

CHAPEL HILL PUBLIC ARTS COMMISSION



Enhancing & enlivening Chapel Hill through public art

The CHPAC sponsors *Sculpture Visions*, a temporary, large-scale, sculpture exhibition. Selected sculptures, which cover a wide range of artistic styles, themes, and media, are sited throughout Chapel Hill for ten months. Watch for a new exhibition to be installed in July 2005.

“Each year I love seeing the new sculptures go up around town. I come around a corner and—blam—fresh art smacks my soul awake.”

—Terry Barnett



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The Town's Percent for Art Ordinance allows 1% of selected capital improvement projects to be reserved for public art. Four Percent for Art projects have been completed to date in Chapel Hill, with three more in progress.

“It was a pleasure to be a part of the artist selection process for the artwork at the Inter-Faith Council. The broken-tile mosaic that artist Sally Erickson created was better, bigger, more colorful, more meaningful, and more appropriate to the venue, than I imagined such a work could be. A project like this makes me happy to be a Chapel Hillian and helps me feel better when I make my tax payments.”

—Billy Barnes



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The CHPAC sponsors artist residencies, bringing professional visual artists to work in schools throughout the Chapel Hill-Carrboro City School District. Currently, residencies are being planned for the coming year.

“Having an accomplished artist/teacher come into my class and work on the bus card project was a great experience. You can never have too many creative minds! My students loved the project and were thrilled to locate their artwork on the buses!”

—Hollie Taylor Novak



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Each year, the CHPAC sponsors a Community Art Project. It is an exhibition—open to participation from everyone—throughout Chapel Hill and Carrboro. This year's theme was *Dream*.

*“**Dream** inspired me. It feels welcoming, and inclusive, and supportive of all efforts at self expression. Dream is a project that I could read about and think, ‘I wish I lived in that community.’ And I do!”*

—Agnieszka (Aggie) Stachura



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The CHPAC sponsors an annual Exhibition Series at Chapel Hill's Town Hall and Public Library. Approximately ten juried exhibitions are organized throughout the year featuring a wide range of artistic media, from both experienced and emerging artists.

“Showing my artwork at the Chapel Hill Public Library was a fantastic opportunity for me. The exposure was great. So many people saw my artwork who never would have otherwise!”

—Luna Lee Ray



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The CHPAC is the steward of the Town of Chapel Hill's growing indoor and outdoor public art collection now totaling over 75 works of art in a variety of media. This art collection has been assembled over the years through private donations and commissions.

“It's wonderful that the CHPAC is restoring artwork that has been sitting in the Library's closets. Art in a closet is as useless as an unopened book.”

*—Kathy Thompson
Chapel Hill Public Library Director*



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