

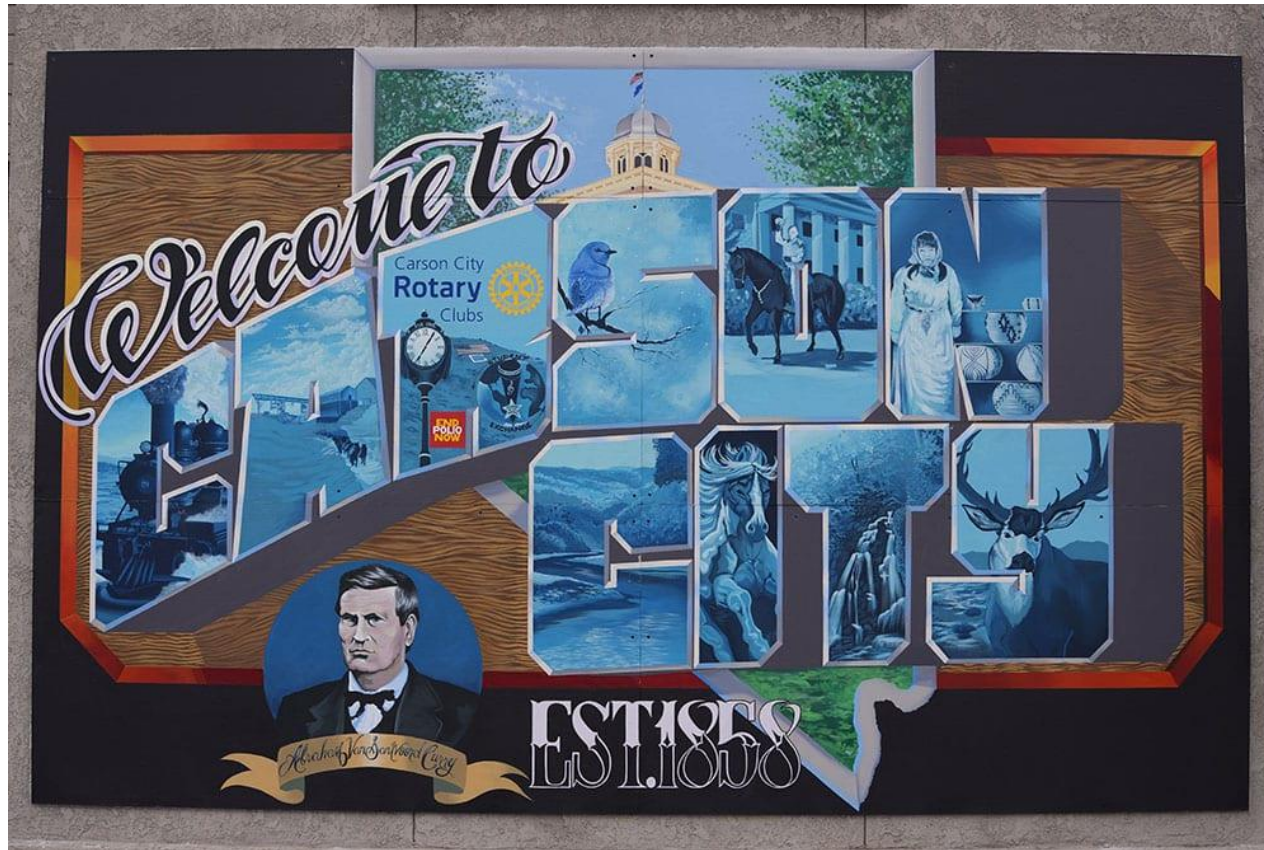
Carson City Public Art Inventory (2022)



"Inside the Mind of Da Vinci"- Michell Riley, 2016, 10' tall by 23' long (Carson City Owned)

Location: Community Center, corner of E William St and N Roop St, Carson City, NV

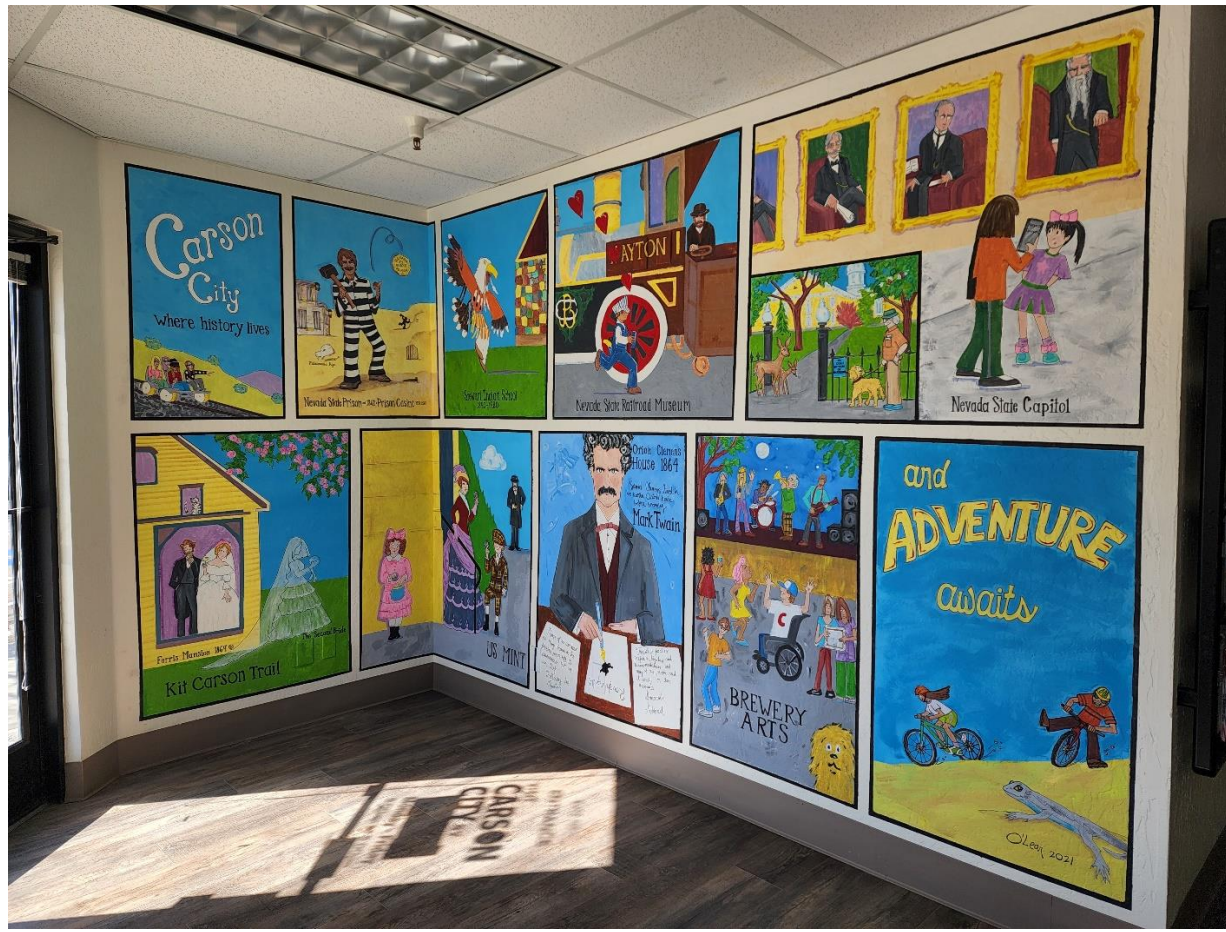
Made of reinforced acid-stained concrete, recycled glass and steel, this seven-ton artwork was originally a Burning Man sculpture created under the 2016 festival theme "Da Vinci's Workshop". It was purchased by Carson City in 2018. The artist's goal was to create a space for contemplation and sharing artistic and inventive ideas inside the head of da Vinci. The back of the sculpture is hollowed out and you can enter inside the Mind of da Vinci where you will find some of Leonardo's sketches and writings.



“Welcome to Carson City” – Abner Rivera, 2021 (Carson City owned) 10’ x 16’

Location – North facing wall of Carson City Visitors Center, corner of Washington Street and N Carson Street, Carson City NV

The mural is an illustration of the words, “Welcome to Carson City,” featuring an attribute of Carson City depicted within each letter, highlighting history and many city offerings. The illustrations were painted in monochromatic blues, outlined in a silver border adding dimension to the mural. Beneath the city’s namesake, is a photo of Abraham Curry, founder of Carson City, including the year the city was founded in 1858. Those interested in learning more about each letter of the mural are [encouraged to check out the interactive website designed around it.](#)



“Carson City: Where History Lives and Adventure Awaits” – Ann O’Lear, 2021

Location – Interior wall in the front entrance the Carson City visitors Center, 716 N Carson Street, Carson City, NV

This playful mural depicts key historical people, places and notable moments in Carson City’s past and present including the Ferris Mansion, the ghost bride, the Nevada State prison, the Stewart Indian School, deer in the legislature grounds, Samuel Clemens a.k.a. Mark Twain, the Nevada State Railroad Museum, and the Brewery Arts Centre concerts.



"Mission Possible" - Bryce Chisholm, 2019

Location - Empire Elementary School, south facing wall La Loma Drive and Gordonia Drive, Carson City, NV

The mural is based on Empire Elementary's school motto and inspiring theme, "Reach for the Stars"



“Empowered (Reach for the Stars)” – Bill Louis, 2019

Location: Empire Elementary School, La Loma Drive and Gordon Drive, Carson City, NV

One of the two murals at Empire Elementary School, this mural was painted by Bill Louis and is located on a playground wall. Like the Mission Possible Mural, the artist was charged with the theme, “Reach for the Stars.”



“Visual Growth” – Erik Burke, 2016

Location: The Bike Smith on the south facing wall at North Curry Street and West Ann Street

The artist found his inspiration for this large and visually striking mural in the eyes of a woman from a neighboring property.



Home Means Nevada” - Erik Burke, 2016. Spray paint on cinderblock, 24’ x 80’
Location: South facing wall of C-A-L Ranch on N Carson Street across from McDonald’s . Commissioned by KMG, Inc.
with support from McDonalds.

It is a stunning mural with portraits more than 10 feet tall. From left of the mural, the faces include Jack Johnson, the first African American heavyweight-boxing champion, who won the Fight of the Century in Reno in 1910. Then Bertha Raffetto, who wrote Nevada’s state song in 1932; Abraham Curry, the founder of Carson City; Sarah Winnemucca, the first Native American woman to publish an autobiography; Kit Carson, the American frontiersman who the city was named after; and Julia Bulette, one of the first independent women in business in the area during the mid-1800s.



Brewers Mural – J. Hunt 1965, restored by Deana Hoover, 2019

Location: East facing wall at North Division Street and West King Street, Carson City, NV

His mural depicts the famous Millard family that ran the Carson Brewery Company at the turn of the century. Restoration was funded in 2019 by the AARP Community Action Grant and is based upon a 1934 photograph of Carson City Brewing Company employees. Fun fact: the mural stands in approximately the same location where the actual photograph was taken.



“Strings of the Imagination” – Bryce Chisholm, 2017

Location: West facing wall of the Annex at South Minnesota Street and West King Street, Carson City, NV

Another popular Carson City mural at the Brewery Arts Center is Strings of Imagination. This mural, located on the was commissioned and funded by the Carson City Downtown Business Association in 2017 and has become one of the most photographed spots in Carson City. Inspiration for the mural was artist Bryce Chisolm’s daughter and the musical notes coming off the dandelion are the beginning of the song “Imagine” by John Lennon.



“Cleansing the Soul” - Diana Uzzell, 2020
Location: Second Street wall of the Brewery Arts Center

This Brewery Arts Center mural with a quote from Pablo Picasso, filled a request to create something “Banksy”.



“Abbey Road” – Deanna Hoover, 2019

Location – The street crossing on Minnesota St within the Brewery Arts Center Campus

When the Brewery Arts Center was deeded the section of Minnesota Street between the two campus buildings, they celebrated by commissioning artist Deana Hoover to re-create the famous Abbey Road photograph of the Beatles.



“Ascension” - Bryce Chisholm, 2020

Location – Performance Hall Entrance Staircase, Brewery Arts Center, Carson City

The performance theme that is layered into the entrance staircase echoes the same vivid colors used in his “Strings of the Imagination” mural located just across the street. The harmonious color palettes effectively tie elements of the two halves of the Brewery Art Center campus together on each side of the street.



[Battle Born](#)

Created by mural artist Abner Rivera, Battle Born was unveiled to the community in 2017. The mural depicts Carson Valley's stunning landscape and is located on the north facing wall of the Sierra Podiatry Center at North Carson Street and Bath Street. The artist is known for hiding his children's names in all of his artwork along with words such as love, happiness, prosperity and integrity.



[Dat-So-La-Lee Mural](#)

Created by mural artist Abner Rivera in 2022, the mural depicts a young Dat-So-La-Lee of the Washoe tribe, recognizing their heritage in the Carson Valley landscape. Dat-So-La-Lee is holding an eagle and to her left are floating feathers decorated with Washoe tribal symbols, as well as a hunting owl and pinion pine nuts. Clouds move across the sky, symbolizing the valley's changing weather and seasons. In the background we see the Carson Valley, Mount Tallac, Lake Tahoe, Jobs Peak and Cave Rock which is sacred ground for the Washoe tribe. The mural is intended to be interactive enabling the viewer to stand in various locations and appear as part of the artwork.



[Food Bank Mural](#)

(Artist unknown) The Food Bank Mural depicts fresh food symbolizing the helping hand provided by the FISH (Friends In Service Helping) Food Bank for those in need in our community. It is set in the Carson City landscape with the capital building in the distance.



[Tribute to Nevada Miners](#)

Created by artist Greg Melton in 1983, this larger than life bronze sculpture communicates the brute strength and energy that was required by the early miners who were the backbone of one of Nevada's most important industries. The sculpture was a gift from the Nevada Mining Industry. The sculpture also acknowledges Adolph Sutro who engineered and constructed the Sutro Tunnel – the four mile long tunnel beneath Virginia City that drained hot sulfurous water from the Comstock Lode.



Abraham Curry

N 39° 09.770 W 119° 45.961 Located in front of the Nevada Supreme Court, the bronze sculpture created by artist Robert Morrison in 1979, honors Abraham Curry who is widely considered the father of Carson City. With partners John J. Musser, Benjamin Green, and Frank Proctor, Curry purchased about 1,000 acres in Eagle Valley and laid out the community of Carson City. He built the Warm Springs Hotel located at the site of the present Nevada State Prison as well as the prison, the Carson City Mint building, and the Virginia and Truckee Railroad shops in Carson City. He envisioned Nevada's statehood well before its existence and donated the 4 acre site on which the capital buildings stand today.



[Kit Carson](#)

Created by artist Buckeye Blake, the bronze sculpture depicts frontiersman Kit Carson who was a wilderness guide, a fur trapper, an Indian agent and a U.S. Army Officer. He guided John Fremont's expedition through the Great Basin from 1843 to 1844. Carson City takes its name from the Carson River which was named after Kit Carson. The sculpture is located on the Nevada State Capital grounds.



[High Water Mark Mural](#)

Created by artist, Debra Fong in 2022, this mural is located on the flood channel wall below the East 5th Street overpass. The mural shows a natural landscape of foothills, a creek, animals and plants, representing Eagle Valley. Words at the top say "High Water Mark". Two flood elevations are shown, 2017 and the regulatory base flood elevation or BFE. Latitude: 39.161934°
Longitude: -119.740950°

History of GROW
(Gardeners Reclaiming Our Wayides)

GROW was a grassroots non-profit organization formed in 1997 by Master Gardener volunteers and concerned citizens. Their mission was to ensure beautification of the freeway as it runs through Nevada's capital city. Through grants and donations, GROW funded the enhancements in Phase I, including the information plaques detailing each historic vignette.

Carson City funded the design of the enhancements, administered the grant money and agreed to maintain all vignettes.

Now, Nevada Department of Transportation (NDOT) budgets a percentage of construction funds for aesthetics on new projects. NDOT funded the enhancements in Phase II of this freeway.



THE V FLUME
A HISTORIC LANDMARK
The Flume and Lumberworks
In 1892, the Flume and Lumberworks and Flume Company was formed. The company manufactured and sold lumber and mill products to the entire western United States. The Flume has been considered a premier mill since its inception. See www.vflume.com for more information.

Phase II
Funded by NDOT



EAGLE VALLEY
The origin of the name "Eagle Valley" is uncertain in the Eagle Range area. Legend has it that gold and silver were discovered nearby, and the name was given to the area by Carson City.

WASHO TRIBE @ Singer Avenue
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California Overland Trail @ Clearview Drive
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Carson City Freeway/Bypass Landscape Enhancements

The theme of the Carson City Freeway/Bypass Enhancement Project is "Carson City's History in Motion." This is your guide to the historic vignettes along the walking/biking path along the Carson City Freeway/Bypass. Vignettes may be viewed from the freeway at each of the gateways and interchanges.

The eagle at the entry to Carson City to the north and the eagle at the south end of it together serve as bookends to the rich history of Eagle Valley.

This information may also be downloaded and read online. Visit www.libarts.com/city and enter Mary Fischer Carson City in the box. Click on the book title to advance next page where you may obtain a copy book, "Carson City's History in Motion."

More history of Carson City is available Nevada State Museum, Carson City City Center and the Nevada State Railroad Museum.

GROW hopes that you enjoy this brief glimpse into our city's history.

