

Embrace the Arts

Mobile Tour of St. Clair's Sculptures October 16, 2010

Lady Waving at Passing Ship

Artist: *Mino Duffy Kramer*

Location: *Riverside Ave. – north end of Palmer Park*

Comments: Mino was commissioned by Alice Moore to create this piece for the city. Mrs. Moore wanted to show the relationship the city has with Great Lakes shipping. This represents a wife and her son waving to her husband as he sails by the park. Despite local rumors she did not use anyone as models for the woman or son. Sterling silver replicas of the statues are sold at Coughlin Jewelers which can be put on a necklace or charm bracelet.

Wally the Walleye

Artist: Martin "Marty" Nichols

Location: *Riverside Ave. – middle of Palmer Park*

Comments: This is a bicycle rack that was commissioned by a local foundation. Walleye or pickerel is a fish common to the St. Clair River. Every May the City celebrates the fish with the *Marbleye Classic Fishing Tournament*.

Cartwheel Kids

Artist: Gary Price

Location: *Riverside Ave. – Memorial Park*

Comments: Gary says the models for this sculpture were the children of his employees at his foundry. Be sure to read the inscription at the base of each sculpture. This is a limited edition reproduction.

Free Wheelin'

Artist: Gary Price

Location: *Riverside Ave. – south end of Palmer Park*

Comment: No artist comments. This is a limited edition reproduction.

Best Friends

Artist: Gary Price

Location: *Riverside & Clinton Avenues – Sinclair Park*

Comment: Gary says these are two sculptures of a 7-piece sculpture. He emphasized his belief of "*Lift up the Human Spirit with sculpture*". ...the joy of children playing should remain in all of us. He noted the hands that are holding each other (*an important part of his sculptures*) that "*we are all connected in life.*" The models are his son and a niece. This is a limited edition reproduction.

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Offshore Boat Racer

Artist: Martin "Marty" Nichols

Location: *St. Clair Boat Harbor*

Comments: This is a bicycle rack that was commissioned by the St. Clair Downtown Development Authority. It was commissioned to celebrate a local offshore racer who is responsible for the offshore boat race held in St. Clair every summer.

St. Clair's Sesquicentennial (Mural)

Artist: Eva Hermesmeier

Location: *St. Clair Boat Harbor – Harbor Master's store room*

Comments: Eva, while raised in St. Clair, was residing in San Francisco when she won a nationwide contest to create a mural that celebrated the City's Sesquicentennial. The mural shows the ship building history of the boat harbor, old downtown before urban renewal and a present day river view.

The Natural and Fine Feathered Friends

Artist: Gary Price

Location: *Diamond Point Park – intersection of Riverside Ave. and Oakland St.*

Comments: No artist comments. These are limited edition reproductions.

Alina, Frog Serenade and Candice

Artist: Gary Price

Location: *Rotary Park*

Comments: Gary says, No artist comments. *"Most of my sculptures could be used in a garden setting, but some are specifically created for that purpose. I am amazed at the effect a sculpture can have in our gardens – creating a focal point that enhances nature's glory."* These are limited edition reproductions.

The Irishman (Wood Carving)

Artist: Scott Kuefler

Location: *Murphy Inn's parking lot*

Comments: The owners of the Murphy Inn wanted to do something with a dieing ash tree. Mr. Kuefler carved the Irishman to commemorate the Inn's history.

Children Reading on a Bench

Artist: Max Turner

Location: *St. Clair City Library, 310 S. 2nd Street*

Comment: No artist comments. This is a limited edition reproduction