

# Art Alley

The Springfield Arts Commission created and maintains Art Alley, a collection of outdoor murals and other public art in Springfield, which continues to be a source of local pride as well as an attraction to out-of-town visitors.

The Commission has worked with the City Council to sponsor fifteen painted murals (thirteen of which survive,) the sculpture *The Balancing Act* (#7) and the Centennial Fountain in front of the Springfield Public Library and City Hall, and the Children's Ceramic Tile Mural outside the west entrance to City Hall.



The grandest of our outdoor murals is *The Oregon Trail*, created in 1993 by Anne Woodruff Murray, (#18). Covering the entire east wall of the Emerald Art Center, it honors both pioneers and Native American peoples. Over twenty years later it is still magnificent.

More recent mural additions include *Draft Horse Logging* and *The Jessie Bostelle Memorial Mural*. Two of the newest murals are on the Emerald Art Center Building; *Two Cities, One Community*, (#20) created by artist Capelo and a group of teen artists on the north wall and *The Official Simpsons Mural*, (#21) on the west wall.



*Draft Horse Logging* by D. Brent Burkett

# History and Charge

The Springfield Arts Commission promotes the arts and culture of Springfield. The Commission provides opportunities for artistic creation, exhibits, performances and events, and promotes cooperation among local organizations to make art accessible. The Commission seeks to educate the community about the role the arts play in enhancing the quality of community life.

The Commission oversees the City Hall Gallery (#8) exhibitions, Art Alley, Heritage Arts Grants, Youth Art Events, the Puppet Festival, and numerous other art activities and programs.

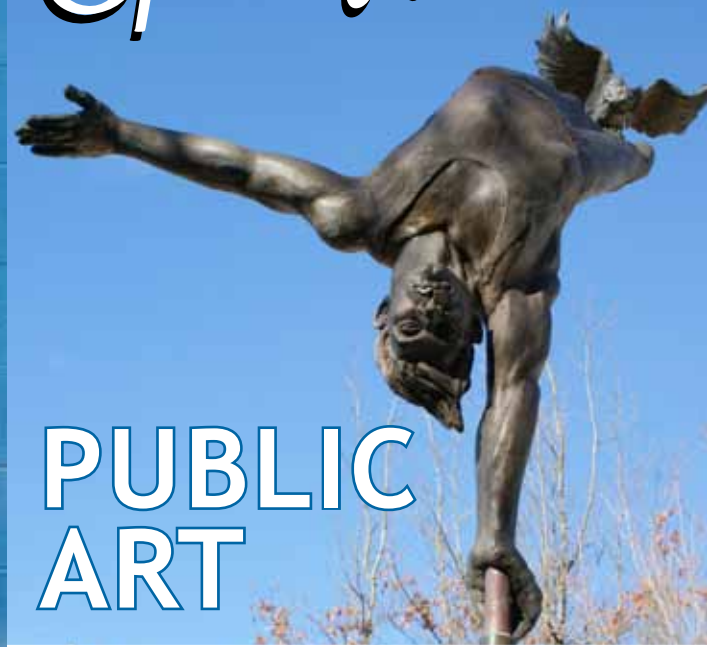
The Commission accomplishes all this with an active nine-member volunteer citizen board, a modest annual budget, and part-time staff support. The Springfield Arts Commission was established by the City Council in 1986 at the end of its Centennial Celebration. The Council charged the Commission to encourage the community's emerging arts groups, and with the creation of the Art Alley, a series of outdoor murals in the downtown neighborhood.



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## PUBLIC ART



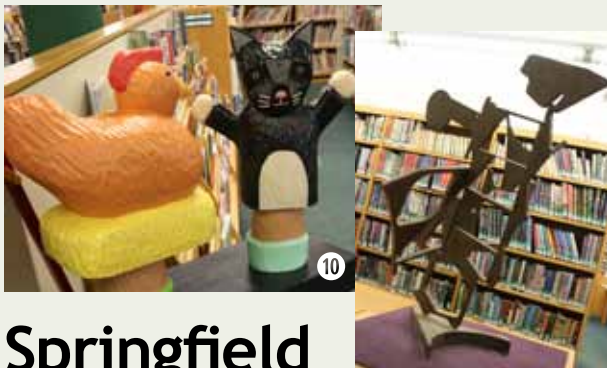
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# INDOOR CULTURAL & ARTS EXHIBITS

## City Hall Gallery

The Springfield Arts Commission operates the City Hall Gallery, which has showcased primarily local artists since 1989. The gallery is located on a ninety-foot wall just outside the entrance to the library. Exhibits change monthly. Thus, the City Hall Gallery provides exposure to a wide variety of art and artists to the public.



## Springfield Public Library

Housing many works of art procured by the Springfield Arts Commission, the library is an excellent place to see indoor murals and sculpture.

225 Fifth Street • 541-726-3766  
[wheremindsgrow.org](http://wheremindsgrow.org)

Monday & Tuesday: 10-8, Wednesday & Thursday: 10-6, Friday & Saturday: 10-5, Sunday: Closed

## Springfield Depot & Visitor's Center

Built in the 1890s by Southern Pacific, the historic Springfield Depot now houses the Chamber of Commerce and the Visitor's Center.

2nd & South A. Street • 541-746-1651  
[springfield-chamber.org](http://springfield-chamber.org)

Monday-Friday: 8:30-5, Summer Saturdays: 10-4

## Springfield Museum



Connect with Springfield's past. See how the city's first residents worked, played, and lived through ongoing exhibits, and enjoy a rotating exhibit in the Kathleen Jensen Gallery downstairs.

590 Main Street • 541-726-3677  
[springfieldmuseum.com](http://springfieldmuseum.com)

Monday-Saturday: 10-6 • Free Admission



## Emerald Art Center

The Street Floor Gallery displays changing exhibitions, important artists' and traveling shows. They also display childrens' exhibits of current work being accomplished through classes at the Emerald Art Center and local schools.

500 Main Street • 541-726-8595  
[emeraldartcenter.org](http://emeraldartcenter.org)

Tuesday-Saturday: 11-4

## Wildish Theater

Formally known as the Richard E. Wildish Community Theatre, this is the premiere entertainment destination for the greater Springfield area. With 283 seats in stadium-style seating there is never a bad seat in the house. Many arts and entertainment groups such as dance and musical presentations, full theatrical productions and film festivals are regulars at the Wildish which is managed by the Academy of Arts and Academics in Springfield.

630 Main Street • 541-868-0689  
[wildishtheater.com](http://wildishtheater.com)





MARTIN LUTHER KING BLVD

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HAYDEN BRIDGE



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Q STREET



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CENTENNIAL BLVD

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1. *Springfield Depot, Chamber of Commerce and Visitor's Center*  
Southern Pacific Railroad Depot, 1891  
Free parking

2. *Oregon Statehood Memorial*, sculpture,  
"The White Horse"  
Charles Forrester, 1960

3. *Welcome to Springfield Drift Boat*  
metal sculpture  
Devin Laurence Field, 2010

4. *McKenzie River Mural*  
Anne Woodruff Murray, 1991

5. *The Patriot*, mural  
Mike Rickard, 2014

6. *Jessie Bostelle Memorial Mural*  
Alison McNair with Springfield High School  
students, 1993

7. *The Balancing Act*, sculpture  
Jerry Williams, 1994

8. *City Hall Gallery*

9. *Small Blue Planet*, mural  
Anne Woodruff Murray, 2000  
(inside the library)

10. *The Debate*, sculpture  
David P. Miller, 1993  
(inside the library)

11. *Draft Horse Logging*, mural  
D. Brent Burkett, 2000

12. *The Moderns*, mural  
Patrick Curtis, 1992

13. *Wildish Theater*

14. *Springfield 125th Anniversary Mural*  
Alison McNair, Karen Perkins, & Shelley  
Albrich, 2010

15. *Express Yourself*, mural  
A3 students

16. *The Fisherman*, mural  
Kristie Rebeiz, 1997

17. *Springfield Museum*  
Oregon Power Company Springfield  
Substation, 1911

18. *The Oregon Trail*, mural  
Anne Woodruff Murray, 1994

19. *Springfield Postcard*, mural  
Thurston High School students, 1993

20. *Two Cities-One Community*, mural  
Capelo with Springfield High School  
students, 2004

21. *Official Simpsons Mural*  
Matt Groening, 2014

22. *Emerald Art Center*

23. *Rain Funnel*, sculpture  
Linda Ethier, at Springfield Station  
(Pioneer Parkway & South A)

24. *McKenzie River Mosaic Mural*  
Mary Beth Llorens, Springfield Station  
(Pioneer Parkway & South A)

25. *Drift Boat*, sculpture  
Devin Laurence Field  
at LTD's Centennial Station

26. *Snowball*, sculpture  
Devin Laurence Field  
at Q Street Station, LTD EmX

27. *Splashdam*, sculpture  
Devin Laurence Field  
at Hayden Bridge Station

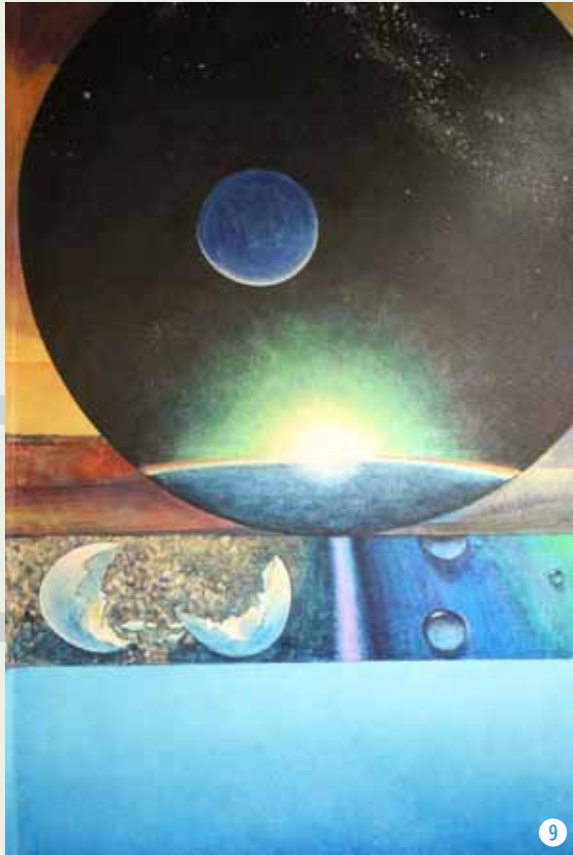
28. *A Fine Balance*, sculpture  
Ellen Tykeson, at Peace Health Medical  
Center at RiverBend meadow



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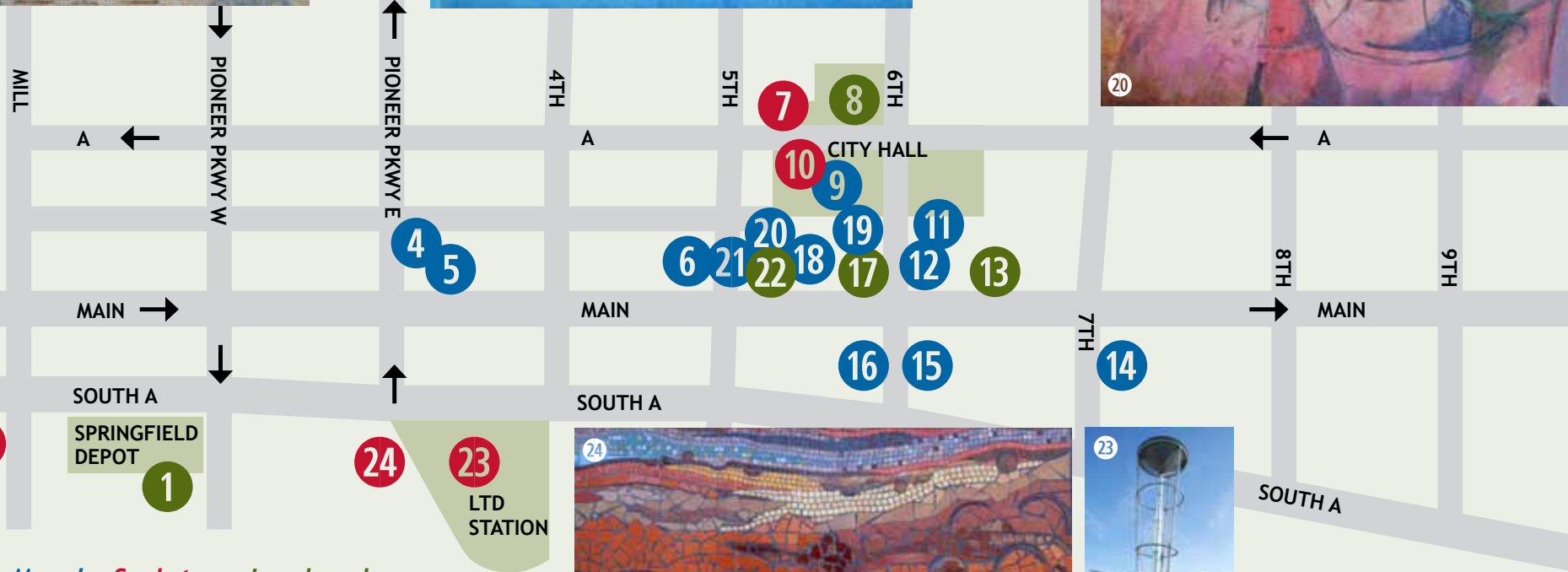
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Key: *Murals* *Sculpture* *Landmarks*



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