

HISTORIC GERMANTOWN NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION

Public Art Initiative



Communities gain cultural, social and economic value through Public Art. Public Art reflects our history, our evolving culture, reveals our society and adds interest to our cities and uniqueness to our communities.

— Maryland State Arts Council



The goal of the Historic Germantown Neighborhood Association's (HGN) Public Art Initiative is to promote a dynamic pedestrian experience in our community that will challenge, educate and delight residents and visitors alike. Germantown is Nashville's oldest neighborhood. Because of its charm, history, walkability, and downtown location it has attracted large numbers of new residents and businesses. Imaginative objects and murals can further enhance our community's public spaces and create new ways to enjoy and explore our neighborhood.

Brick sidewalks and historic architecture provide a unique historic character; HGN's plan to add Public Art further builds community pride and helps display the spirit and soul of Germantown.



HGN’s Neighborhood Enhancement Fund

In 2016, the HGN Board created a \$10,000 Enhancement Fund to support neighborhood-wide efforts to promote our community. Since then, most direct contributions to HGN have supplemented this fund. These funds have assisted or fully financed projects that specifically add to the overall quality of life for residents, business owners and visitors to Germantown and include some of the projects described below.

Public Art Initiative Accomplishments

- Developed the Good Neighbors Partnership Program that encourages developers to include public art in new projects
- Received a Tennessee Arts Commission Creative Placement Grant for murals at Little’s Fish Company. Reproductions of these murals are being installed at the HGN Sculpture Garden on 7th Ave N
- Restored two vintage cement polar bear statues now found along 6th Ave N
- In partnership with Church of the Assumption, created the HGN Sculpture Garden on 7th Ave N. Our first commission was the Island Queen, by Doug Schatz. Our second commission was To Tame a Beast, by Brian Somerville.
- Supported the community mural at the Germantown Pub
- Designed a Germantown Public Art walking tour
- Identified potential settings for Public Art in Germantown



As the Germantown Public Art Initiative unfolds, we envision a wide range of additional art forms within and across the boundaries of Historic Germantown. Examples of future Public Art projects might include:

- Neighborhood welcome kiosk
- Enhanced street signage
- Pedestrian benches
- Bike racks
- Pop-up art installations
- Live music events
- Telephone pole flags
- Flower planters



JOIN US!

We meet every third Tuesday at 6:30 pm.

The Public Art Committee is open to anyone who lives or works in Germantown. Contact us at publicartinfo@historicgermantown.org. Learn more about HGN at historicgermantown.org.