



ART WALK CHALLENGE!

You're on a mission to find the following 12 pieces of public art located in Downtown Matthews! If you are completing this challenge on foot, please be a cautious pedestrian. Only cross the street in designated crosswalks.

1. Community Center Mural

Location: Steps of the Matthews Community Center (100 E. McDowell Street)

Artist: Bree Stallings

This colorful and vibrant mural was completed in August 2018 and is a nod to the array of activities that take place in the Matthews Community Center.

2. Flowering Arts Mural

Location: Steps of the McDowell Arts Center (123 McDowell Street)

Artist: Bree Stallings

This mural was completed in November 2018 and gives a glimpse into the creativity and inspiration inside the McDowell Arts Center.

3. Cultivating Matthews Mural

Location: McDowell Arts Center (123 McDowell Street)

Artist: Carol Hambridge

Completed in 2010, local artist Carol Hambridge based the mural on various aspects of the Town's history. The pottery images are taken directly from pictures by R.F. Outen. The Town's textile history is reflected in the mural imaging of cotton, a spinning wheel, thread and a quilt. The Fincher and Phillips Barns are both featured in the mural.

➡ (Directions Tip: Turn left on Trade Street to get to Country Place Park)

4. Pollinator Mural on Obelisk

Location: Country Place Park (557 S. Trade Street)

Artist: Tersia Brooks

The obelisk in Country Place Park is a tribute to the history and beauty of Matthews. All of the plants, birds and insects are native to North Carolina, and of course the landmarks along the bottom are easily recognizable. It was completed in April 2018.

5. Bee Sculpture

Location: Country Place Park (557 S. Trade Street)

Artist: Amy Hart

Donated by Lee Myers Family in May 2018, this unique and fun sculpture is in honor of Matthews Bee City USA. The sculpture is surrounded by a garden filled with flowers and plants that attract pollinators.

➡ (Directions Tip: Head back up Trade Street to get to Stumptown Park)

6. Public Display of Affection

Location: Stumptown Park (120 S. Trade Street)

Artist: Tom Risser

This eye-catching sculpture has a prominent placement along S. Trade Street. It was installed in 2013 on loan from the artist who has since gifted it to the Town of Matthews.

7. In Remembrance Veterans Sculpture

Location: Stumptown Park (120 S. Trade Street)

Artist: Peter Rubino

Dedicated in May 2019, this sculpture is a tribute to the men and women who have bravely served our country in the military.

➡ (Directions Tip: Head North on Trade Street. Cross over John Street.)

8. Farm to Fork Mural

Location: Matthews Farmers Market (188 N. Trade Street)

Artist: Unknown

This mural, added in 2012, highlights just one of the offerings at the Matthews Farmers Market, and reminds us to “Eat local, fresh & healthy.”

9. Book Mural

Location: Behind Matthews Town Hall/Library (230 Matthews Station Street)

Artist:

This mural was created in 2012 and is a tribute to the literary classics, as well as some popular titles at the time, available inside the library doors.

➡ (Directions Tip: Turn right on Matthews Station Street towards E. Matthews Street)

10. Horse Sculpture

Location: KP Park (320 E. Matthews Street)

Artist: Tom Risser

This sculpture is in memory of former Town of Matthews Assistant Town Manager, Kay Plyer, for her many years of service to the Town. It was dedicated in 2010.

➡ (Directions Tip: Turn left on Matthews-Mint Hill Rd/East Charles St. Then turn right on N. Trade St)

11. Bicycle Mural

Location: North End (Corner of N. Trade Street and Park Center Drive)

Artist: Unknown

This mural, added in 2014 soon after the North End was established, is a nod to historic Matthews.

12. Sculpture

Location: North End (Located next to The Loyalist 435 N. Trade Street)

Artist: Wayne Trapp

This sculpture called “Windsock for the Aliens” was created by sculptor Wayne Trapp.

CONGRATS! YOU HAVE COMPLETED THE ART WALK CHALLENGE!