE SOULS RISING
Julia Stout
Steel: Freeform sculpture located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



12. THE ART OF TEXTILES
Jan Craft
Composite: Wall sculpture highlighting textile industry, located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



13. SURVEYING THE EARTH
Jan Craft
Composite: Wall sculpture representing surveying profession, located in Patrick Beaver Memorial Library



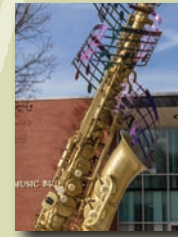
14. FLY AWAY
Randolph Rose
Bronze: Donated by Saint Aloysius Catholic Church commemorating its 100th anniversary. Sculpture located in McComb Park. (pictured on cover)



15. LR FOOTBALL PLAYER
Jon Hair
Bronze: Sculpture located on corner at Stasavich Place.



16. NINE ATHLETES
Richard Hallier/Susie Hallier Huskins
Bronze: Nine sculptures of athletes donated by Irwin Belk, located on Lenoir-Rhyne University campus



17. SUPER SAX
Jon Hair
Bronze: Sculpture located in front of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Mauney Music Building



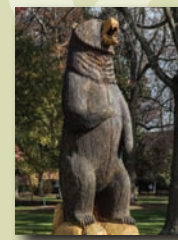
18. MARTIN LUTHER
Jon Hair
Granite: World's largest statue of Martin Luther, donated by Irwin Belk, located in front of Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center



19. THE CHARGE
John R. Phelps
Bronze: Sculpture located between Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center and Shuford Athletic Complex



20. BEAR
John R. Phelps
Bronze: Bear sculpture located between Lenoir-Rhyne University's Cromer Student Center and Lineberger Administration Building



21. BIG TREE BEAR
Joey Rowe/Jerry Smathers
Wood: Bear carved from tree, located at entrance to Lenoir-Rhyne University's Quad

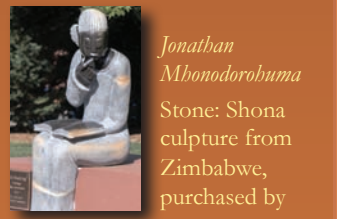
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22. GENERATIONS



Stefan "Steebo" Bonitz
Metal: Sculpture with interactive gong bell located in Sally Fox Park

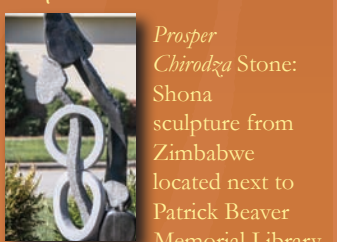
23. GIRL STUDYING



Jonathan Mbonodorobuma
Stone: Shona sculpture from Zimbabwe, purchased by

anonymous donor. Located next to Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

24. NATURE'S WAY



Prosper Chirodza
Stone: Shona sculpture from Zimbabwe located next to Patrick Beaver Memorial Library

25. LOVE MAKES THE WORLD GO' ROUND



Welded steel painted with automobile paint: Kinetic sculpture located in Sally Fox Park

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Things You get to see while walking...

ART ON THE BENCH

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Edward Houston, Artist
"Sixties Corvette with Marilyn"



Locations

McCOMB PARK

SALLY FOX PARK

SALT BLOCK

UNION SQUARE

CITY HALL

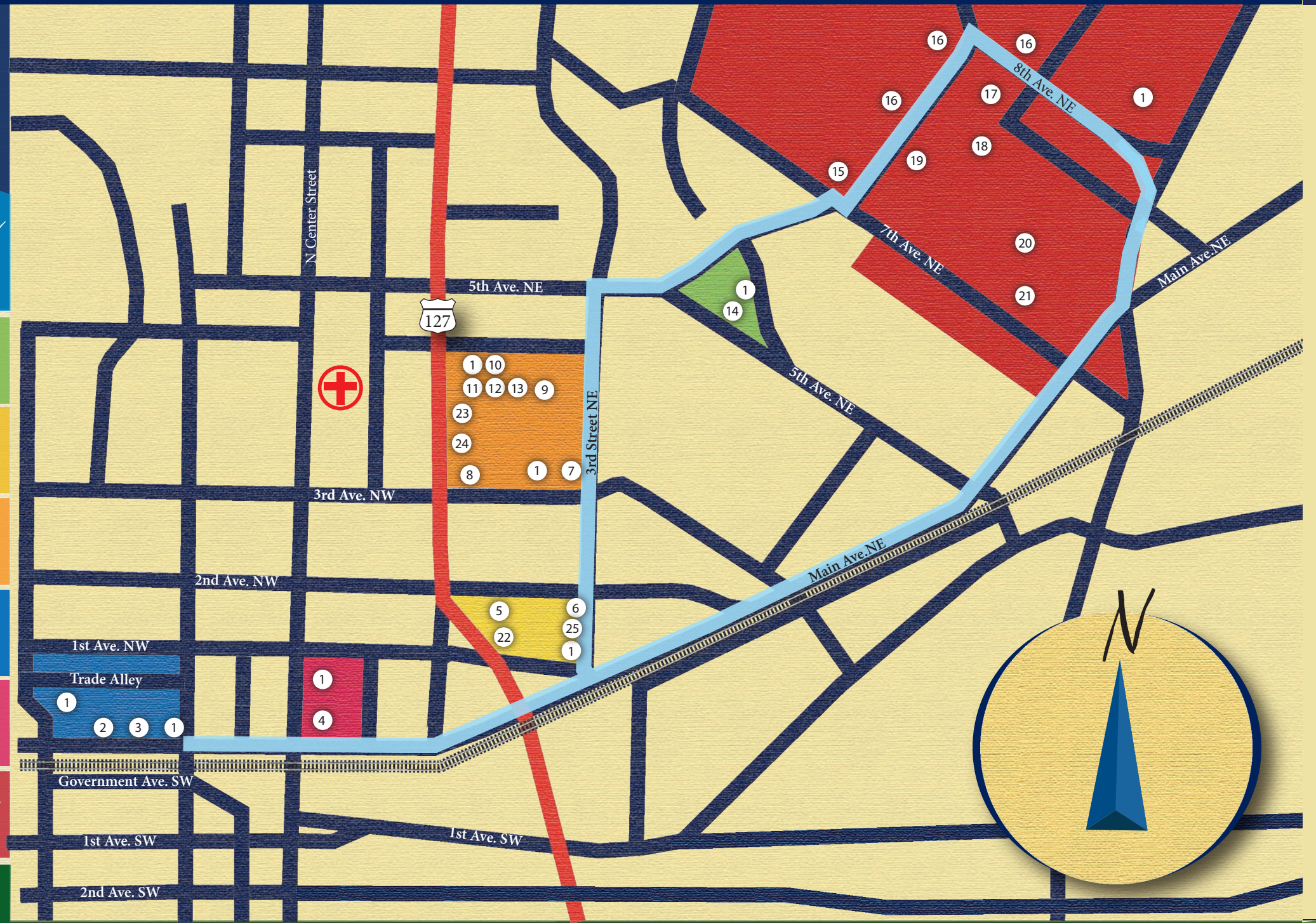
LENOIR-RHYNE UNIVERSITY



WHAT IS THE SALT BLOCK?

The SALT Block is a cultural campus that houses five arts and science organizations in Hickory. These are the Catawba Science Center, Hickory Choral Society, Hickory Museum of Art, the United Arts Council and the Western Piedmont Symphony. The SALT Block Foundation maintains the building and grounds of the campus while each individual organization sponsors and promotes programs and events.

FOLLOW THE CITY OF HICKORY ON:



Rail Road Tracks

Highway 127

Art Walk Route

Streets

Monument Site

Frye Regional Medical Center