Public Art does many things...

It inspires pride.

It marks special places and adds a grace note to ordinary places.

It offers residents and visitors a source of enjoyment that’s always open, always accessible.

It defines a sense of place and identity.

It creates landmarks, 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 artists as your guide. Download the NNPA Audio Tour App on the Apple Store or Google Play Store. You’ll hear from the artist in their own words, tell you about their work, why and how they made it, and what they’d like you to see in it.

The artist explains: “My work and the ideas behind it are tied very closely with the material it is constructed from. I experience it, find its properties, and then manipulate it to express the idea. The process of working with materials is an internal and external process, the work and I are one. I do not separate myself from the work, I am constantly in touch with it, and it is a constant reminder of the hospital’s ministry to the community.”

Background

Since 1989, when the original history park 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 the busy life, make strangers talk and children ask questions. Public art is accessible to all and can help transform a city’s image.

Today, more than 30 pieces of public art are on display throughout Newport News. They range from somber memorials and tributes, to local heroes, the joyful Caravelle, the soaring Spirit of Life, the abstract energy of Pride, and the unfolding beauty of the 14 feet tall Carambola.

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

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