



Public Art of Merced

Both Professional and Emerging Artists

By Cheryl Barnett



Appreciation and Awareness of the Visual Art

Categories:

- 1) Fine Art or Decorative
- 2) Memorials and Honorary Tributes
- 3) Religious or Inspirational
- 4) Functional or Commercial Art – fountains

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+ Celebrating Art in Merced

How well do you know your Visual Arts Community?

QUIZ: Give yourself 1 point for identifying each LOCATION and 1 point for knowing each artist's NAME correctly -

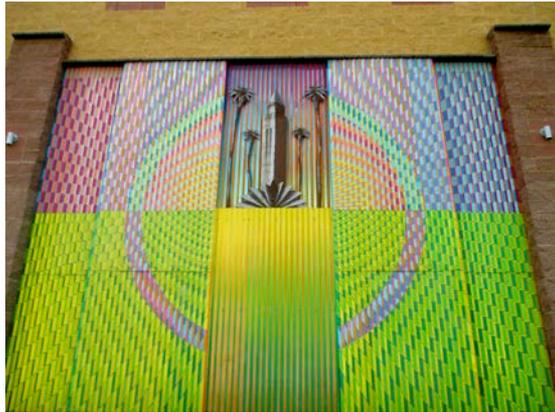
Highest scoring points wins



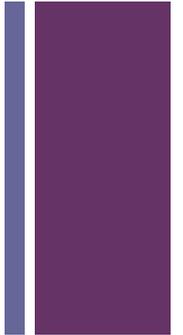


Fine Art:

Location and Artist?

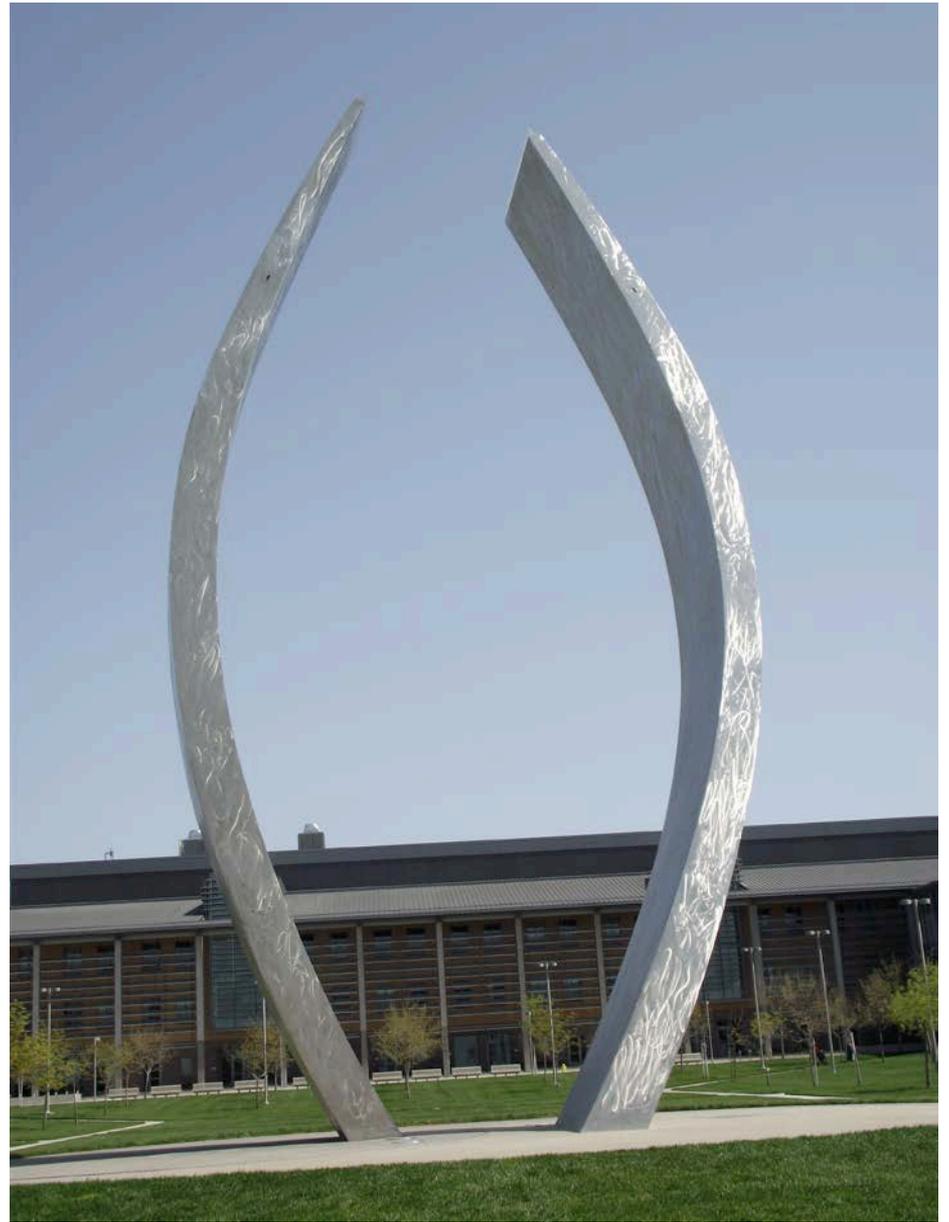


+ Regal Hollywood Cinemas - 18th Street –
by Dakota Warren (former MC Art & Design Student)
who won art competition.

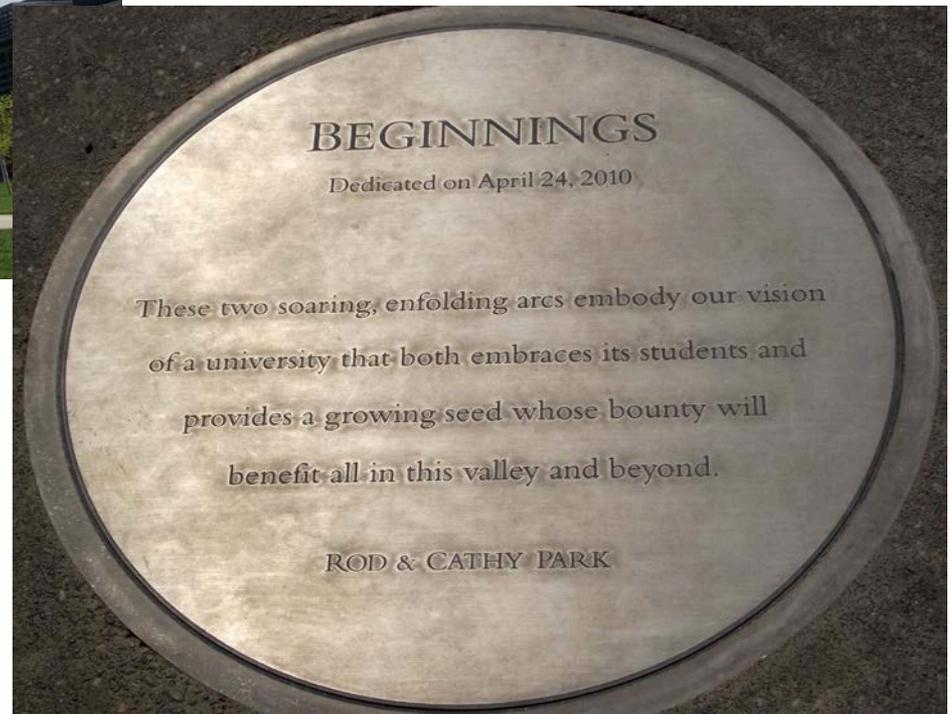
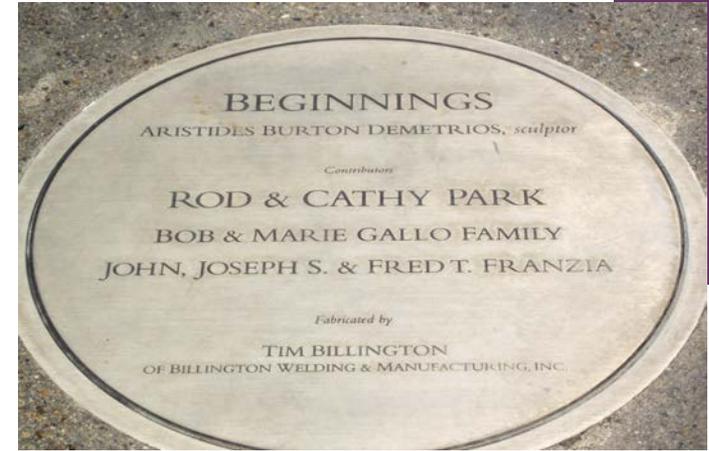




Beginnings

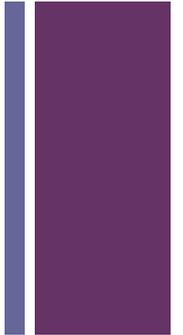


+ UCM – by Aris Demetrios

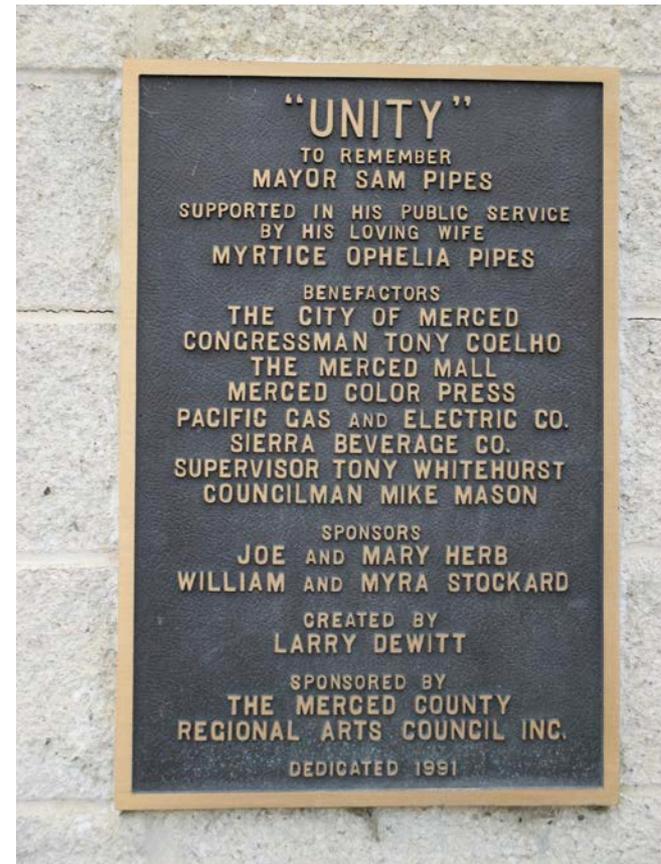


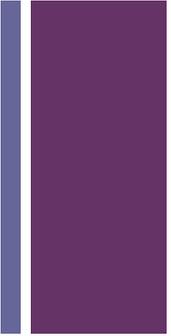


Unity



+ Civic Center – N Street
by Larry DeWitt







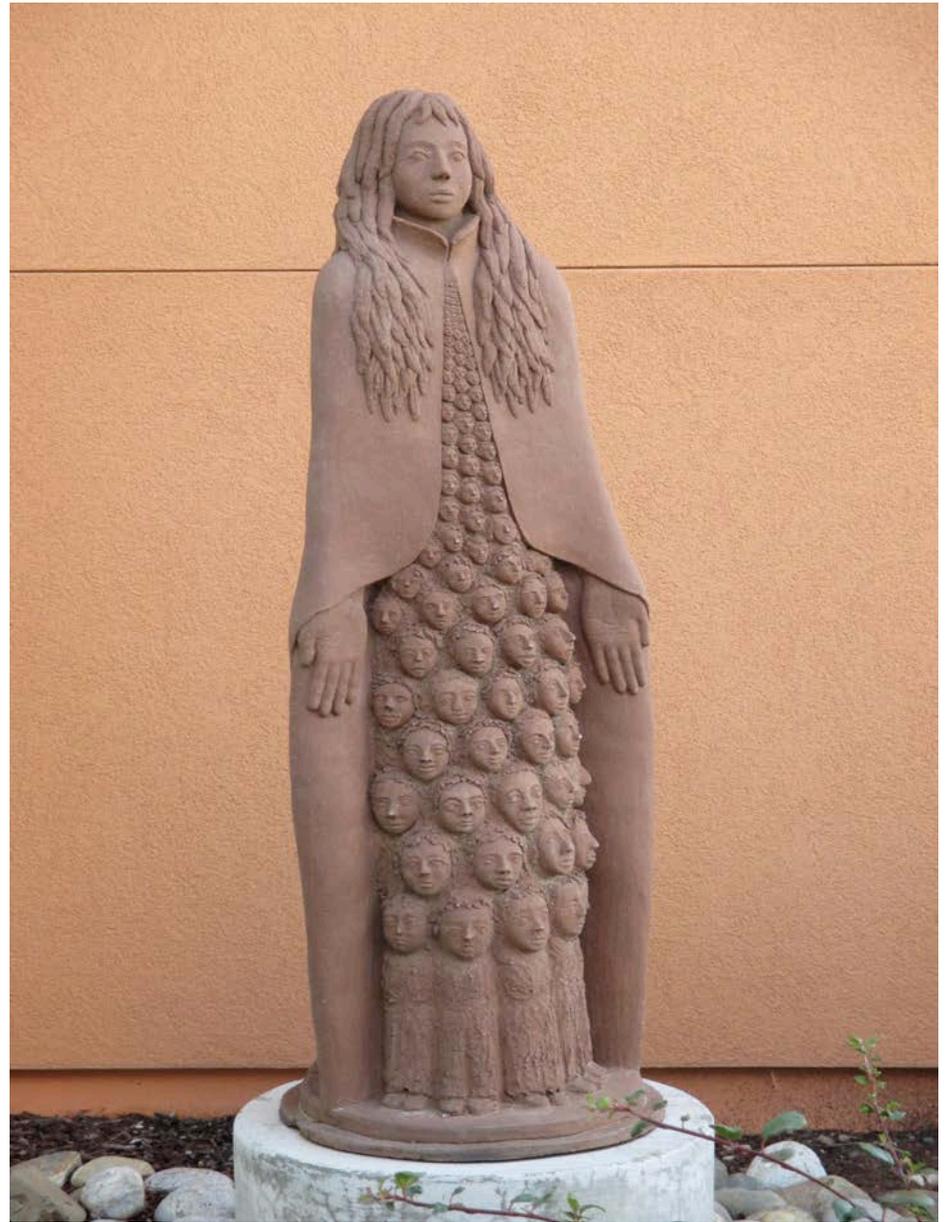
M Street & Olive Ave.

Clement Renzi

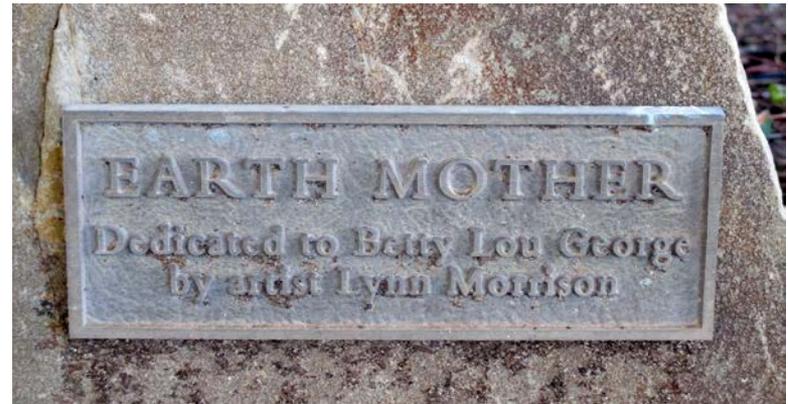




Earth Mother



+ UCM Child Development Center
Earth Mother by Lynn Morrison





Tree of Life

It was located at Applegate Park
MOAT - Merced Open Air Theatre
until it was graffitied numerous times.
It was then moved to a more secure
location...



Merced College Learning Resource Center / Library

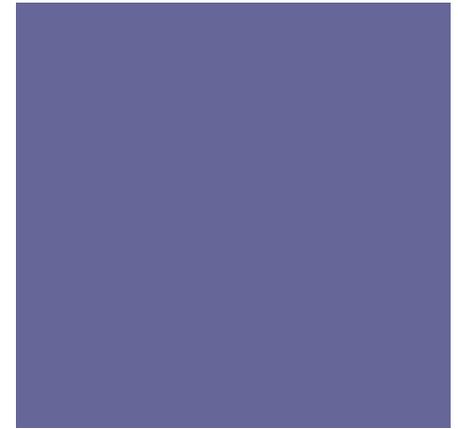
- by Lynn Morrison

Lynn in her home next to her original idea in marble, the LRC, and another copy in her garden.





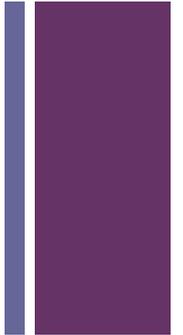
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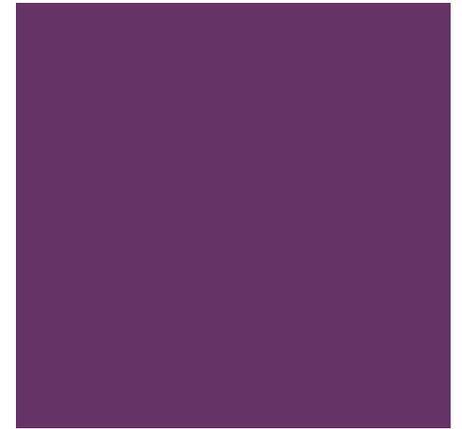


LRC displays numerous wonderful quilts and works by various artists.



Dr. Susan Walsh donated Cheryl Barnett's "Garden Parasol II" to the LRC to commemorate both women's many years of service to Merced College upon their retirement.





+ Owl

By Varaz Samuelian

Merced College Resource Learning Center / Library



Torso



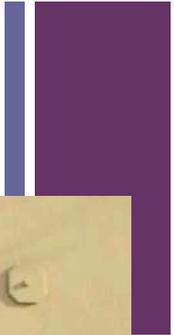


Merced College

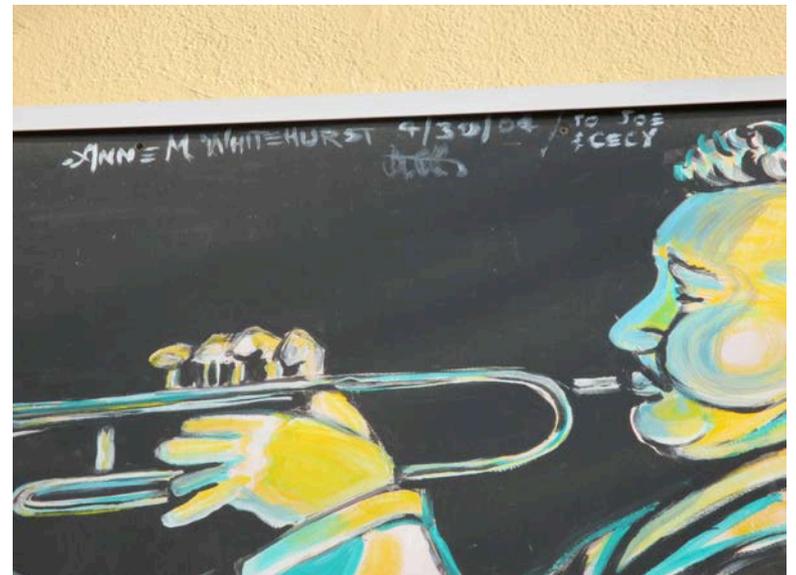
Torso - donated by Jeff Tritel

(in exchange for cost of bronze & materials while he was a student there in 1973)

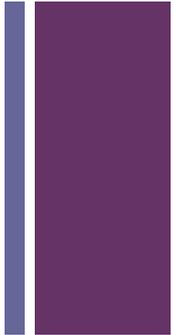




+ K Street & Main – by Anne Whitehurst



River of Mercy



+ **John Pugh and helpers**
- one of the most important artists & works to grace Merced.

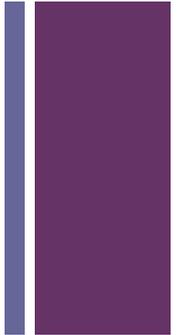
Visit his webpage - artofjohnpugh.com

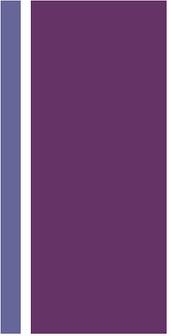


+ View From Above



+ Mercy / Davis Cancer Center –
by Jamey Brzezinski
www.jameybrzezinski.com







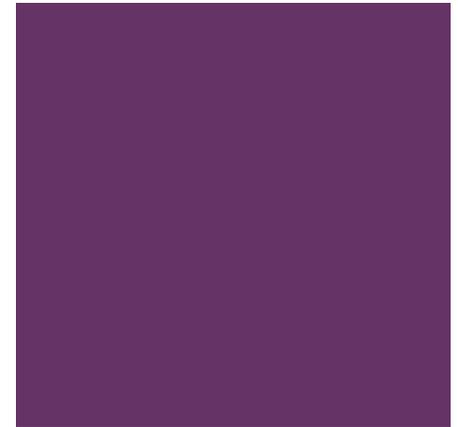
Merced College Child Development Center

Commission created by Jamey Brzezinski (retired MC painting instructor)

Detail shows his self-portrait as a child with his dog Zoe.





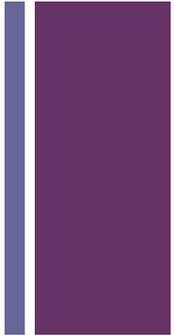


+ G Street Underpass

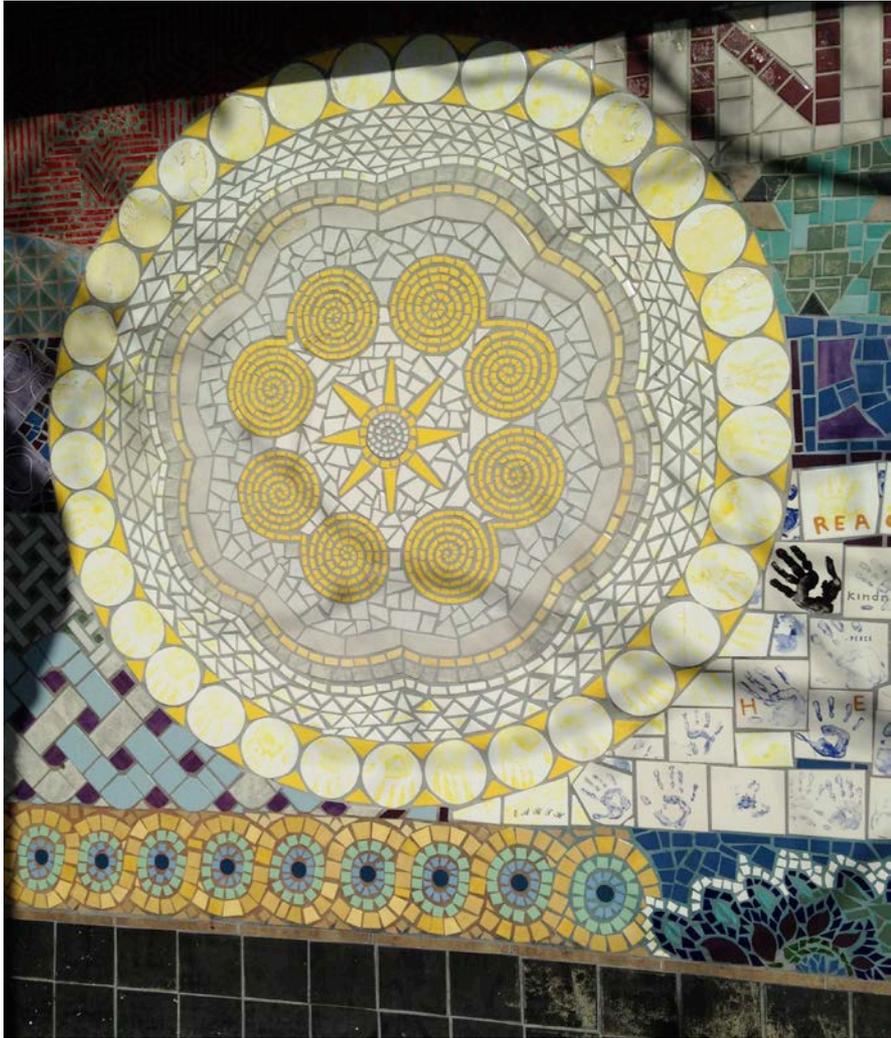
Murals by Kristan Robinson 2011-12



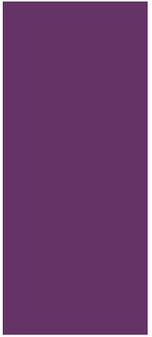
Underpass G Street - “Faces of Merced” & “Tree of Life” at Bob Hart Square by Monika Modest



+ Merced Multicultural Arts Center – Main Street Mosaic by Judith Pitman

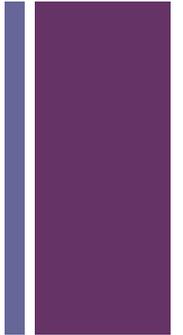


- + The MAC exhibits many wonderful art show & houses the ARBOR GALLERY which is a co-op run by many local artists. Paintings by Christie Asai, Iris Asai & Lisa Gilliland-Viney





Memorials & Honorary Tributes



MEMORIAL CENTER INTER
MEMBER IS TO HONOR"





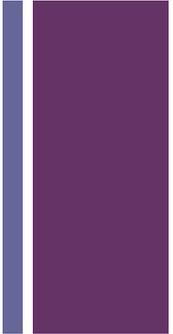
To Remember Is To Honor at the Merced Fairgrounds – by Dale Smith – 2010

A memorial to the history of the 4669 Japanese-Americans who were interned there after Pearl Harbor during WWII .





Commencement

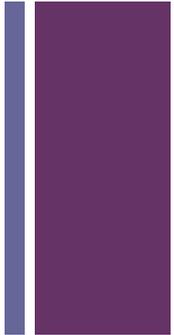


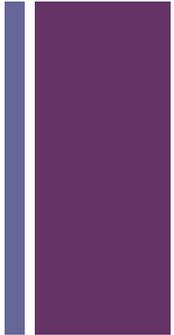
+ Merced County Office of Education – 13th Street
by Clement Renzi
Honorary Tribute to Teacher of the Year Award

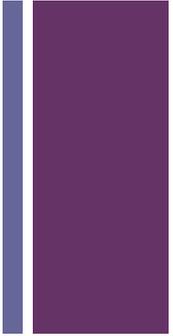
Completed after Renzi passed by 3 artists
– his assistant Jean Carter, Lester Harries & Evany Zirul

2010







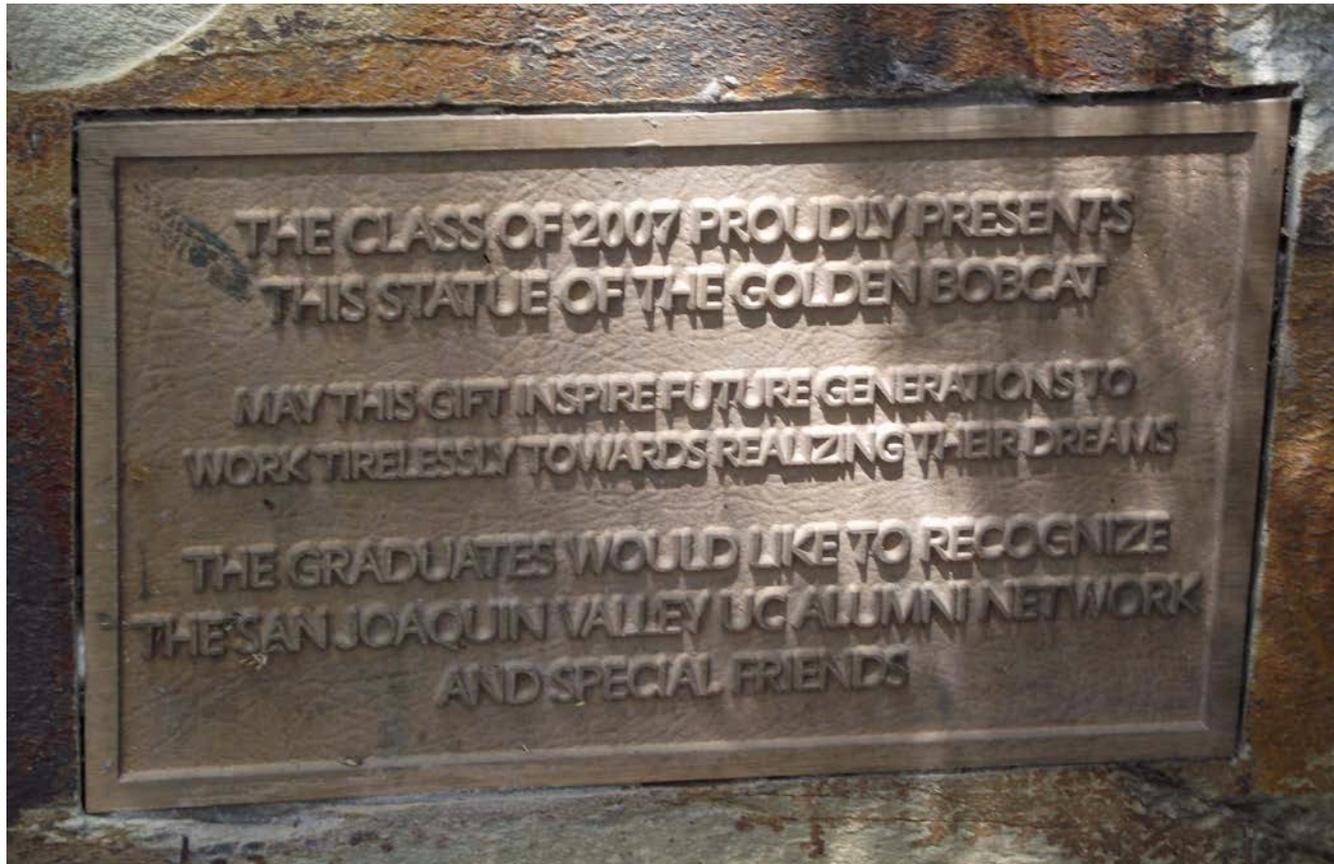


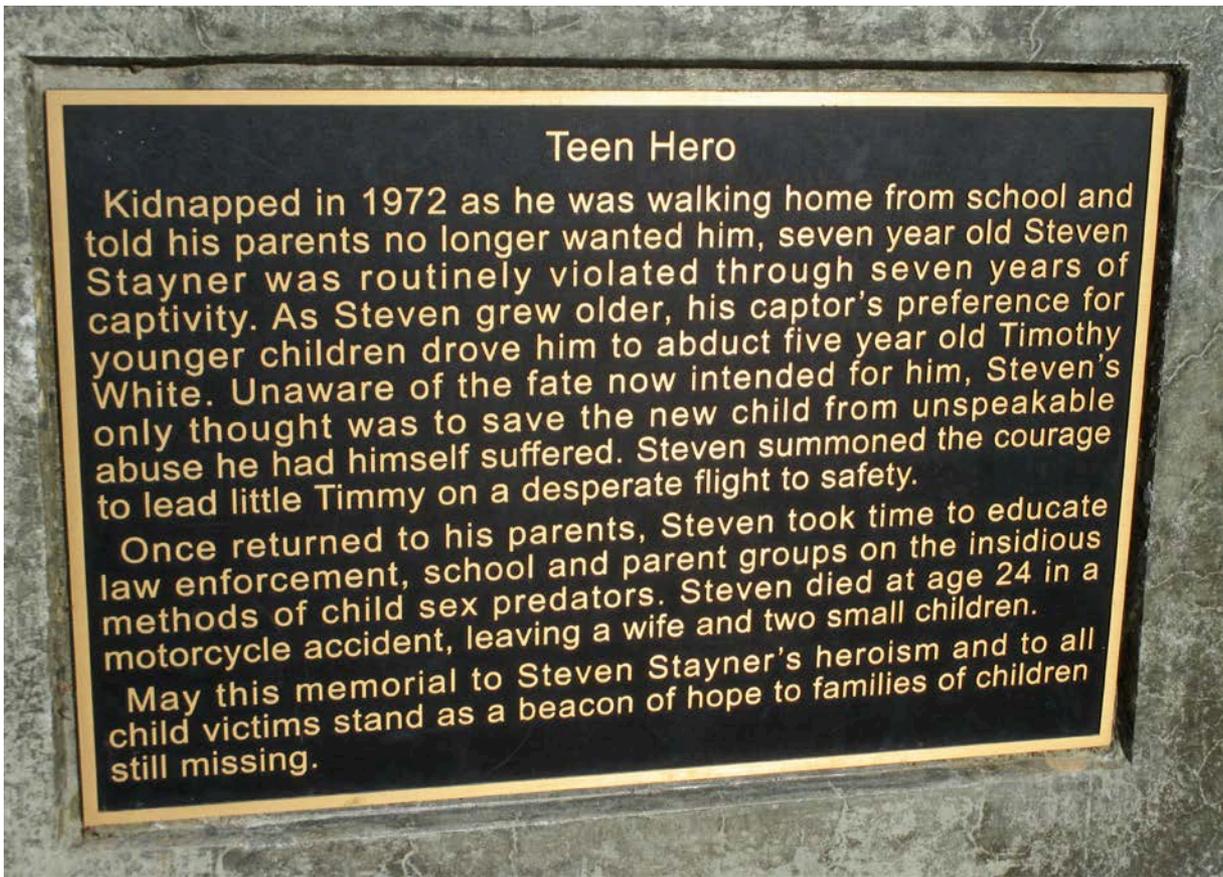


Golden Bobcat at UCM

-commissioned by the Class of 2007

artist unknown

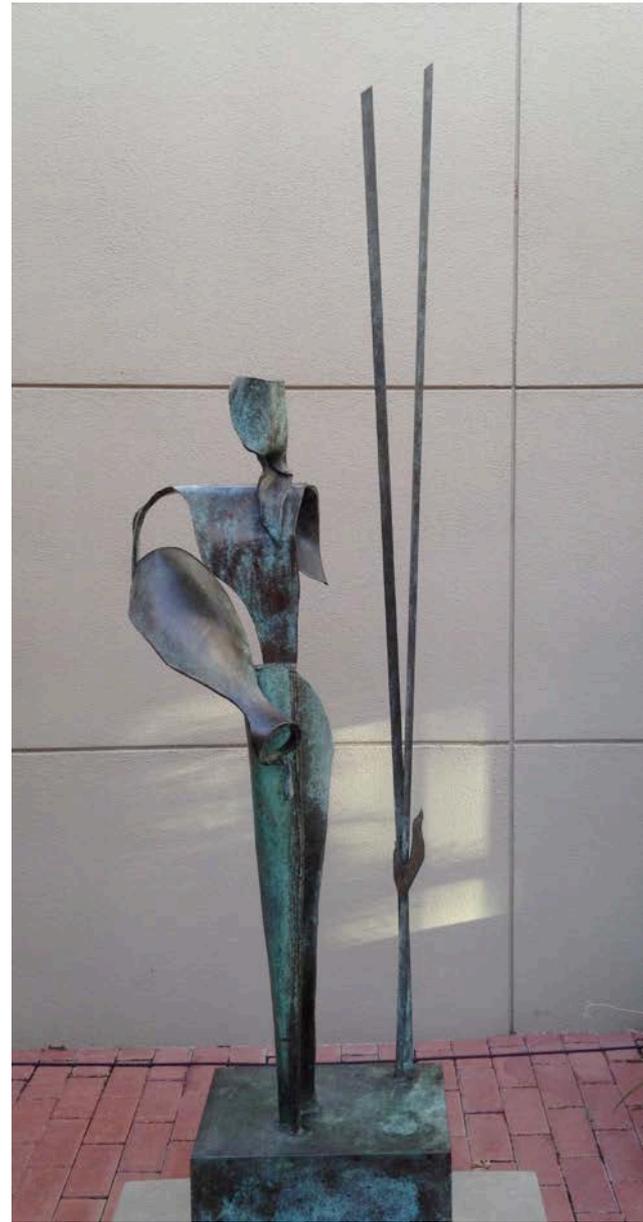




+ M & 27th Street – Applegate Park - 2010
By Paula Slater



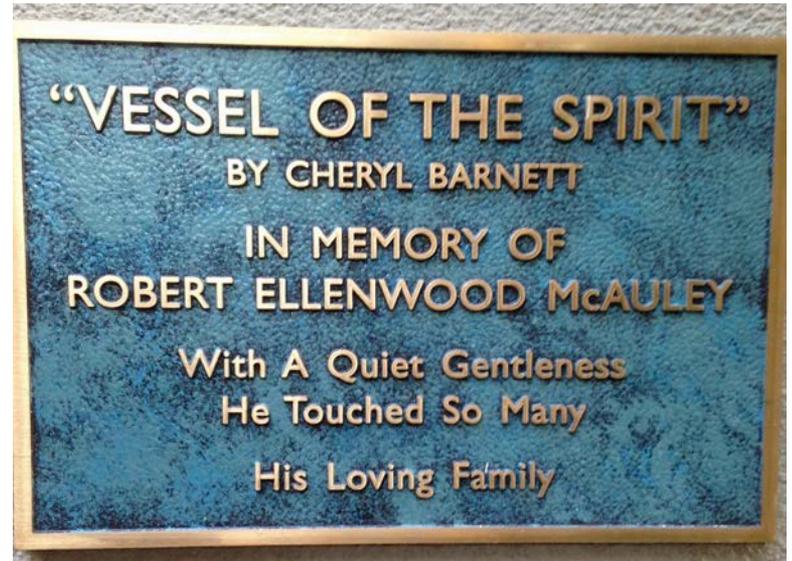
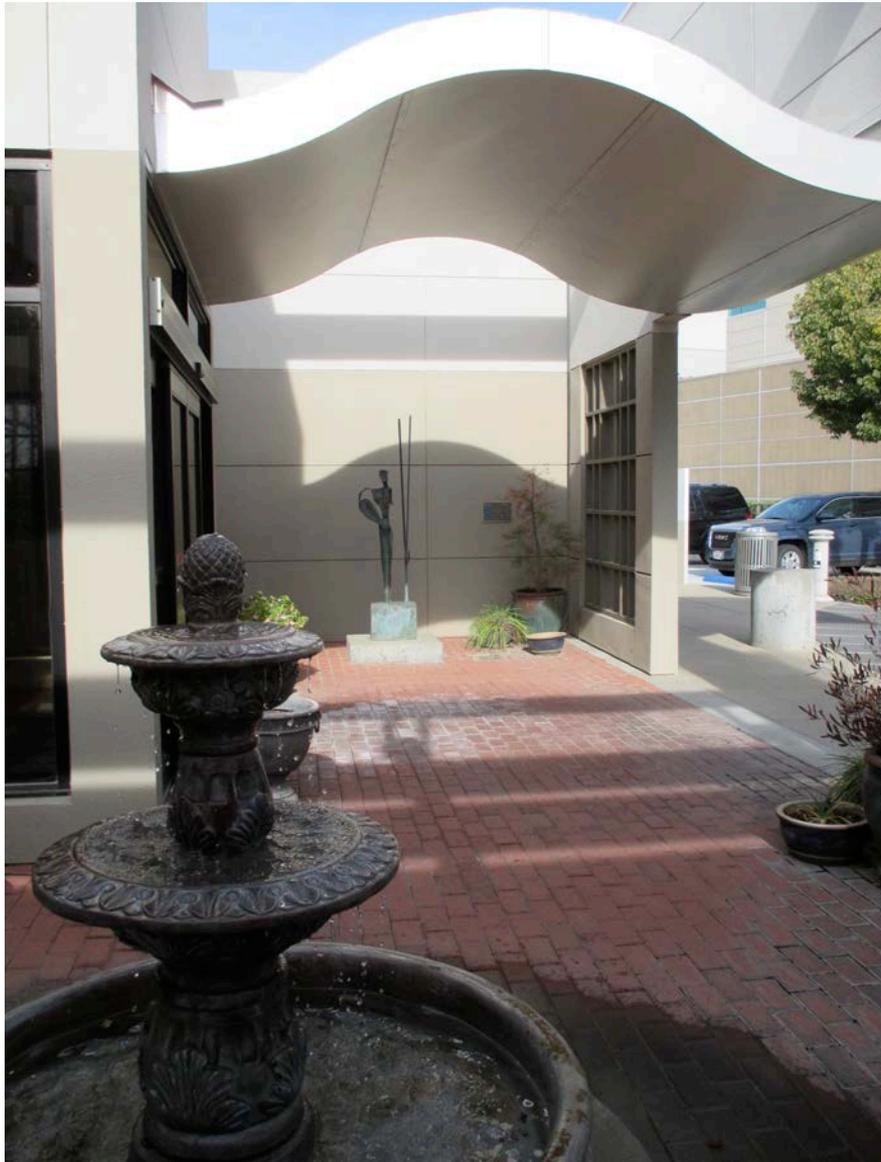
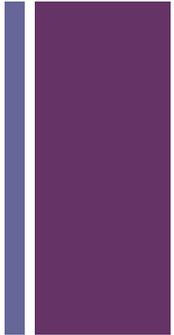
Vessel of the Spirit

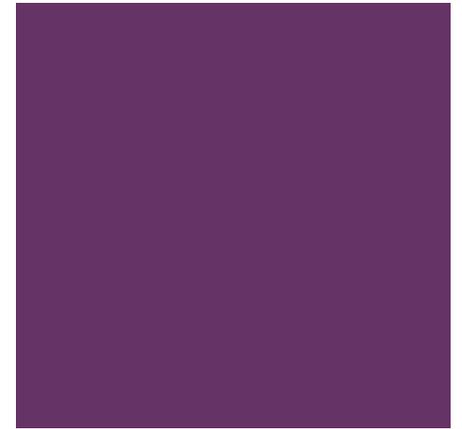




Mercy / UC Davis Cancer Center - by Cheryl Barnett

Commissioned by the McAuley Family as a tribute to Bob McAuley, 2000





+ Helping Hands



MSEF Credit Union – by Cheryl Barnett

Cornucopia subject commissioned
by Robert Wayne in 1979
for their 25th Anniversary
Celebration.



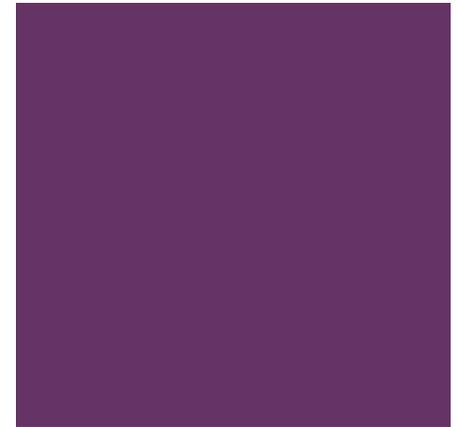
+ MSEFCU – Merced School Employees Federal Credit Union commissioned “Helping Hands” by Lynn Morrison.

Decorative works of children created by unknown artist – (usually produced in large edition numbers for commercial locations).



+ Police Station on W. 22nd Street –
designed by Officer Dave Benoy
& constructed by T.C. Williams





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Memorial Tribute Bob Cockerell



+ **Main Street – Cockerell Plaza
(old County Bank site) - artist unknown**

Founder & first Chairman of County Bank – 1977

After the bank closed the Merced County District Attorney's Office purchased the building.

+ The old Merced Sun-Star Building - G Street
Artist unknown



JUST AS THE EAGLE SYMBOLIZES
THE GUARDIANSHIP OF THE
UNITED STATES FOR IT'S CITIZENS
SO THE FREE PRESS GUARDS
THE RIGHTS AND FREEDOMS
OF THE INDIVIDUAL.



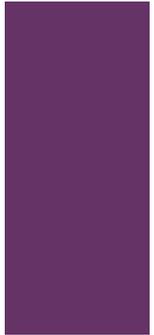
Religious or Inspirational Art

St. Francis of Assisi



St Luke's Church, then moved to Shepard of the Valley Church –
Yosemite Ave.

Lynn Morrison



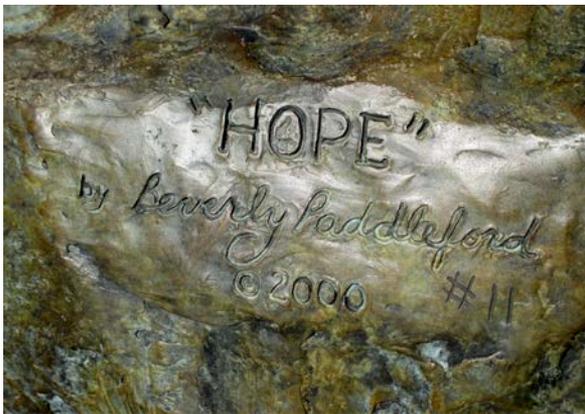
+ The Holy Family or Hope





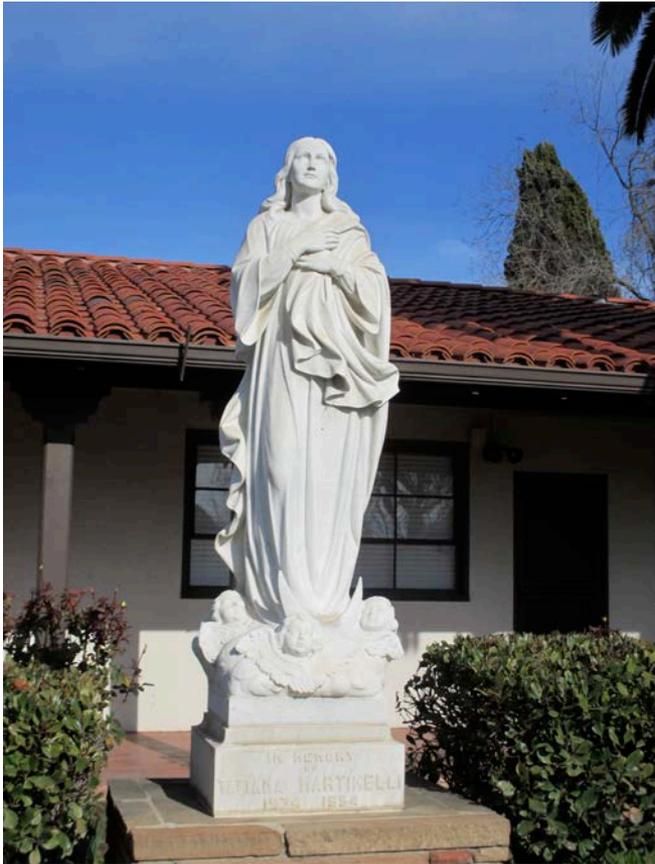
St. Patrick's Catholic Church – Yosemite Ave.
“Hope” by Beverly Paddelford – 2000 – edition # 11

St. Patrick by unknown artist



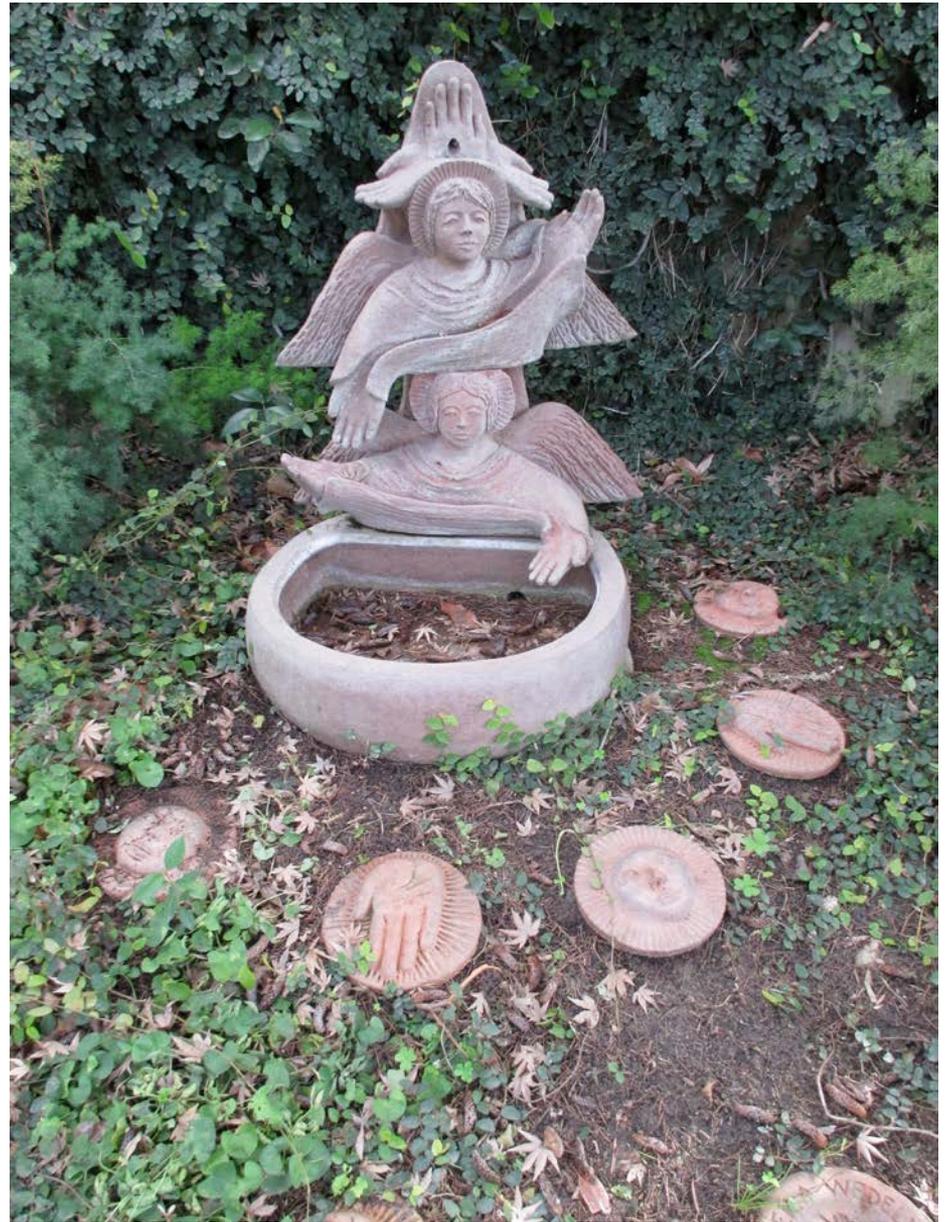
+ Catholic Church on 21st Street

OLM- Our Lady Of Mercy School at 1400 E. 27th Street





Fountain of Blessings

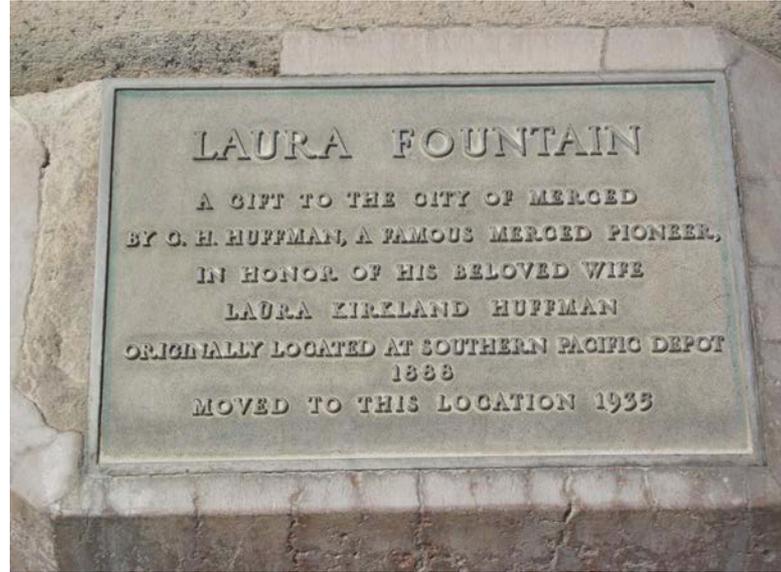
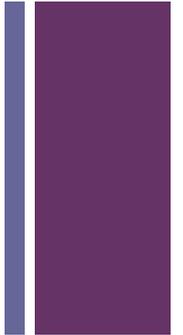


+ Fountain at Unity Church – W. 25th Street
by Lynn Morrison





Functional or Commercial Works: Fountains



+ Fountains:

Suzi Rossi Memorial Fountain
Bob Hart Square - Main Street



Merced College –
By Merle Nunes
(Destroyed now as it had rusted away by water
and the elements of time)

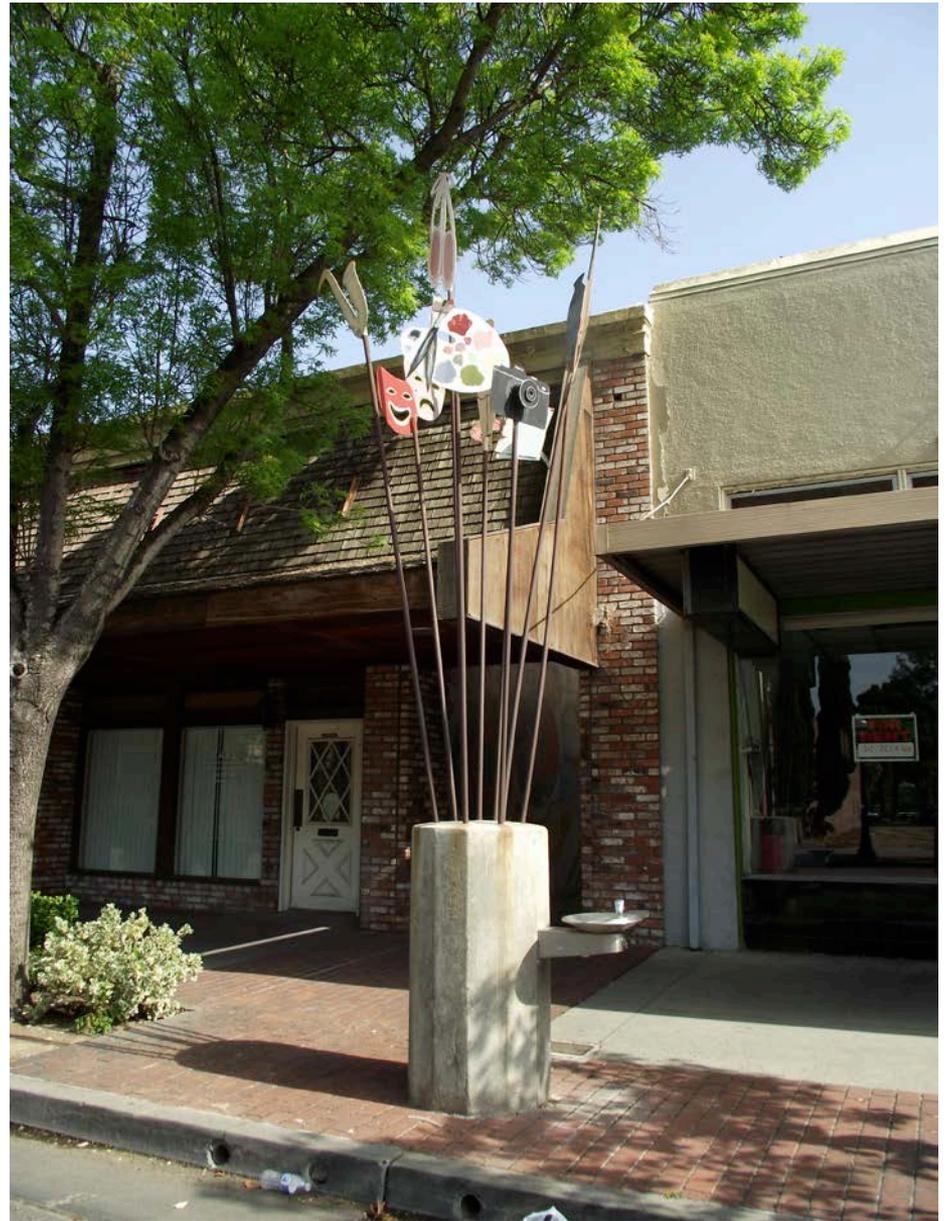




Drinking Fountain

Main Street

By Karen LeCocq
and David Medley





Merced Arts Commission

Looking for ways to improve the beauty & quality of life in Merced?

Could we persuade the City to create an ARTS Preservation Task Force to help train city employee personnel on how to maintain public art (such as murals, sculptures and fountains) for future generations. Bronze sculptures need to be cleaned, waxed, and polished annually, while trees, shrubs and vines need to be cut or removed to keep them from encroaching on the visual enjoyment of our public art.





Who is the most
visually aware
of the ART in
our
community?



Add up your points...

By Cheryl Barnett - Sculptor / Designer / Art Educator

www.barnettsculpture.com

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Several artworks were omitted due to time and space limitations.