



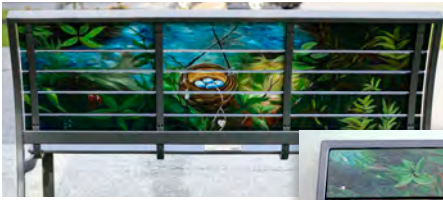
Rutland BenchART Community Street Art Project showcases the creativity of our local artists with a sense of excitement and vibrancy within our region, welcoming visitors and the community to explore the streetscapes transformed with artist decorated benches.

This dynamic project builds on and enhances the current art installations featuring Rutland as an artist and art enthusiast's destination, and makes art accessible for all! As part of the project, there will be a Walking Tour Brochure of historic properties in Rutland that will also include the 42 BenchART benches, murals, Sculpture Trail, heARTs, Trains, and more. This brochure can be used along with apps from the Downtown Rutland Partnership.

Join us in celebrating the local creative talent as we build on our region's community spirit and economic vitality, and promote the arts!



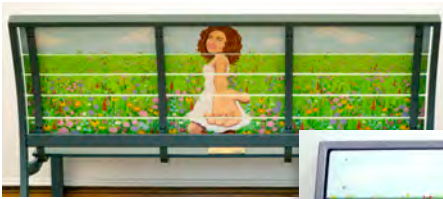
2021-2022



Title: *Angels from God*
Artist: Linda Arsenault
Sponsor: Omya
Location: Rutland Intermediate School

#1

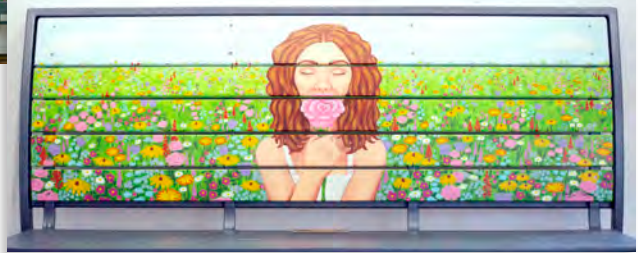
We all get inspiration in many different ways. I was inspired to do this painting because of my love of nature. Often I'm seen walking in the woods that's where I feel much inspiration. I have seen on my walks several bird nest. I decided to paint more of nature because there's so many changes going on that I never want to take it for granted. I am hoping to inspire through my art.



Title: *Stop and Smell the Roses*
Artist: Sally Hogan
Sponsor: MKF Properties; Mark and Kelly Foley
Location: Center Street Market Park

#2

When I first heard about this project, the expression, "stop and smell the roses" came to mind. We don't take enough time to slow down and appreciate the little things, and an open park bench might help people in the community start taking the time to enjoy the sights of Rutland more. Even if it's only 5 minutes, a quick rest at a bench can let you take in all of the beautiful pieces of nature around us — even in the city. It only takes is one, small Vermont wildflower to make the day brighter; something my mentor, Sally Keefe, taught me. I hope my design will do the same for others.

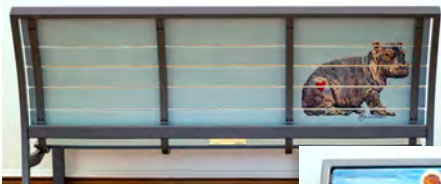


Title: *Going to Rutland*
Artist: Ann McFarren
Sponsor: Hull Maynard Hersey Insurance
Location: Hull Maynard Hersey Insurance

#3

I wanted it to be representing Rutland and the surrounding area I live in. I called it "Going to Rutland." I love the mountains, streams, and woods that surround our community. They give me a sense of peace and quiet in our busy world.





Adult and baby hippo partially out of the water with birds over their heads. A baby hippo is on the back of the bench.

Title: *Happy Hippos*

Artist: Kathryn Wiegans

Sponsor: Voity Electrical

Location: Castleton University Bank Gallery, Merchants Row

#4



Wanting the bench to depict happiness, I was inspired by the quote: 'You can't buy happiness but you can buy ice cream and it's kind of the same thing'

Title: *We All Scream for Ice Cream*

Artist: Karen Seward

Sponsor: Diamonds and More

Location: Center Street

#5



People come from all over the world to visit Vermont during the autumn season. Living here in Rutland, we have front row seats to enjoy the sense of anticipation as the trees change from muted colors to their most vibrant hues!

Autumn provokes a sense of wonder as it unfolds and provides us with surprise vistas at every turn. My bench aims to depict that wonder and surprise!

Title: *Love Autumn in Vermont*

Artist: Louise Kenney

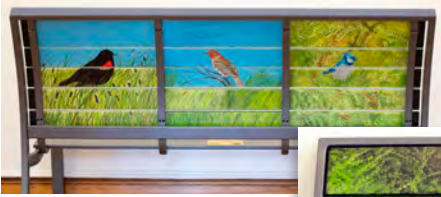
Sponsor: Grace Congregational UCC

Location: Grace Congregational UCC

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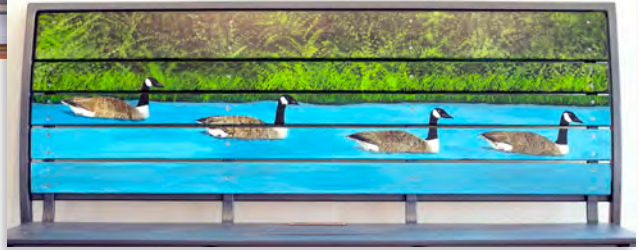
RUTLAND/CHAFFEE/ART FACT — On pages we have less text for the benches, we could include a "fun" fact in the extra space



Title: Family Cruise
Artist: Sal Vitagliano
Sponsor: Joseph & Barbara Giancola
Location: Inside City Hall until Spring

#7

The title, "Family Cruise", is a depiction of a photograph I captured at Chittenden Dam, and the birds on the back are from pictures of local area birds. I go out quite often cruising around Vermont with my camera and canoe. Vermont has amazing scenery, wildlife and a system of hiking trails and waterways throughout the state for everyone to enjoy.



Title: *Water is Life*
Artist: Heather Wilson
Sponsor: Vermont Tree Spirits
Location: Lincoln Ave.

#8

This bench design was an idea of a local person to highlight and bring to focus how important clean water is to all forms of life.



Title: *Sunrise in Rutland*
Artist: Glenn C. Scott
Sponsor: Rutland Regional Medical Center
Location: RPMC Entrance to Outpatient Rehab on Allen St.

#9

Sunrise in Rutland is inspired and dedicated to the health care professionals of the Rutland region who have cared for our community during the Covid-19 pandemic. Sunrise in Rutland is a message of hope for a brighter, welcoming, and inclusive community for all.





Title: *FRIENDSHIP*

#10

Artist: Christine Townsend

Sponsor: Community Health

Location: CHCRR Castleton, 275 VT-30 N

I was thinking about what being a friend meant while talking to my granddaughter about meeting new “friends”. This was the same time the bench project came up. So, I thought the words of friendship could be painted on the bench slats. Being a woodcarver, I decided what better a background could there be than a pair of doves?! Mourning doves mate for life and appear to mourn the death of their life mate.



Title: *Sunflowers*

#11

Artist: Helvi Albatelli

Sponsor: Community Health

Location: Community Health, 215 Stratton Rd.

Inspired by the beauty and uniqueness of all us sunflowers who follow the sun. Hope, beauty, and happiness for all who decide to sit here.



Title: *The Future*

#12

Artist: Kids at August AIP

Sponsor: Community Health

Location: CHCRR Pediatrics, 1 General Wing Rd.

This bench was a community project created by lots of visiting young artists during the Chaffee Art Center’s Art in the Park August 2021. The diversity of size and color of the hands represents all people and creates a feeling of community. This bench is meant to give us pause for these thoughts, and highlight that Kids are our future!



RUTLAND/CHAFFEE/ART FACT — A little blurb here about the Chaffee doorknobs



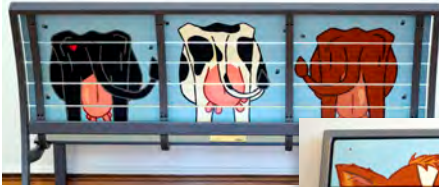


I'm inspired by wisteria because it's so beautiful and delicate looking but it's got unbelievable strength as it grows. It also attracts Vermont's only hummingbird . . . the ruby throated hummingbird.



Title: *Wisteria*
Artist: Julia Quimby-Cohen
Sponsor: aboutFACE Orthodontics,
 Mark A. Price, DDS, MSD, PC
Location: aboutFACE Orthodontics, 58 N. Main St.

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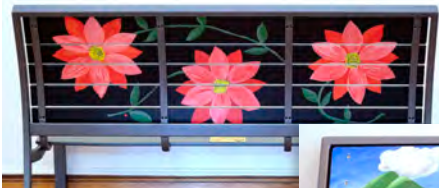


When I was asked to do this bench design, I was excited to be able to work with my daughter Ashley, who is an artist as well. With all the hardship in the last few years for many people, we wanted to do something fun and cheerful that would make people smile when they see it. What's better than happy cows in Vermont, and their tail ends on the other side?!



Title: *Head or Tails*
Artist: Lynn D. Pratt
Sponsor: Central Vermont Eye Care
Location: West Street

#14



The beauty and tranquility of the Chittenden Reservoir always make me feel good from the inside out. This is a view from the pasture at Mountain Top in the spring and summer giving the beauty of Vt and exclamation point. The absolute glory of the view puts a smile on my face every day. I am thankful to live in such a beautiful environment.



Title: *Vermont View*
Artist: Betsy W. Moakley
Sponsor: Stewart's Shops
Location: Merchants Row

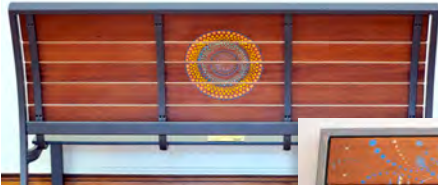
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Title: *Rutland Reveille*
Artist: Bill Ramage
Sponsor: Heritage Family Credit Union
Location: Merchant's Row

#16

The image for Rutland Reveille was taken from The Rutland Drawing that has been installed in the Opera House since 2015. Green Screen Graphics digitally created a night sky over Merchants Row and the sun rising over Center Street for the bench. The content of The Rutland Drawing is complicated. It involves notions I have been exploring concerning perception since 1978. But it's also my Homage to the City of Rutland. I moved to this area in 1971 and I've never looked back. For me, Rutland was and still is the perfect fit.



Title: *The Heart of Vermont*
Artist: Jason C. Bemis
Sponsor: Downtown Rutland Partnership
Location: Merchants Row

#17

The Heart of Vermont is a freeform, stylistic representation of the interconnection between the sky and earth and sun — so much of what makes Vermont, Vermont. This organic painting utilizes subtle hues of green and blue, directly from Vermont's environment. The sun is represented as a yellow heart bathing the landscape in warmth and positive light creating a path as we move away from the pandemic and begin to reconnect.



Title: *Doggone Dogs*
Artist: Marcia Shipman
Sponsor: Community Bank
Location: Center Street

#18

This design is a depiction of man's best friend. Several of the breeds have been personal pets of mine or of other family members. The dogs are arranged in a group with their eyes looking at viewer bonding us together. The bright green grass and purple of the mountains reminds us of the beauty we see every day in Vermont. The bench back represents the bond we have with our pets through the many activities we do with them.





Title: *Rebirth*
Artist: Jen Rondinone
Sponsor: Spring Lake Ranch
 Therapeutic Community
Location: Merchant's Row/Evelyn St.

#19

Rebirth is a celebration of the life I created after a long-term abusive relationship. It depicts two butterflies, flourishing in their own unique ways in field somewhere in this beautiful state my girls and I call home. The stained glass butterfly is a replica of a piece I designed for one of my daughters and the monarch on the left represents the other.



Title: *Who Cooks for You?*
Who Cooks for You-All?
Artist: Amy Carr
Sponsor: Local Venture Legal, PLLC
Location: Inside City Hall until Spring

#20

The owl says . . .
 Who Cooks for You?
 Who Cooks for You-All?



Title: *Together We Perservere*
Artist: Kristen Partesi
Sponsor: Housing Trust of Rutland County
Location: Location

#21



When reflecting on the past year, there has been so much we have collectively endured. Yet, there has also been so much resiliency, so many moments when people came together to care for one another, to support each other, and to persevere through challenges, together. The goal of my design is to abstractly and metaphorically represent the light of hope and the strength of connection.





Title: *Rainbow Connection*

#22

Artist: Kathy Juckett

Sponsor: Housing Trust of Rutland County

Location: Location

Rainbows have appeared in art since the earliest images known to man. When a rainbow appears, people stop to marvel at its beauty and take pictures. With the rainbow comes sunshine, the color and vibrancy often against a dark sky brings a feeling of optimism and positivity. Most of us have a "Rainbow Connection." It may symbolize hope, diversity, peace, new beginnings. It's a reminder of all things good in our amazing universe.



Title: *Sunflowers and Butterflies*

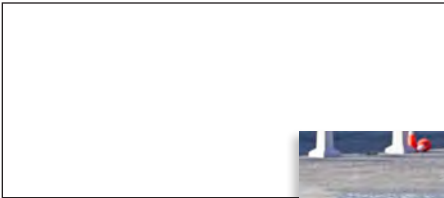
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Artist: Edith Hiller

Sponsor: Vermont Farmers Food Center

Location: Location

During these difficult times we need a lot of sunshine in our lives. To me, sunflowers remind me of a field of sun. Butterflies dance around, like happy times.



Title: *No Place to Sit*

#24

Artist: A. Tedesco

Sponsor: A. Tedesco Masonry

Location: Center St./Wales St.

A collaborative design of marble, colored concrete & steel, built w/ inspiration by the strength & resilient beauty of downtown Rutland. Named after a photo titled "No Place To Sit" receiving a Merit Award at 2013 Chaffee Photo Exhibit: Take the Streets. The B&W photo captured downtown w/ a small sign of 'Bring Back the Benches' in the foreground.





Title: *In Bloom*
Artist: Nicole Bills-Maniery
Sponsor: Rutland South Rotary Club
Location: Location

#25

As I've found my own style as an artist, I've always been drawn to any art form that includes flowers and leaves. Growing up in Vermont, some of my fondest memories walking through the forest with my mom. Being a biologist and artist, she would teach me about the flora. There was never a shortage of trees or plants to learn about as the seasons changed the foliage. Even now, when I need to get away, I turn to the forest. The fresh air and smell of wildflowers always helps to clear my mind and put a smile on my face.



Title: *Carly's Angels*
Artist: Debra Dauphinais/Sarah Bloch
Sponsor: Purple Angel Foundation
Location: Center Street by the "pit"

#26

Carly Ferro was a young woman whose tragic and untimely death deeply affected the Rutland Community. Her beautiful spirit and message of hope can be summed up in her favorite quote — "Be kinder than necessary." This bench is a tribute to her.



Title: *Electric Cow*
Artist: Heather Wilson
Sponsor: Norma Levy
Location: Location

#27

This design features cows on the front, inspired by Vermont cows and agriculture. The backside features the Green Mountains. I am always inspired by our gorgeous state of Vermont and all of its natural beauty. I am also an animal lover so I love the chance to feature animals in my work.





Title: *Intuitive Inspiration*
Artist: Dale Schelling Bills
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#28

The design was created in an abstract style called "Intuitive painting". Painting by intuition is an attempt to communicate with a paint brush in hand, what is unconscious into consciousness.

My inspiration came from the green mountains of Vermont to the gorgeous blooms of flowers in my back yard, and even from the shores of Cape Cod. Kailey Wiscowski assisted in painting several layers of base colors to create depth.



Title: *Piggy's Pals*
Artist: Rebecca Langer
Sponsor: With love, Rebecca's Friends
Location: West St.

#29

Inspired by my furry pals, in particular, my dog "Piggy". It's a fun 'photo op' bench where you can be sitting next to a dog or cat.



Title: *Rutland's Rockin' Ribbons*
Artist: Mary Fran Lloyd
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#30

Let's ROCK Rutland again by wrapping RIBBONS around its many GIFTS and all of what RUTLAND has to offer:

People from near and far,
 Young & Old
 Every Color & Nationality,
 History & Tradition
 Places of Worship, Music, Theater & Dance

Street Art, Art Galleries, Art in the Park, Artist Residencies
 Historical Societies, Police & Fire Departments
 City Hall, Post Offices, Lawyers
 Municipal & Business Services, Grocery Stores, Restaurants

Eateries, Hotels, Hostels, Gyms, Hospital, Clinics,
 Realtors, Auto Sales, Pet stores, Book Stores, Newspapers
 Jewelry Shops, Pawn Shops, Gift Shops
 Clothing Shops, Thrift Shops, Shoe Shops, Sport's Shops
 Farmer's Markets, Fair Grounds

And much more!





Title: *The Freeing of the Carousel Tiger*

#31

Artist: Peter Wallis

Sponsor: Name

Location: Location

Reflecting on growing up in Rutland I have a lot of fond memories of the Fair. It is an annual event that brings a sense of mystery and excitement for a few weeks out of the year to a lot of people. The Vermont State Fair has a rich history and is a time that stands out of growing up in the area. This work is a carousel animal, a tiger that has broken loose from the ride and roams free. Carnival rides and the bright colors of the fair were something that inspired my creative work.



Title: *Catamount*

#32

Artist: Carolyn Shattuck

Sponsor: Name

Location: Location

I chose the catamount for my bench design because it is an enigmatic animal that is considered extinct in Vermont but has been sighted in various terrains in this state. I saw a catamount a few years ago which inspired me to make a book about this animal.

The back view enhances the environment of the catamount's habitat.



Title: *Respite*

#33

Artist: Christine Holzschuh

Sponsor: Name

Location: Location

There are passages in life that can define a man.
A man falls down a well in a cave in the woods.
The young girl felt bad for him and jumped in to save him.
They tossed and turned in the frothy waves and shot out at the end of the rapids.
It was calm, cool and dry. Yes, dry!

They sacrificed everything and tossed themselves in



the torrent.

They made sure their pockets were full.

Puton's securities will not make a difference.

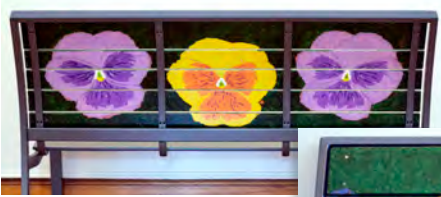
But, all the little ladies are amazing.



Title: *Streaming Consciousness*
Artist: Caber Wilson
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#34

My design is an abstract representation of thoughts being streamed from one person's head to another's. It represents inspiration and creativity. The art is created in my unique improvisational style.



Title: *Pansies*
Artist: Mary Crowley
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#35

Pansies are the first flowers it is safe to plant in the Spring. They are a sign of hope after a long winter. Thus, I have chosen pansies for my bench design.

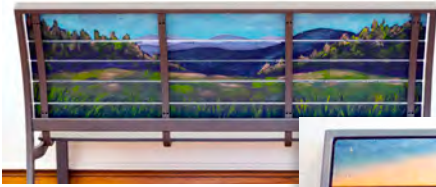


Title: *Hang Loose with The Moose*
Artist: Christine Foster
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#36

This colorful pop art inspired bench is inspired from Rutland itself - A photographic image that I have digitally painted from the Winter Market is printed on a cling & adhered to the bench. The back is painted the color titled ENCHANTED with moose antlers detail and the theme to rest easy - hang loose with the Moose.





Title: *Scenes from Vermont*
Artist: Kelly Gearwar
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

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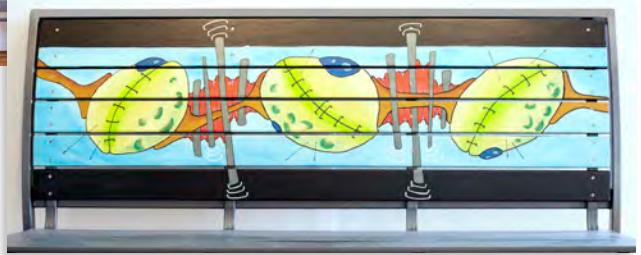
These designs are scenes from Vermont that always bring me such peace. No matter what the season, Vermont is always beautiful.



Title: *Organics*
Artist: Rachel Spitzer-Firliet
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#38

This was inspired by nature. All nature and life, from flora to flesh. The building blocks of life have always interested me and smashing those blocks together into new forms and creations is just plain fun.



Title: *Freedom & Unity*
Artist: Oliver Schemm
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#39

There is a central circle of black on the front with the symbol "&". Above and below is Vermont's State motto, Freedom & Unity. Radiating from these points are concentric rings of different bands of color. The rings expand side to side, but are cut off top and bottom. From afar it will look like an eye or cell phone tower "waves" symbol. Symbolically, the rings are all the circles of relations or pods we have. With covid, we united so we could eventually have our freedom — community.

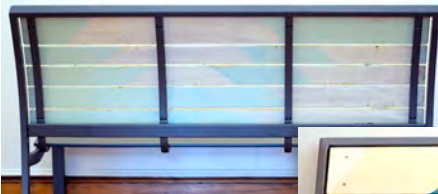




Title: *Sit With Me*
Artist: Piper Strong
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#40

The bench design features Native American tribes across the United States.



Title: *Rest Here*
Artist: Kim Williamson
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#41

Playful use of color and shape to rest the traveler and the eyes.



Title: *Bull Garden*
Artist: Ethan B. Nelson
Sponsor: Name
Location: Location

#42

Inspired by the wild free lines and colors of Fran Bull and the giant pumpkins at Baird Farm.



Historical or interesting fact here

Chaffee Art Center's BenchART Community Partners include:

- Omya, supporting sponsor of this project.
- Mayor Dave Allaire
- Downtown Rutland Partnership
- Chamber & Economic Development of the Rutland Region
- Rutland Redevelopment Authority
- Rutland Regional Planning Commission
- West Rutland Town Manager, Mary Ann Goulette

