

PUBLIC ART VARIOUS LOCATIONS

The City of Tempe's Municipal Art Program began beautifying the shared spaces of our city in 1972 with the installation of Ben Goo's "Untitled," a stainless steel sculpture and reflecting pool at the Municipal Building. Following, have been pieces such as: Tom Ferguson's "Story Tiles," located on planter boxes lining Mill Avenue; Clarke C. Reidy's "Charles Trumbull Hayden," a bronze sculpture located in front of the Police/Courts Building; John Nelson's "Above the Crowd," located in Sixth Street Park (a tribute to Tempe's former Mayor Harry E. Mitchell), also in the park is "Quilt-Pattern Paving" by Meiny Vermaas; Mark Rossi's "Three Blacktail Rabbits," in the Centerpoint plaza is, perhaps, Tempe's most beloved piece of public art; also at Centerpoint is Gary Slater's "Ventana," copper monoliths and upthrust rocks incorporated into a water feature; Earlyn Tomassini's "Mass Transit," "Croquet Court," "Monopoly Board" and "Xylophone," serve as bike racks at Centerpoint and on University Drive; and Joe Tyler's "La Sombra," vine covered street furniture and "Waiting for a Date," a bus stop shaded by rock and metal faux palm trees, on University Drive. In addition, Mark Rossi's "Roadrunner" was recently installed on the sidewalk at Mill Avenue and Seventh Street as a Tempe Leadership class project; Greg Lefevre's "Untitled" is under construction at Fire Station 6.



public role: The City of Tempe commissioned most of the artwork through the "percent for arts," contributed by private developers. Public artworks are created in two ways for citizens to enjoy: 1) as publicly-funded public art projects, and 2) as Art in Private Development projects.

developer: City of Tempe and private developers

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(also see "A Walking/Biking tour of Public Art in Downtown Tempe," brochure produced by Cultural Programs Division; and www.tempe.gov/arts)

