

CULTURAL DISTRICT



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SELF GUIDED WALKING TOUR



PUBLIC ART LISTING

The Cultural District is home to more than 1/3 of the entire city's public art collection! Can you find each of these pieces along the way? For a virtual tour of Kelowna's public art collection, visit kelowna.ca/publicart

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| A | Rhapsody: Robert Dow Reid, 1993 | F | Sentinel: Dawn MacNutt, 2002 | K | The Valley: Ron Hart, Michael Fugeta, 2017 |
| B | I Had a Dream: Zhao Lei, 2002 | F | Okanagan Sunflowers: Jo Scott-B, 2002 | L | Fruit Stand: Glen Andersen, T.S. Thomas, 2002 |
| C | On the Beach: Geert Maas, 2002 | G | Circle of Friendship: Geert Maas, 1997 | M | Concept to Creation: Diane Gorvin, Philip Bews, Jonathan Yeltatzie, 2002 |
| D | Bear: Brower Hatchet, 2010 | H | W.A.C Bennett Memorial Courtyard & Clock Tower: Hartley & Turik Architects, 1981 | N | Skagway: Robert Murray, 1976-1977 |
| E | Running Man: Marion Lea Jamieson, 2002 | I | Military Museum Murals: Larry Hunter, Michelle Loughery, 2002-2013 | O | Elemental: Crystal Przybille, 2000 |
| F | Flexible Curves: Tommie Gallie, 1986 | J | Natural Language: Jennifer Macklem, Kip Jones, 2000 | P | The Conductor: Ken Curley, 2012 |
| F | Spirit of Kelowna: Geert Maas, 2008 | | | | |

More than 1/3 of the city's public art collection is found within the Cultural District. Pick up or download the public art brochure at kelowna.ca/publicart, and check out the many pieces noted by a letter along the way!

- partnership involving the former Grand Okanagan Hotel and several condominium developments. The Island Stage is a popular venue for community events, live music and cultural celebrations.

- Continue along the waterfront, when you arrive at the Kelowna Visitors Centre, turn left, cross Water St. and continue walking towards the bus loop on Queensway Ave. On your left is Kelowna City Hall. The City of Kelowna

7 Tucked behind City Hall you will find Kasugai Gardens, a symbol of friendship with Kelowna's Sister City, Kasugai, Japan. It was completed in 1987 by local farmer Roy Tanaka, with assistance from visiting Japanese gardeners. The park integrates traditional elements notable in Japanese gardens, such as stone lanterns, pine trees, waterfalls and ponds stocked with Koi. After a stroll through the gardens, **continue walking along Queensway Ave. toward Ellis St.**

- 9 Continuing north along Ellis St.** is the Okanagan Military Museum and Memorial Arena. The museum is dedicated to collecting, preserving and interpreting memorabilia relating to the military service of Okanagan Valley residents. Browse artifacts from the Boer War, World War I and II, the Korean War and the Cold War, along with contemporary military operations. The location of the museum has historical significance, as the Memorial Arena was built in 1945 and dedicated to WWII soldiers.

- 11** Continue towards the Library entrance, walk through the Library Plaza and continue past the Library Parkade before entering the Artwalk on your right. The Artwalk connects pedestrian traffic through the Cultural District and has several pieces of art along the left side and grape vines along the right side, the vines are North American native vitus labrusca, also known as the Concord grape family used in some wine-making processes.

- 12 Continue towards the Rotary Centre for the Arts (RCA).** The RCA is an architectural gem, built around and over the old Growers Supply agricultural warehouse. Beams, walls and flooring from the original building are still present and contribute to the RCA's place on the City's Heritage Register. This multi-disciplinary arts centre opened in 2002 and houses a 326-seat theatre, rehearsal hall, 8 artist studios, an art gallery, a dance studio, rentable space and a bistro. The Alternator Centre for Contemporary Art also calls the RCA home. The Arts Common is a City park located between the RCA and the Kelowna Art Gallery (KAG), and is used for festivals and performances. **Keep left as you walk through Arts Common Park** to arrive at the KAG.

- 13** Founded in 1976, the KAG hosts a diverse calendar of local, national and international exhibits, with innovative and educational public programming for all ages. KAG has four gallery spaces, including an outdoor courtyard area and hosts a number of lectures, fundraisers and events throughout the year. Admission is free on Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. **Turn back up Cawston Ave. and walk east past the RCA until you reach the Laurel Packinghouse.**

- 14** Built in 1937 using local brick, the Laurel Packinghouse is the oldest building of its kind in B.C. Its unique architecture and angled corner was designed to accommodate a railway spur which carried loads of fruit to market. In 2010, the Laurel Packinghouse underwent an extensive structural upgrade to help ensure this valuable heritage site will be around for years to come. The Laurel is a popular venue for community events and is home to the Okanagan Wine Museum and Orchard Industry Museum.

- 15 Crossing Cawston Ave.** from the Laurel Packinghouse sits the Old Cannery Building. Built in 1912 as a cigar factory and operating as a cannery from 1918 to 1960, this space now holds various unique boutiques and restaurants.

- 16** Just outside the Cultural District on the corner of Ellis St. and Clement Ave. sits the Old CN Station, built in 1927. The first passenger train arrived in Kelowna in 1925 and service ended in 1965. Since then, this heritage building has undergone major restoration to now operate as a local restaurant. At the north end of the Cultural District, across from Waterfront Park, is Prospera Place. This 6,000 seat venue hosts major concerts, events and trade shows.

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