Public Art does many things...

- It inspires pride.
- It creates special places and adds grace to ordinary places.
- It offers residents and visitors a source of enjoyment that is always open and always accessible.
- It defines a sense of place and identity.
- It creates landmarks and even icons that come to stand for a city.

Audio Tour App

Take a personal tour of the Newport News Public Art Foundation's sculpture — with the artist as your guide. Download the NNPAA Audio Tour App in the Apple Store or Google Play Store. You'll hear the artists, in their own words, talk you about their work, why they made it, and what they'd like you to see in it.

Background

Since 1988, when the original Victory Bell was dedicated, Newport News has had a proud heritage of outdoor art for the public to enjoy.

Public art can open the doors of imagination, stir powerful emotions, offer a respite from a busy life, make us pause and reflect, and watch with wonder while stimulating the viewer to feel both the shapes and the energy. What I think about your work is that it's a different work in a different time and place. But it's the same work, the same sculpture, the same material, but it's a different work in a different time and place. And this is what I found when I was working on this piece — that it was a different work in a different time and place.

Today, more than 30 pieces of public art are on display throughout Newport News. They range from somber memorials to tributes to local heroes, large and small. The works range from the abstract energy of Bold Dreams and the unfolding beauty of Spirit of Life, to the sculptures of local artists such as Carambola, a gift from the United States in 1930 in honor of the 70th anniversary of the founding of The Mariners' Museum. They were designed by Carl Abbott as part of a gift to Newport News from the U.S. Navy. The work was dedicated on April 25, 2000, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the founding of The Mariners' Museum. The work was dedicated on April 25, 2000, in honor of the 70th anniversary of the founding of The Mariners' Museum.

Let this brochure be your guide to the outdoor art treasures in Newport News. All of the artworks are easily accessible, just off Jefferson Avenue or Warwick Boulevard, and many are near our attractions.