

For Area Information:

WalkWorks Programs
<https://icopd.org/indiana-county-walkworks-program.html>

Buttermilk Falls
www.indianacountyparks.org

Blairsville Rivertown Trail
 Part of the Trans Allegheny Trail Network
www.indianacountyparks.org/trails

Blairsville Mural Walking Tour
www.visitindianacountypa.org/explore/walking-and-driving-tours/

Blairsville Historic Walking Tour
 Visit the Historical Society for map/details.

Blairsville Area Underground Railroad History Center
 214 South East Lane
 Blairsville, PA 15717
www.undergroundrailroadblairsvillepa.com

Historical Society of the Blairsville Area (HSBA)
 116 East Campbell Street
 Blairsville, PA 15717
www.blairvillehistorical.com

Additional Attractions

BLAIRSVILLE

A little town of sculptures.

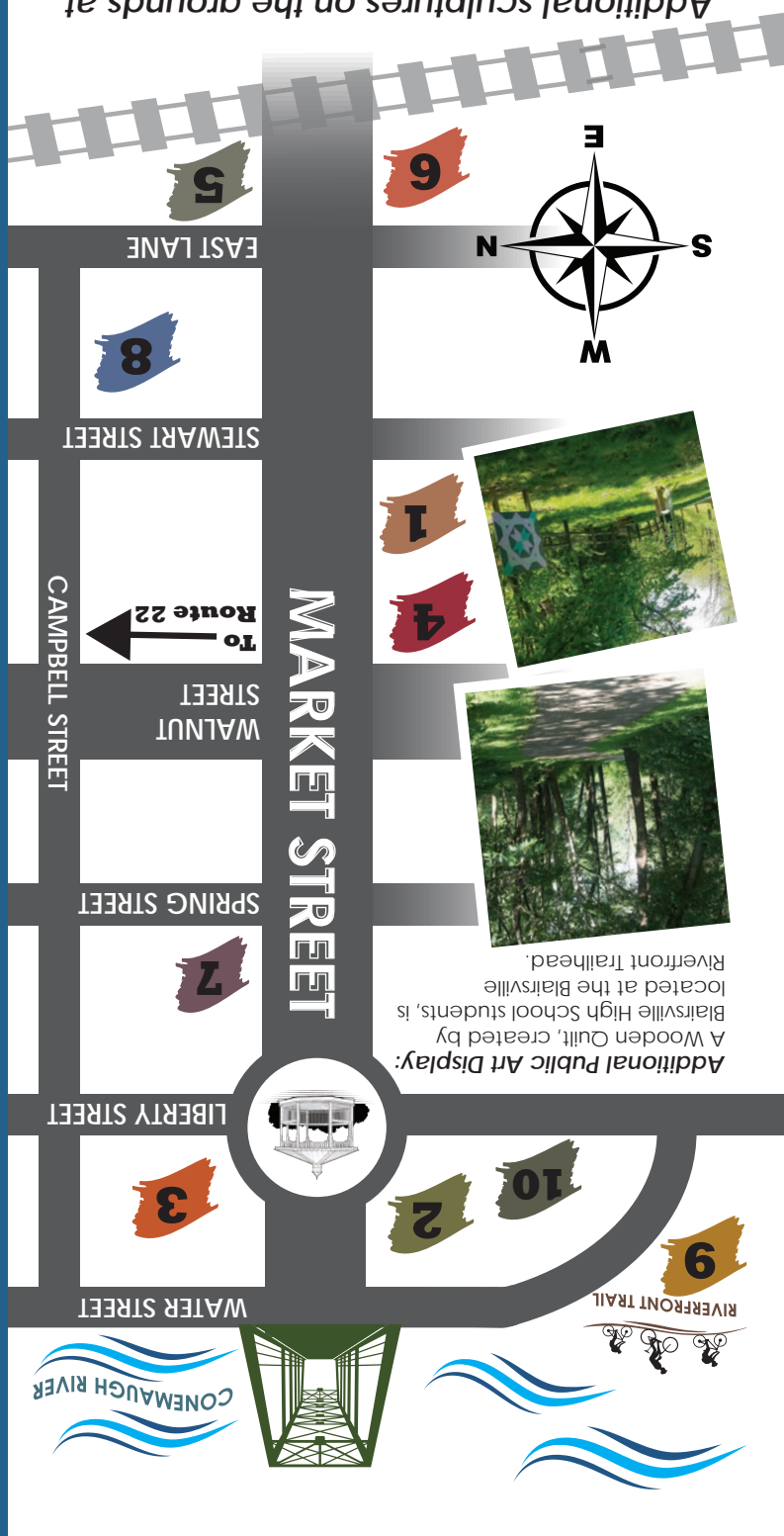
It is of interest that several of these artists were teachers. John McCombie started as an art teacher but moved quickly into sculpture. Howard Goldfarb taught math in the Baltimore schools, Norman Ed taught art in the Westmont School District and Donn Hedman served as head of the IUP ceramics department. Joy Fairbanks was a local art teacher and heads the sculpture project.

Teaching Tools

If you are using the sculptures as a teaching tool, consider asking the following questions:

- If you like it (or don't like it)...why?
- What does it make you think of?
- What would you "name" it?
- Which piece feels the "strongest" or the most "delicate"?
- How is the piece constructed so it moves in the wind?
- Could you make up a story about giant cattails?
- Can you tell which sculptures are metal, which are cement, or which are ceramic?
- Which one did you like the best? Why?

Additional sculptures on the grounds at Indiana University of Pennsylvania (IUP) 1011 South Drive, Indiana, PA 15705
www.iup.edu



Additional Public Art Display:
 A Wooden Quilt, created by Blairsville High School students, is located at the Blairsville Rivertown Trailhead.

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Walking Tour



Public art speaks to the progressive attitudes and long-time commitment of its residents. The sculptures in Blairsville have been acquired by luck and generous donations. It is hoped that visitors will enjoy the variety and unique characteristics of each of the pieces.

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Kinetic Sculpture

by Lyman Whitaker of Sedona, AZ

The constant movement appeals to all ages. Whitaker's work is found in major parks and museums throughout the United States & many are featured in Disney World.

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The Cattails

by Jack Mayer of New Alexandria, PA

These are cement fabrications and represent environmental renewal. Cattails serve to cleanse polluted water. The location near the Conemaugh River was chosen because it has experienced a wonderful rebirth.

The Orange Peel

by John McCombie, an Indiana County native & IUP Graduate

John was well known for many realistic castings, including the Civil War soldier statue in front of the Clark House Museum. This piece was donated by John's widow, Barb, and was totally refurbished by Terry Barnhart of Blairsville.

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Flower

by Students at Indiana County Technology Center

This lovely flower was done by students at the Tech Center under the direction of Louis Toth. The piece was first exhibited at the Artists Hand Gallery in Indiana, PA.

Double Helix

by Lyman Whitaker of Sedona, AZ

The second Whitaker is located near the old train station and is another example of sculpture moved by wind. It creates a constantly changing design.

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Sunface

by Don Drumm of Ohio

Don Drumm is a well-known sculptor with an amazing studio complex in Akron, OH. He is known for a variety of sun styled pieces. Drumm's piece "Sunface" seems to bring smiles to the viewer.

Tipping Point

by Howard Goldfarb, a native of Blairsville, PA

This wonderfully reflective piece hints at Goldfarb's mathematical background. Mark Nicoll, of Indiana, was the fabricator of this stunning sculpture. This piece reflects its surroundings and has become a popular place for photographs.

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Ceramic Piece

by Donn Hedman, a resident of Smicksburg, PA

Hedman's work often reflects nature and is influenced by his early childhood in Africa. It has been placed on a historic stone that was part of an old Ranson Street bridge over the railroad. It bears a brass U.S. Geological Survey marker.

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Lemon Twist

by John McCombie, an Indiana County native & IUP Graduate

This rather whimsical piece has been dubbed "Lemon Twist"....perhaps influenced by the name of his orange piece. The bright yellow lines and circles show up well against the wooded area that is near the Riverfront Trail.

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Plumb Bob

A collaborative sculpture by Norman Ed, Joy Fairbanks and Jon Herby

The original piece, by Ed of Johnstown, PA, was positioned horizontally. It was reconfigured by the project team to hang vertically. Ed tends to combine unusual found objects and bring them into a new form. There is a strong industrial feeling to this piece.