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, and even icons that come to stand for a city.

Background

Since 1959, when the original Victory Arch 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 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, to the joyful Garamba, the soaring Icarus, the abstract energy of Build a Dream and the unfolding beauty of Spirit of Life.

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.