



City of Ketchum
Ketchum Arts Commission

StreetArt

The city of Ketchum Arts Commission's (KAC) StreetArt project began as a program in which local citizens would design commemorative coins to celebrate Ketchum's 50th anniversary as an incorporated city. Introduced by former City Administrator Gary Marks, the program extended a call for artists to design coins honoring Ketchum's heritage with the themes of skiing, the arts, indigenous animals, the railroad, mining and shepherding. A blind jury of arts professionals and local citizens selected the winning designs. For a variety of reasons, the coin project was never realized. Nevertheless, the selected artists' work is exhibited in Council Chambers.

In 2013, the KAC brought public works artist and consultant Jack Mackie to Ketchum to work with the commission and the city to find ways to incorporate art into the city's infrastructure. Together with Mr. Marks, former Mayor Randy Hall, Mr. Mackie and the KAC, the concept for the StreetArt project was originated. The "coin medallions" were translated into manhole covers, transforming otherwise unremarkable infrastructure elements into winsome works of art.

As of today, four of the six designs have been cast and placed about city streets in Ketchum's downtown core. The medallions are displayed here and if you look up, you will see all six designs. If you look down as you cross Ketchum's streets, you may come across designs of the skier, the shepherd, the train and the celebration of the arts.

Exhibiting Artists

Curiosity by Gary Marks



Downhill Sunrise by Denise DeCoster



Lost and Found by Ralph Harris



Pushing Dawn by Noah Bowen



Prospect by Adam Marks and Noah Bowen



Pizzazz by Gary Marks



