



News Release

For Immediate Release

Ketchum Arts Commission Unveils New Public Art Projects *Inaugural "Art in City Hall" Exhibition to Be Installed*

Note to editors: One photo is attached. We also have additional photos.

Ketchum, Idaho (June 23, 2014) – The City of Ketchum has selected five photographers and one printmaker, all from the Wood River Valley, for the first art exhibition in City Hall.

In addition, sculptures for the annual Art on Fourth exhibition, now in its sixth year, have been installed; "Cover Art" has expanded to include another utility box, and a recently donated sculpture has been installed in Edelweiss Park. All are initiatives overseen by the Ketchum Arts Commission.

Art in City Hall, has been installed and includes works by photographers Joe Bauwens, Marybeth Flower, Stephen Heidel, Bob Law and Gerry Morrison and printmaker Abby Grosvenor. Most of the pieces show scenes from the Wood River Valley, and will be on loan for a year.

Mayor Nina Jonas suggested the City Hall project shortly after her inauguration in January. "What better place to showcase the breadth and quality of our local arts scene than the otherwise spare walls of City Hall?" she said. "The work will remind those of us who spend time in the chambers what a great community this is, and why we choose to commit ourselves to improving it."

Art on Fourth

Art on Fourth features six outdoor sculptures this year, lining the Fourth Street Heritage Corridor from Washington Avenue to Walnut Street. The works will remain in place until October. As in the past, the Commission curated and organized the exhibition. Brochures with more detailed information will be available at the Visitor Center and Town Square kiosk.

Three sculptures are by Jacob Novinger, a Twin Falls-based artist who works primarily in metal. "The Scroll" is at Washington and Fourth streets, "Flaming Giraffe" is in Town Square, and "Toro," a metal image of a red bull, is on Fourth Street between East and Walnut avenues.

"Eagle IV," a bronze work on a basalt base by Gwynn Murrill, who lives and works in Los Angeles, is at Main and Fourth streets. "Lady," a steel sculpture by the Wood River Valley's late Rod Kagan, is in Town Square. "The River Dance," a bronze piece featuring two fish by Oregon artist Tim Norman, is at East Avenue and Fourth Street.

Cover Art

The KAC recently wrapped one more utility box with original artwork, bringing to 12 the total number of "Cover Art" boxes in Ketchum. The new box, located at Main Street and Sun Valley Road, stands adjacent to the box with an ore wagon image and features a mountain bike by a stream. Boise artist Patrick Kilby designed both boxes to recognize the historic and contemporary modes of travel in the Wood River Valley.



Donated Sculpture

Edelweiss Park, which links the bike path to Third Avenue, now features a Corten steel sculpture, “Complementaros,” by Spanish artist Joan Barrantes. The piece was donated to the City of Ketchum by Gallery DeNovo and Steven Denholtz, one of the gallery’s clients.

The city now owns seven artworks with a total estimated value of over \$100,000.

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About Ketchum Arts Commission

The KAC was created by the City of Ketchum in 2009 with the objective of integrating arts and culture into the community’s life. Among its initiatives are Cover Art, the wrapping of utility boxes in downtown Ketchum; Art on Fourth; Street Art, which features manhole covers designed by local artists; and the development of policies and plans for public art in the community. At the KAC’s initiative, the City recently increased its Percent for Art Ordinance affecting publicly financed projects from 1.33 percent to 5 percent, which is higher than any other city in the country. The KAC is a division of the Ketchum Parks & Recreation Department and receives support from the Ketchum Community Development Corporation. The Commission consists of local volunteers who are active in and passionate about the arts.

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Photo caption: “Toro” by Jacob Novinger is a sheet metal sculpture with a coated red finish. It is part of the annual Art on Fourth exhibit, overseen by the Ketchum Arts Commission. Photo by Marybeth Flower. (A larger version of this image is available on request.)

High-resolution photos of all art, including the art in City Hall, is available on request.

A photo credit to Marybeth Flower would be appreciated.

About the City of Ketchum

The City of Ketchum is located in the Wood River Valley in south central Idaho. Founded in 1880 during the mining boom, Ketchum is now regarded as one of the most popular destinations for winter and summer visitors due to its world-class skiing, mountain biking, fishing, hiking, restaurants, art galleries and shopping. The City of Ketchum hosts the famous annual Wagon Days Parade, held on Labor Day weekend, and numerous other year-round attractions. Ketchum is home to more than 3,000 full- and part-time residents. For more information about the City of Ketchum, visit

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