

Art in State Buildings Program



35 Years
of
Public Art



Caledonia Courthouse, St. Johnsbury: *When Paths Cross*, Digitized Photo Collage Artist: Michael Sacca 2001

The program is part of our mission to:

Cultivate and advance the arts and creativity throughout Vermont.

Fish Culture Station, Roxbury
The Origin of the River
Granite sculpture
Artist: Sean Williams
2020

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FUNDING

In 1988 the State Legislature passed the **Vermont Art in State Buildings Act** which allocated \$50,000 annually to enhance capital building projects through the acquisition or commission of site-specific artwork by Vermont artists.

In 2023 the Legislature updated the statute and the funding process to include a line item in the Capital budget with a minimum request of \$75,000.



VT Forensics Lab & Department of Public Safety, Waterbury

Art Meets Science

Glass banners and landscaped seating area

Artists: Dan Gottsegen and Terrance Boyle

2012

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Hebard State Office Building, Newport
Wind, Water, and Wood
Birch Leaf sculpture, Photography installation, Granite Trout
Sculpture and Salmon weathervane
Artists: Andrea Wasserman, Elizabeth Billings,
Jeffrey Sass, Michael Sacca, Eric Oberg
1999

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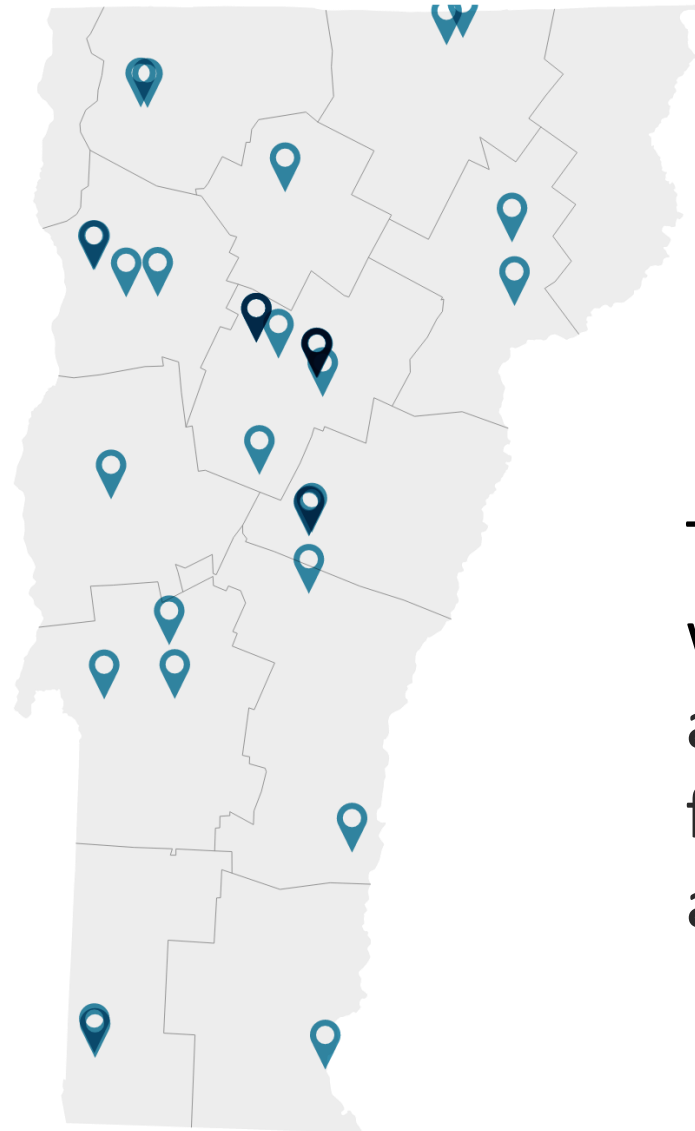
- enhances our cultural & working environments
- provides artistic enrichment for Vermont citizens and visitors
- supports and promotes the work of Vermont artists



Locations of completed
Art in State Buildings
projects as of
February 1, 2025

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The program has installed
works of art from over 60
artists in 35 state-owned
facilities and public spaces
across Vermont



The commissions are site-specific, meaning they are created in response to the place and community in which it resides.

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Agricultural &
Environmental Lab,
Randolph Center
Big Frog
Bronze sculpture
Artist: Jim Sardonis
2019



The art is free for the public to experience



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Courthouse and State Offices, Bennington
Unanimous and Differentia Opinionis
Kinetic sculptures
Artist: Gordon Auchincloss
2014

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Public Art stimulates economic development and encourage cultural tourism by attracting visitors

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Northbound I89 Rest Area, Williston

Bygone Plow

Steel sculpture

Artist: Lynn Newcomb

2004

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Public Art engages community members in a civic dialogue, providing citizens with an opportunity to articulate what's important to them about their community

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Forensics Lab and Department of Public Safety, Waterbury
Community brick carving project after Tropical Storm Irene
Artists: Dan Gottsegen and Terrance Boyle
2012



Creating interesting, beautiful places/spaces in our community provides incentives for peoples to get out, get physical activity, and often feel safer in their environments



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River Valley Therapeutic Residence,
Essex
Forest Mural on exterior gym wall
Artist: Kathryn Wieggers
2023



Educational opportunities to expand knowledge and understanding of the place

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Vt Fire Academy, Pittsford
Tools of Command
Anodized aluminum wall sculptures
Artist: Gregory Gomez
2012

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Sharing unique stories about your community through public art can enhance civic pride and create a sense of attachment and connection to the place

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Public Safety Facility, St. Albans
Industry and Activity
Oil paintings
Artist: David Brewster
2007

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Family & District
Courthouse, Brattleboro
*The Wondrous Chant of
the Grey Brown Bird*
Stone relief carving of
bird and tree etched in
windows
Artists: Julia Zanes and
Donald Saaf
2010

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Vermont Psychiatric Care
Hospital, Berlin
Otter
Stone Sculptures
Artists: Chris Miller
Ryan Mays
Heather Milne Ritchie
Gampo Wickenheiser
2014

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State Office Building, Springfield
Comptu Falls
Oil painting
Artist: Robert Carsten
1998

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State Office Building, Springfield
Work Patterns
Collage of wooden tool molds and patterns
Artist: Jim Florschutz
1998

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Public Safety Facility, Derby
Summer Night
Oil painting
Artist: Elizabeth Nelson
2003

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Green and Gold

By Jean Killary

Birches

In the wind sway
Fragile, white and slender,
With little leaves of antique
Gold.

Birds fly

From tree to tree
So you cannot tell where
The birch leaves end and
finch's gold
Begins.

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Vermont Agency of Human Services, Waterbury

Green and Gold

Mural

Artist: Sarah-Lee Terrat

2015

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Addison County
Courthouse,
Middlebury
*The Essence of Addison
County*
Marble floor
Artists: Lawrence
Lazarus & Alan Pratt
1995



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Once the art is installed it becomes a part of the Vermont State Art Collection, overseen by the Vermont State Curator.

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Vermont Veterans Cemetery,
Randolph Center

Honor

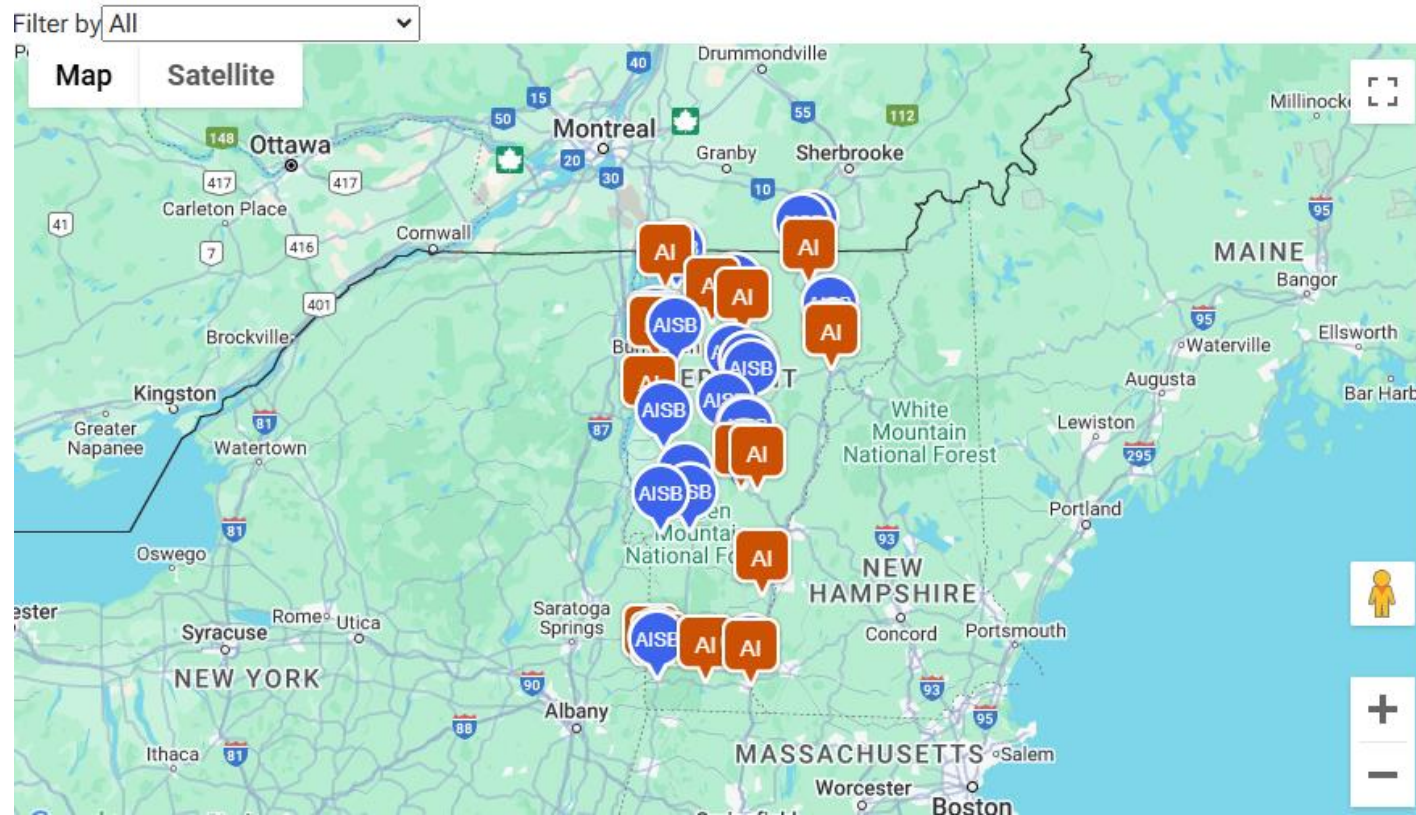
Bronze sculpture

Artist: Karen A. Petersen



To learn more about the program, visit the public art map located on the Council's website

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Visit <https://www.vermontartscouncil.org/programs/public-art/public-art-map/>



Happy Anniversary! 35 years of Art in State Buildings Commissions



Costello Courthouse, Burlington
Balance
Sculpture
Artist: Christoph Spath
1996