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PUBLIC ART THAT REALLY MOVES YOU

Providing the public immediate access to high quality works of art throughout its transit system is key to building Ventura’s civic pride and community identity.

**ART IN TRANSIT:** Ventura’s Public Art Program, Bus Shelter Murals & Bike Racks

Whether it’s the world-famous “Bus Home” bus transfer center by Dennis Oppenheim, sculptures along the Ventura River Trail and other “ride by” visual arts galleries at the Community Memorial Hospital Coastal Community Cancer Center, the “Tortilla Flats” underpass, or the nationally recognized art sculptures and murals for the Art-in-Transit “Bike Racks” and Bus Shelter “Streetscape Mural Project,” the City of Ventura Public Art Program has commissioned over 50 artworks “in the open air” throughout our community by locally and nationally recognized professional artists and students that really move our residents and visitors – whether they travel by car, bicycle, bus or on foot. Visit our site(s) at www.cityofventura.net/cs/arts/public-art/projects.
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Bus-Home
Dennis Oppenheim

Mills & Telegraph Roads at Pacific View Mall

Ventura’s critically acclaimed bus transfer center completed in 2002 by internationally renowned artist Dennis Oppenheim depicts through spiraling shaped steel forms a bus magically changing into a home to celebrate the experience of using public transit and “showing a flow and connection between where you came from and where you are going.” Bus-Home is included in Amy Dempsey’s “Destination Art,” a critical guide to the world’s two hundred most important modern environmental works, site-specific installations, architecture, and sculpture parks designed for the international art tourist.

Bus Shelter Public Art Streetscape Murals
Installed in 2007

- The Emerging Heart Series – Gerald Zwers
  Main St. at Katherine Dr.
- Fish Stixs – Michael Zelcer
  Telephone Rd. at Petit Ave.
- Ventura Eye Chart – Stephen Schafer
  Thompson Blvd. at Oak St.
- Winter Sunset from My Porch – Joanne Kegel
  Wake Forest Ave. at Telephone Rd.
- In Direction – James Cox
  Ventura Ave at Main St.
- Rhythmic Destinations
  Buena High School Students
  Telephone Rd. at Victoria Ave.
- Unsane – James Cox
  Telephone Rd. at Victoria Ave.
- Surf’s Up – Michael Zelcer
  Telephone Rd. at Estates Ave.
- Doors of Ventura – Tobie Roach
  Ventura Ave at Warner St.
- Surfers Point – Terence Ulrich
  Main St. at Ash St.
- Roads of Ventura – Tobie Roach
  Main St. at Catalina St.
- Under the Ventura Sun
  Cabrillo Middle School Students
  Ventura Ave. at Ramona St.
- Epoch – Christopher McMakin
  Ventura Ave at Main St.
- The Language of Caring – Gerald Zwers
  Telephone Rd. at Ventura Ave.
- Kali Yuga – Christopher McMakin
  Ventura Ave. at Center St.
- I Know, Do You?
  VCRA Ventura County Rainbow Alliance
  Victoria Ave. at Telephone Rd.
- Vistas Hermosas – Aaron Benner
  Telephone Rd. at Westinghouse St.
Bike Tree
John Suttman

101 S. California St.
at Visitors Bureau

“It would be gratifying to add something useful to my community, something that many people might enjoy and something that supports a mode of transportation and lifestyle I believe in.”

The Bike Rack
John Suttman

4200 Olivas Park Dr.
at Olivas Adobe

“My Intention is to create functional things that look attractive. This is my alternative version of a functional Bike Rack.”
Get it in Gear!
Douglas Lochner

432 N Ventura Ave.
at Bell Arts Factory

“Bike sprocket large sculptures are fabricated to mimic an oversized bike sprocket half buried in the ground.”

Them Bones!
Douglas Lochner

Figueroa St.
at Surfers’ Point

“My approach is to create a timeless design with a distinctive narrative that works with the space to create a true sense of ‘place.’”
Promenade at Ventura Pier

“Bike racks particularly spark my interest because bikes are essential and a powerful tool for change.”

My design embraces the ocean and the tranquility of California’s coast with a whimsical flair.”

175 S. Ventura Ave. at WAV

Ocean

LT Mustardseed

Dragonfly

LT Mustardseed
“Berries have been a part of this community for a long time and I wanted to do something that shows appreciation for the agricultural aspect of our pleasant little seaside town.”

“I’ve tried to capture the sense of wild flamboyance I see in the dahlias,” writes the artist in describing her subjects from this local flower grower. “I’m interested in the drama of bright and dark, life moving joyfully before the backdrop of death. To me they suggest human figures in the dramatic poses of the renaissance and mannerist periods, enticing the eye to move around the composition.”
The artists have depicted notable Ventura historical figures:

1. Chief Raphel Solares or Samala, the last Chumash antap or native spiritual leader
2. Father Junipero Serra, San Buenaventura Mission and California’s first missions founder
3. Commissioner Thomas R. Bard who helped form Ventura County
4. Ventura author/philanthropist Mary Osborne, a tireless advocate for women surfers worldwide

The artist’s close-up portraits of Ventura’s resident and migratory wild animals aim to express “a bond between us and them” and the hope “that we can both coexist.”
Plein Air Painters

Susan Seaberry

“We are given the opportunity to promote environmental awareness through art” in this celebration of “the beautiful Ventura landscape and the many local artists who choose to paint it. Ventura is a gift to artists who, in turn, hope to give back to the community.”

Signs of the Avenue

MB Hanrahan

“The design is inspired from my continuing photographic documentation of Ventura Avenue images. I believe in the charm and vibrancy of the Ventura Avenue area and feel these paintings will impact our community by sharing a bit of Avenue history with the rest of our city and perhaps raise consciousness of what is lost in the name of ‘progress’ and gentrification.”
Students researched and explored Ventura and its history to create “a bulletin board of memorabilia” reflecting life in our city.

Cabrillo Middle School Teacher Teri Willison
Artists:
- Joel Mayorga
- Jordan Ferguson
- Christina Schaefer
- Bella Bobrow
- Emily Schoutan
- Lexi Woodward
- Marin McGee
- Lauren Whitley

“The bikerfly utilizes reclaimed steel bicycle frames to create a space frame in which whole bicycles can be placed. The ultimate profile is reminiscent of Ventura’s Monarch butterflies.”