

TAKE A WALK THROUGH GERMANTOWN, NASHVILLE!

- Murals
- Sculpture
- Historic Markers

As you walk through the neighborhood, look for murals, sculpture, historic markers and historic houses. See other side for ideas and some questions.

Germantown is named for German immigrants who arrived during two waves of immigration, one in the 1840s and another in the 1870s. Some worked as butchers, using sheds in their backyards as smoke houses and then selling the meat to individuals, to markets or from their own stalls. Others were prosperous merchants.

At this time, the neighborhood thrived. Look around for historical evidence of these early days in the form of architectural elements around the neighborhood.



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Choose a place to have your picture taken during your visit to Germantown

START HERE!

Start at the historic marker about the Germantown neighborhood. Be careful! Jefferson is a busy street.

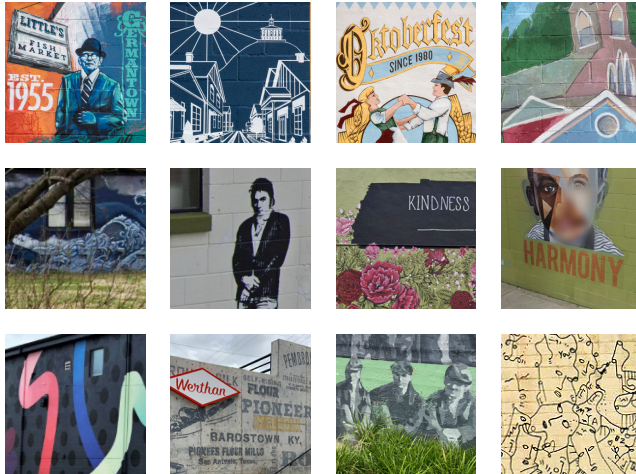


Visit the Historic Germantown Neighborhood Association website

PUBLIC ART | MURALS

Find painted murals in the neighborhood. What people, places and things are described in the murals? Do any images have symbolic meaning?

 **What do you think the artists are trying to say about the spirit and soul of Germantown?**



PUBLIC ART | SCULPTURE

Find sculpture in the neighborhood. Do you see recognizable things represented or do you think they are abstract? Describe these formal elements of each:

- color
- texture
- focal point
- size
- material
- context
- shape
- symmetry
- subject matter

Sometimes describing these elements can help you find meaning. And how does the art make you feel?

 **What values do you think public art can communicate to residents or visitors to a community?**



NATURE

Can you find any of these trees?

- tulip tree
- hackberry
- plane tree
- cottonwood
- cherry
- viburnum
- maple
- crape myrtle
- bald cypress
- oak
- magnolia
- river birch

 **Did you know Germantown is an arboretum?**

HISTORY | ARCHITECTURE

Look for evidence of the historical Germantown in architecture built from 1840 to 1930

- brick sidewalks, stone walls, stone curbs, wrought iron fences
- original windows, unique shape windows, stained glass, lintels, shutters
- front porches, railings, architectural details, rooflines, attic grilles

Home styles to look for:



Transitional Victorian




Queen Anne Cottage



Arts and Crafts



Italianate

 **Can you feel how these buildings and architectural details contribute a sense of history to the neighborhood?**

The Germantown Historic District has been listed on the National Register of Historic Places since 1979.

On churches, schools and commercial buildings, look for a date on the cornerstone

HISTORY | WERTHAN MILLS

Do you know what the Werthan site was originally used for?

- 1871** cotton mill — with looms, spindles and steam engines
- 1890** cotton fabric and bags; employed 800 people
- 1920** burlap bags, cotton flour sacks and paper bags
- WWII** made fabric for U.S. gov't and sandbags for war effort
- 1950s** brown paper bags and plastic bags

Look for murals that show

- the workers
- the packaging they manufactured

Look for industrial elements

- printing rollers near the 1950s print shop
- rails

2012 residential loft conversion complete

 **How can new uses revitalize old spaces in a city?**