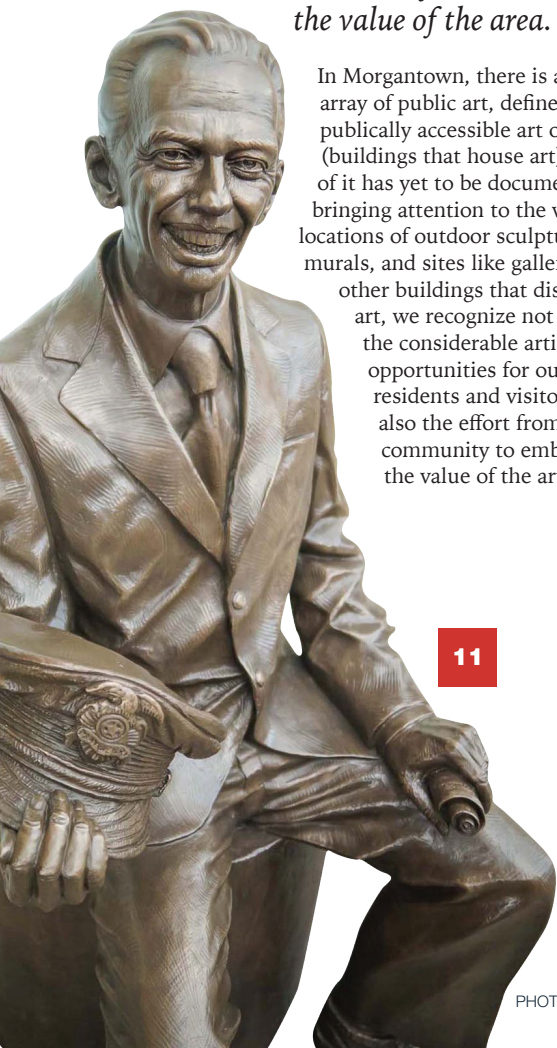


WHY PUBLIC ART

MATTERS TO MORGANTOWN

Public art offers multi-layered community benefits—to the community as a sense of pride and connectivity; to the artist and arts in general as a supporter and display of creativity and ideas; to residents and visitors as experiencing new perspectives; to the economy as enhancing the value of the area.



In Morgantown, there is a vast array of public art, defined here as publicly accessible art or sites (buildings that house art) but all of it has yet to be documented. By bringing attention to the various locations of outdoor sculptures and murals, and sites like galleries and other buildings that display art, we recognize not only the considerable artistic opportunities for our residents and visitors, but also the effort from our community to embrace the value of the arts.

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Featured on the cover:

Bridge He Zhenhai (b. 1958),
2016, limestone and stainless
steel, 16' x 6' x 16'
Nath Sculpture Garden at
the Art Museum of WVU,
30 Fine Arts Dr.

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ENJOY MORGANTOWN'S ART IN THE CITY

From outdoor sculptures and murals to indoor galleries and venues, Morgantown offers many opportunities for experiencing art for free!

The first of its kind, this Morgantown Public Art Guide is hopefully the start of a new conversation around art in Morgantown. Home of the only land-grant institutional Art Museum in the state, an active community arts scene, and buildings that house art across town, this guide exemplifies the authentic and diverse perspectives that make this area the vibrant and exciting community that it is.

Spearheaded by WVU Libraries, the project also models a true collaborative spirit amongst arts organizations, with support from the Art Museum of

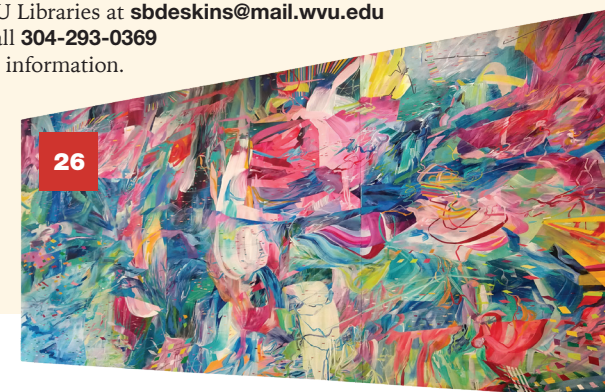
WVU, the Friends of the Art Museum of WVU, WVU College of Creative Arts, Morgantown Convention and Visitor's Bureau, The Clio, Little Fish Design Company and Arts Monongahela, our city's arts council.

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The project, as led by the WVU Libraries, also demonstrates the Libraries' ability to bring about interdisciplinary and collaborative endeavors and bring resources to bear that benefit the whole community.

Do You Know of Missing Art?

Arts Monongahela is committed to sustaining this project in the future. As this is the first time creating such an ambitious art guide, we recognize that we could have missed a few pieces and sites. If you know anything about public art around you in Morgantown that is not included on this guide or on Clio, please get in touch for future versions. Email Sally Deskins, project director, Exhibits & Programs Coordinator, WVU Libraries at sbdeskins@mail.wvu.edu or call **304-293-0369** with information.



TAKE AN ANYTIME ONLINE TOUR

For more information on these places in Morgantown and beyond, check out Clio, a free nonprofit website and mobile app developed by Marshall University. Clio connects you with historic and cultural sites across the United States by providing step by step directions along with stories, pictures, videos, and links to books and websites. This Clio tour was developed by WVU Libraries and Clio's Preserve WV AmeriCorps member. Take the tour at theclio.com.

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PRT Mural, WVU Art Movement, 2015
The WVU Art Movement is a student organization. The design reflects WVU pride through the colors and is styled in waves to represent the Monongahela River. [96 Beechurst Ave.](#)
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Flowing Outward & Beyond, George Gardner Symons, 1928
Oil on canvas, landscape of Morgantown by American Impressionist painter. [Inside Elizabeth Moore Hall, 1507 University Ave.](#)
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Mountaineer Statue, Donald DeLue, 1971
Bronze statue of the official mascot of WVU in front of the Mountainlair. [1550 University Ave.](#)
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SITE: WVU Mountainlair
Known as “the lair,” the student hub combines educational, social, recreational and cultural needs of WVU including its own art collection of art and objects on display throughout the building. [1550 University Ave.](#)
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SITE: Stewart Hall
WVU’s historic administration building hosts changing art exhibitions. [1500 University Ave.](#)
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SITE: WVU Downtown Campus Library
Main campus library includes 6 floors of revolving exhibits including WVU student, faculty and community work as well as historical displays. [1549 University Ave.](#)
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SITE: West Virginia and Regional History Center
Located on the 6th floor of the Downtown Campus Wise Library, WVRHC offers the largest collection of materials related to the history of West Virginia and central Appalachia. The center includes a library, manuscript collection, collects, preserves, and provides public access to materials and exhibitions. [1549 University Ave.](#)
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Mineral Industries Mural, Robert Lewis Lepper, 1942
Wall painting completed under the Treasury Department’s Section of Fine Arts chronicling the extraction and processing of West Virginia’s raw materials, including coal, gas. [White Hall, Room G-21, 135 Willey St.](#)
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Coca-Cola Mural, John D. “Jack” Courtney, 1953
Restored in 2015, the mural painted by a local Coca-Cola employee represents the unique advertising history of the international brand and history of the downtown community. [456 High St.](#)
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Old Town Mural, 1970s
[419 High St.](#)
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Don Knotts Statue, Jamie Lester, 2016
Bronze statue commemorating the life and career of the actor and comedian from Morgantown. [369 High St.](#)
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Storybook Castle, Josephine Mather Aull, 1965
Ceramic mural commissioned by the Service League resplendent with fanciful characters from timeless children’s books. [Morgantown Public Library, 373 Spruce St.](#)
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Colonel Zackquill Morgan Statue, Jamie Lester, 2016
Bronze statue commemorating the founder of the city of Morgantown. [300 Spruce St.](#)
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SITE: The Appalachian Gallery
Art gallery, gift shop, framing studio promoting WV artists. [270 Walnut St.](#)
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SITE: Morgantown Art Party
Morgantown Art Party is a nonprofit artist cooperative with a gallery showcasing local art. [218 Walnut St.](#)
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Monongalia County Courthouse Plaza, 2018
Outside the Monongalia County Courthouse, an outline of the Monongahela River is embedded into the plaza hardscape with focal points outlining native foliage and an historic fountain. [243 High St.](#)
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SITE: Arts Monongahela
Arts council for Morgantown, hosts exhibits, performances, workshops. [201 High St.](#)
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SITE: Monongalia Arts Center
Nonprofit arts and culture center showcasing local artists and performers. [107 High St.](#)
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SITE: Morgantown History Museum
The Morgantown History Museum preserves and promotes the local and regional history for area residents and visitors. [175 Kirk St.](#)
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Singing Tree of Diversity and **All Around Town**, Debora Palmer, 2012
Morgantown artist Debora Palmer led these projects with BOPARC campers and other community partners to show the strength, diversity and landscape of Morgantown. [Along Caperton Trail near downtown Morgantown.](#)
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All Hands on Deck, Friends of Deckers Creek, not dated
Mural features animals native to Deckers Creek and members of community. [Along Deckers Creek Trail at Stanley’s Dog Park.](#)

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SITE: Health Sciences Center
Health Sciences Center boasts four student-made inside murals themed around health, and the “History of Medicine” marble pylons by artist Milton Horn. Health Sciences Library hosts changing exhibitions and permanent displays of Life Magnified and Allan Jones medical photography. Health Sciences Center also houses the Cook-Hayman Pharmacy Museum at the West Virginia University School of Pharmacy displaying a unique collection of 18th and 19th century pharmacy memorabilia. [1 Medical Center Drive](#)
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SITE: WVU Erickson Alumni Center
Opened in 2008, the Center houses the Nutting Gallery with rotating exhibitions, and The Jack Fleming Statue by sculptor Jamie Lester honoring the former WVU football and basketball announcer. Outside, on view is From the Mountain, a bronze statue by Burl Jones dedicated in 2010. [1 Alumni Dr.](#)
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Wellness Mosaic, Debora Palmer, 2017
Designed by Palmer with contributions by the WVU Wellness Center employees. [College of Physical and Sport Sciences Building, 315 Birch St.](#)



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Pamela Mann Quilt, Pamela Mann, 2016
The WVU Interior Design alumna created the quilt, representing the many disciplines of WVU’s Davis College, to celebrate the opening of the new Agricultural Sciences Building. [4100 Agricultural Sciences Building](#)

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SITE: Evansdale Library
Temporary exhibits as well as several permanent artworks including *Proposition for a Post Digital Landscape*, a largescale abstract acrylic painting on the 2nd floor by Amy Schissel created in 2016. [1212 Evansdale Dr.](#)
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SITE: The Royce J. and Caroline B. Watts Museum
Dedicated to preserving and promoting the social, cultural and technological history of WV’s coal and petroleum industries through collection, research and exhibitions. [Mineral Resources Building, 401 Evansdale Dr.](#)

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SITE: Art Museum of WVU
The Art Museum of WVU, part of the College of Creative Arts, serves as a cultural and educational resource for WV, providing exhibitions, programs, and preservation of their vast art collections. [20 Fine Arts Dr.](#)
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SITE: Nath Sculpture Garden at the Art Museum of WVU
Outside the Art Museum of WVU, the Nath Sculpture Garden is a 2.5 acre garden and path including several sculptures and a variety of plants. [30 Fine Arts Dr.](#)

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SITE: WVU Creative Arts Center Galleries and Outdoor Sculpture
The WVU Creative Arts Center is home to the College of Creative Arts. Inside the lobby Interior Terrain, a sculpture by Alison Helm, Director of the School of Art and Design. The CAC also houses the Paul and Laura Mesaros Galleries which host changing exhibitions of contemporary art. Around the perimeter of the CAC is an outdoor sculpture site, comprised of permanent and temporary sculptures. The various permanent sculptures all have similar themes of synthesis to the natural environment and industrial elements. It features permanent structures: Last Dance, The Discovery IV, The Bubble Pack Bench Series, and Earth Giant. [1436 Evansdale Dr.](#)

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Jerry West and **Hot Rod Hundley Sculptures**, Jamie Lester, 2007 and 2016. Larger than life-size bronze statues of two famed West Virginia University basketball stars. [WVU Coliseum, 3450 Monongahela Blvd.](#)
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A Father’s Love, Chris Kroll, 2007
John F. Kennedy Memorial and homage to fatherhood, includes bronze statue depicting John F. Kennedy Jr. saluting his father’s casket in 1963, and a base-relief of President Kennedy. The statue recognizes Senator Kennedy’s announcement of his intention to run in the WV primary on February 4, 1960, in Star City, WV. [JFK Memorial Park, Leeway St., Star City](#)
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All Gave Some, Some Gave All, artist unknown, 2011
Bronze sculpture honoring Star City veterans. [JFK Memorial Park, Leeway St., Star City](#)
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Star City Riverfront History Mosaic, Debora Palmer, 2015
Mosaic depicting glass factories, railroad, river barge, “Blue Bridge” and ferry crossing of the area’s past. [Star City waterfront, Leeway St., Star City](#)

Greater Morgantown

The following sites are not part of the walking tours pictured on the map, but are on the outskirts of Morgantown or nearby. Find more information and a tour of these works online at [theclio.com](#).

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SITE: The West Virginia Botanic Garden
The West Virginia Botanic Garden at Tibbs Run Preserve seeks to foster learning, inspiration, and well-being through the beauty and wonder of plants, the natural environment, and culturally enriching experiences. [1061 Tyrone Rd.](#)
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SITE: Morgantown Art Association Gallery
MAA provides classes and workshops with renowned instructors at the gallery and opportunities to display art in all media. [5000 Greenbag Rd.](#)
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Friends of Deckers Creek Mural, Michael McDevitt, 2016
Over 70 volunteers helped make this mural designed by Michael McDevitt showcasing the beauty and conservational aspects of Deckers Creek. [Deckers Creek Rail Trail, Mile 0.](#)

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