
Art in Public Places

Self-Guided Tour



Lindsborg has a deeply rooted love of the arts. The Swedish born immigrants who founded Lindsborg planted a community that would foster and grow this love for generations.

Experience Lindsborg's appreciation of art first-hand by taking the Public Art Tour. Displayed throughout town, these pieces of artwork depict a combination of contemporary city life and Scandinavian heritage .

Look up to see numerous wind vanes on top of businesses. Grab a map and find the Wild Dala herd, roaming freely through the streets of Lindsborg. Explore the downtown and find the paintings that are displayed on various buildings. Don't miss the decorative wrought iron artwork that displays a variety of business signs.

From indoor wall murals and stencils to the outdoor labyrinth, the Public Art Tour is an art adventure for everyone!

Artwork

The 100 and 200 blocks of S Main Street and the 100 block of N Main Street host many works of art from artists, both past and present. You will find **paintings**, the **Wild Dala herd** (8 Wonders of Kansas Customs winner), **sculptures**, **wind vanes**, **murals**, **iron work** and **tiles**.

Step Inside

USD 400 Office, 126 S Main St - Four paintings by Sandzén
Bibliotek (the library), 111 S Main St - wood carvings and metal work in the Swedish room.

Post Office, 125 E Lincoln St - Sandzén wall mural.

Courtyard Gallery & Indigo Moo'd, 125 N Main St - Maleta Forsberg wall mural. Grab some homemade ice cream while you're there!

Designs, 103 N Main St - G.N. Malm stenciled walls dating to the early 1900s.

Dröm Sött/Sweet Dreams Inn, 112 W Lincoln St - Hand painted *kurbits* throughout, painted by artist Carla J. Griffith's Wilson.

Bethany College Campus - 335 E Swensson St

Sculptures located throughout campus.

Wallerstedt Learning Center - multiple works by various artists.

Mingenback Art Center Gallery - student and faculty shows.

Bethany College Swedish Crafts - hand-made Swedish ceramics and brooms.

Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery - 401 N First St

The Little Triton by Carl Milles

Rags and the Children by Pete Felton

Blacksmith Sculptures by Brian Holdsworth

Wrought Iron Arch – Elmwood Cemetery entrance, 1/4 mile east on Wells Fargo Road. Turn east on Harrison Street.

Decorative Ironwork – *Bibliotek* (Lindsborg Community Library), 111 S Main St, Swedish room.

Decorative Ironwork – White's Foodliner, 215 Harrison St.

City Hall - 102 S Main Street

City Emblem – mosaic by artist John Whitfield (outside)

Going to Julotta - painting by artist Lee Becker (inside)

Sweden to the Plains~Living the Legacy - bronze relief by artist Ed Pogue (outside)

Smoky Valley High School - # 1 Viking Boulevard

Viking – Life-size wood carving by artist Dave Anderson, located in the commons area.

Messiah Lutheran Church – 402 N First Street

Stained glass windows – Eldon B. Swensson

Messiah Peace Park & Labyrinth

Sanctuary Paintings by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

Multiple works by various artists inside the church

Evangelical Covenant Church - 102 S Washington Street

Multiple works by various local artists

Trinity United Methodist Church - 224 S Main Street

Altar paintings by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

Swensson Park – 400 block of N Main Street

Viking Valley Playground – Wild Dala horses & murals

Järnkors – “iron cross” or “tree of life” by artist Brian Holdsworth

Alma Lind Swensson Memorial Garden - by artist Michaela Valli Groeblacher



Bethany Lutheran Church – 320 N Main Street

Sculptures – Oscar Gunnarson

Sculpture – John Whitfield

Mosaic – Malcolm Esping

Alter paintings by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

Multiple works by various artists in the church

Sculptures by John Whitfield

Lucia – St. Bridget Catholic Church, 206 W Swensson Street

Florence Nightingales's Lamp – Lindsborg Hospital,
601 W Lincoln Street

Marker on location of first Bethany Church – NW of Lindsborg,
2 miles south of Coronado Heights Road on 12th Avenue (find
the miniature version in the Bethany Church yard.)

Rune Stones – Riverside Park, corner of First Street & Lindsborg
Street 824 N Second Street, 422 N Washington Street

Murals in Lindsborg

Lucia Park

100 block of S. Main St.
Two St. Lucia scenes - painted by artist Shirley Malm

Bibliotek (Lindsborg Community Library)

Alleyway behind the Lindsborg Community Library,
100 block of S. Main St.
Jumbo Book Shelf Mural - painted by Meghan Klaassen

First Bank Kansas

100 block of N. Main - parking lot/drive thru
Midsummers' Swedish Dancers - painted by Whitney Kerr

Swensson Park

400 Block of N. Main St., south side of public restrooms
Viking Voyage - painted by Cal McNichols

Trollslända Toy Store

135 N. Main St., north side of building
2-story mural - painted by Carrie Nelson

Slojd Building

115 S. Main Street , south side of building
A tribute to past Broadway RFD musicals, Beauty and the Beast, and The Wizard of Oz - painted by Meghan Klaassen and Katie Stiebens

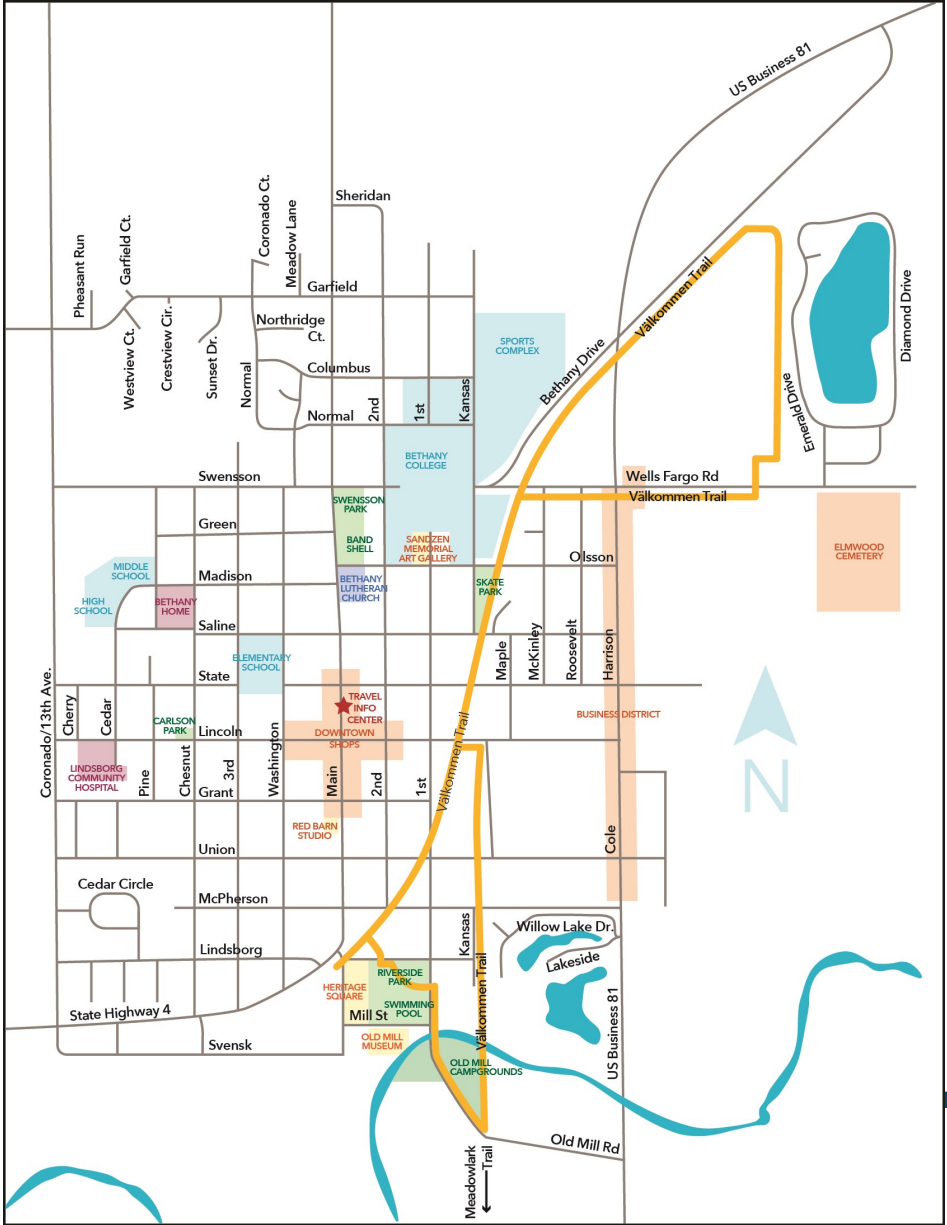
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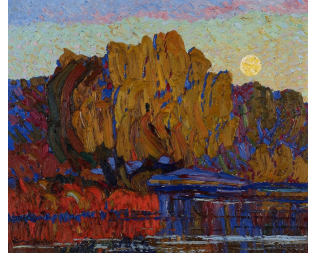
City Map



Galleries

Birger Sandzén Memorial Art Gallery, 401N First St, features an extensive collection of Sandzén paintings and prints and also hosts special traveling exhibitions and guest artists.

8 Wonders of Kansas Art Winner.



Hemslöjd, 201 N Main St,
visit with the

folk-artist or craftsmen as they create
Dala horse signs and other specialties.

8 Wonders of Kansas Commerce Winner.

Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum, 120 Mill St, houses Oscar Gunnerson's concrete sculptures and Anton Pearson's Scandinavian flat plane figure carvings.



8 Wonders of Kansas History Finalist.

Mingenback Art Center, 335 E Swenson St,

In the Department of Art at Bethany College is a cultural center connecting students to the diverse community in central Kansas. The gallery serves students and the wider community to engage, imagine, and create new possibilities.



The Red Barn Studio and Museum,
212 S Main St, offers visitors an
opportunity to view Lester Raymer's art
In the various mediums in which he worked.
The Red Barn also sponsors an
artist-in-residence program.

8 Wonders of Kansas Art Finalist



Small World Gallery, 127 N Main St, is home to National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson and the studio for IBIS Woman jewelry creations by Kathy Richardson and Brianna Zimmerling.



Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center,
114 1/2 S Main St,

Established in 2020 to promote, support, and develop the arts at the local level throughout the Smoky Valley and to provide cultural enrichment for the public, this gallery provides an ever-changing display of curated arts and crafts, along with their interesting stories.



Clara Hatton Center, 105 N Main St,
Founded in 2020, Hatton had an impressive command of a wide variety of media. Her work and papers are available to the public as well as exhibitions featuring Hatton and other artists.



Local Art Exhibits

Lindsborg Collects, a seasonal display during Messiah Festival of the Arts (spring), features artwork by Lindsborg artists, from the collections of Lindsborg residents. This show brings outstanding local artwork into a gallery setting for a once-a-year show. Location varies from year to year. Contact the Lindsborg CVB for the current location.

Annual Midwest Art Exhibit, was founded in 1899 by three local Lindsborg artists—Birger Sandzén, Carl Lotave, and G.N. Malm—as a complement to the annual Messiah Festival of the Arts held at Bethany College. This show represents the longest running annual art exhibition in Kansas,

Artist Studio Open House, an annual event held annually during the holiday season provides the rare opportunity to see local artists working in their private studios. Start your journey at the Red Barn Studio on the first Saturday of December.



A Love Affair with the Arts...

Lindsborg's love affair with art reaches back to 1890 when the Bethany College Art Department was founded. Soon after, in 1894, Swedish-born painter Birger Sandzén arrived at Bethany. By 1899, Sandzén, G.N. Malm and Carl Lotave were orchestrating the first annual art exhibition in Lindsborg. Through Sandzén's creative energy and relentless promotion, Lindsborg became the unofficial art center of Kansas. Professor Sandzén not only advocated art throughout Kansas, but the also the Midwest.

Artists naturally gathered around Sandzén, who was gaining a reputation as a prominent American artist. In December of 1930, he and several other artists gathered at Sandzén's studio and formed the famed Prairie Print Makers. The Lindsborg Artists Guild formed in 1949, providing mutual support to artists in Lindsborg, and in the late 1970's the Lindsborg Arts Council was founded. The Council's mission remains today, —to promote, encourage and increase the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts in Lindsborg and the surrounding area.

From these beginnings, other renowned artists began to emerge in Lindsborg. They included, among others, Lester Raymer, Signe Larson, Oscar Gunnerson, Alba Malm, Malcolm Esping, Margaret Greenough (Sandzén's daughter), and Anton Pearson. These and the many artists that follow, even today, are a tribute to Lindsborg's rooted love and continued strong support of the arts.

The love affair continues today with Makers Street - The Lindsborg Art Walk, occurring on various dates throughout the year with the full support of the Lindsborg Arts Council and Lindsborg's business community. It's an exciting evening that celebrates makers, artisans and artists in a wide array of fields. All are invited to celebrate the arts with Lindsborg!