

The History of Public Art in Mountain View

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Agenda-

- Pamela Baird - Overview of public art
- Jonathon Clark - Early art s program in MV
- Kirstin Hinds - Recent & current efforts of VAC
- Cliff Bryant- Installations in MV
- Google presentation

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What is “public art” ?????

“**Public art** is art in any media whose form, function and meaning are created for the general public through a public process. Public art is visually and physically accessible to the public; it is installed in public space in both outdoor and indoor settings.”

Wikipedia

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Public art is a part of our public history, part of our evolving culture and our collective memory. It reflects and reveals our society and adds meaning to our cities.

Statue recognizing garment workers in Manhattan



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What is private “public art”
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Artwork that is located on privately owned property but designated for public use – open and accessible and enjoyed by all citizens for free.

Unesco

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Privately-owned public accessible (POPA) are publicly accessible spaces in the form of plazas, terraces, atriums, small parks, which are provided and maintained by private developers.



Wonderland sculpture- Calgary

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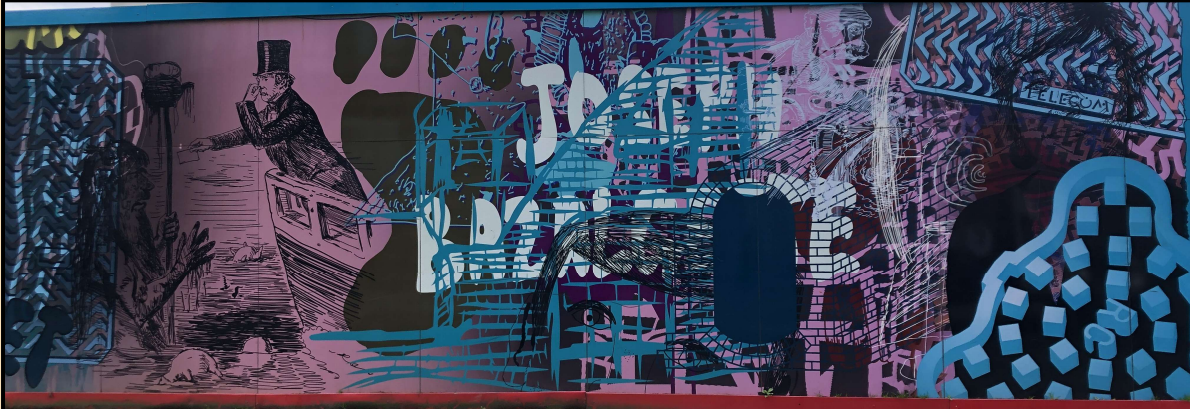
**Murals-
Urban art murals are integral to any city's uniqueness and identity.**

Tunnel Walkway in Cartagena, Spain



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Temporary murals can decorate fencing on construction sites



8' high mural on the fencing surrounding the site of a new sewage treatment plant in London-

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The history of murals in the United States, with its grand scale and public visibility, has served as a powerful medium for expression and storytelling throughout history.



Mural on Leidesdorff Street in San Francisco

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Arts Los Altos

a non-profit that has created over ten murals in downtown Los Altos

California Birds, Stewards of the Environment
by Roan Victor



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Arts Mountain View

Led by Anita Rosen Arts Mountain View is a 501(c)3 not-for-profit whose goal is to bring outdoor murals to Mountain View, CA in order to enhance the joy and character of our city.



VTA grant will provide funding for a mural project at the train station

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