

THE ARTS COUNCIL
OF BIG SKY'S PUBLIC
ART PROGRAM

The Arts Council of Big Sky was established in 1989 to provide cultural experiences to the residents and visitors of Big Sky, Montana. A lot has changed since 1989, but our goal remains the same. As one of the leading non-profits in Southwestern Montana, ACBS is proud to offer creative opportunities such as the free Music in the Mountains concert series, the Bravo! Big Sky, collaborative film and music programs at the Independent Theater, year round art classes, an ARTventure Seattle for Local High School students and the Public Art Program.

The mission of the Public Art Program is to enrich the Big Sky experience by showcasing artwork of accomplished American artists, particularly regional and local artists of merit. Access to superb public art allows community members and visitors unique opportunities for creative engagement while enjoying our trails, visiting local shops and eateries, or simply running errands.

We hope that seeing art in Big Sky's public places brings a smile to your face, makes you think, and sparks your own creativity!

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To get involved, make a donation for public art, or for more information about our public art installations, Art on The Street Wraps, or other programs provided by the Arts Council of Big Sky, please reach us at:

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BIG SKY
PUBLIC ART
MAP

HOW TO USE THIS MAP

STEP 1. Pick up the Public Art Map. If you are reading this, you've already accomplished one step, and you are ready to get out there and enjoy some public art!

STEP 2. Get out and explore. Use the map to help guide you to the public art featured in the Town Center and Meadow Village. If you are ready for a hike, check out the sculptures at the Uplands, Hummocks, and Ousel Falls Trails.

STEP 3. Enjoy the art in your own way. Some people may prefer to closely examine the details of each art piece. Others might imagine a story inspired by the artwork or wonder how the artwork was created. Some really ambitious, creative spirits might be inspired to go home and make their own art. Maybe you'll just notice the beautiful artwork as you stroll by; there is no wrong way to experience art!

STEP 4. Share it! Public art is all about connecting with others! Tell your family and friends about your favorite artwork. Or better yet, bring them to see it for themselves. If you are on social media, snap a picture and share it with your digital community. Be sure to tag us @bigskyarts

Public Art is for the community and by the community. Thank you to each and every donor, supporter, artist, and admirer. It is because of you that Public Art is possible in Big Sky.



37 Pedro de Movellan
Gibbous, 2018
Natural hardcoat anodized aluminum, automobile paint and stainless steel

Gibbous is Big Sky's first kinetic sculpture and is propelled into motion by the slightest breeze. Find *Gibbous* at the roundabout in the Town Center.



50 Linda Fleming
Lightning, 2022
Painted Stainless Steel

Lightning welcomes visitors to the BASE Community Center and serves as a beautiful memorial to Anne Buchanan and others lost too soon.

ART UNDER THE BIG SKY

Jim Dolan
Ram, 1985
Fabricated Steel

27 Jim Dolan's *Ram* may be Big Sky's oldest piece of Public Art. Prior to his new home near the corner of Ousel Falls Road and Lone Mountain Trail, the *Ram* resided at the entrance of the River Rock Hotel for nearly 30 years. Hidden by aspens, the *Ram* was "re-homed" to a location where more people could enjoy him.



Robert Winslow
Continuity, 1990
California Black Granite

29 Installed in 2019, *Continuity* is the Arts Council's first installation of abstract art. Its carved, organic shape and viewing portal work in perfect unison with the surrounding architecture and landscape. It also marks a great resting point along the future town-wide connector trail.



Mitch Billis
Memorial Fountain, 2016
Bronze

30 A loving memorial to Big Sky's Mitch and Janet Simkins, the *Memorial Fountain* is an intersection of artistry and functionality. The Town Center plaza playground location suits the artist, whose work is often inspired by the wonderful perspective of children.



Deborah Butterfield
Winter, 2018
Unique Cast Bronze with Patina

32 *Winter's* original form was created with driftwood collected from the Gallatin, Yellowstone, and Madison rivers by the world-renowned local artist, Deborah Butterfield. Through a process of bronze casting, the wood was burnt away, leaving behind a bronze sculpture strong enough to endure Montana winters.



Ken VanDeWalle
The Sanctuary, 2022
Steel and Hardwood

49 In memory of Mark Robin, a beloved Big Sky community member and co-founder of The Hungry Moose Market and Deli, *The Sanctuary* offers a space for relaxation, reflection and connection.



ART ON THE STREET

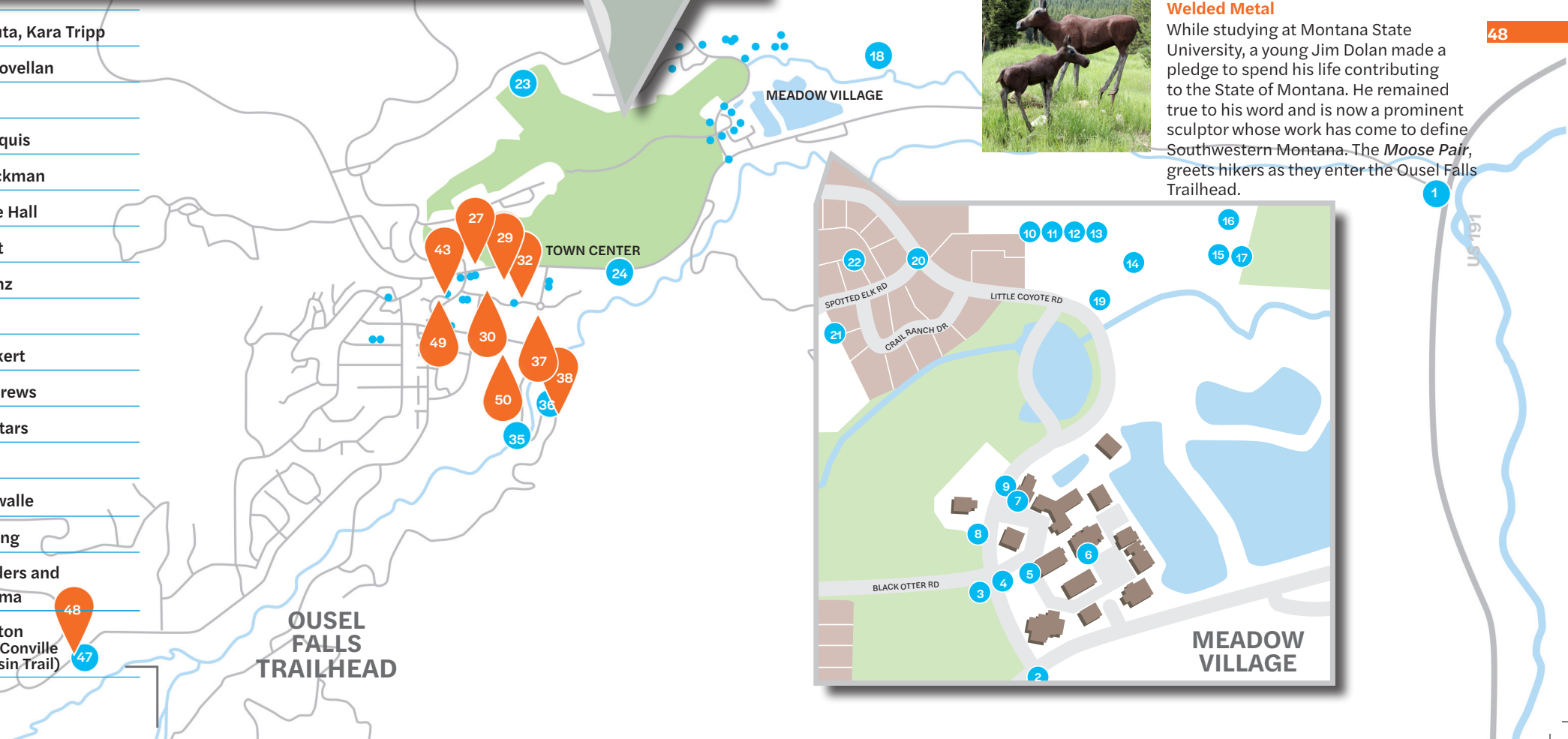
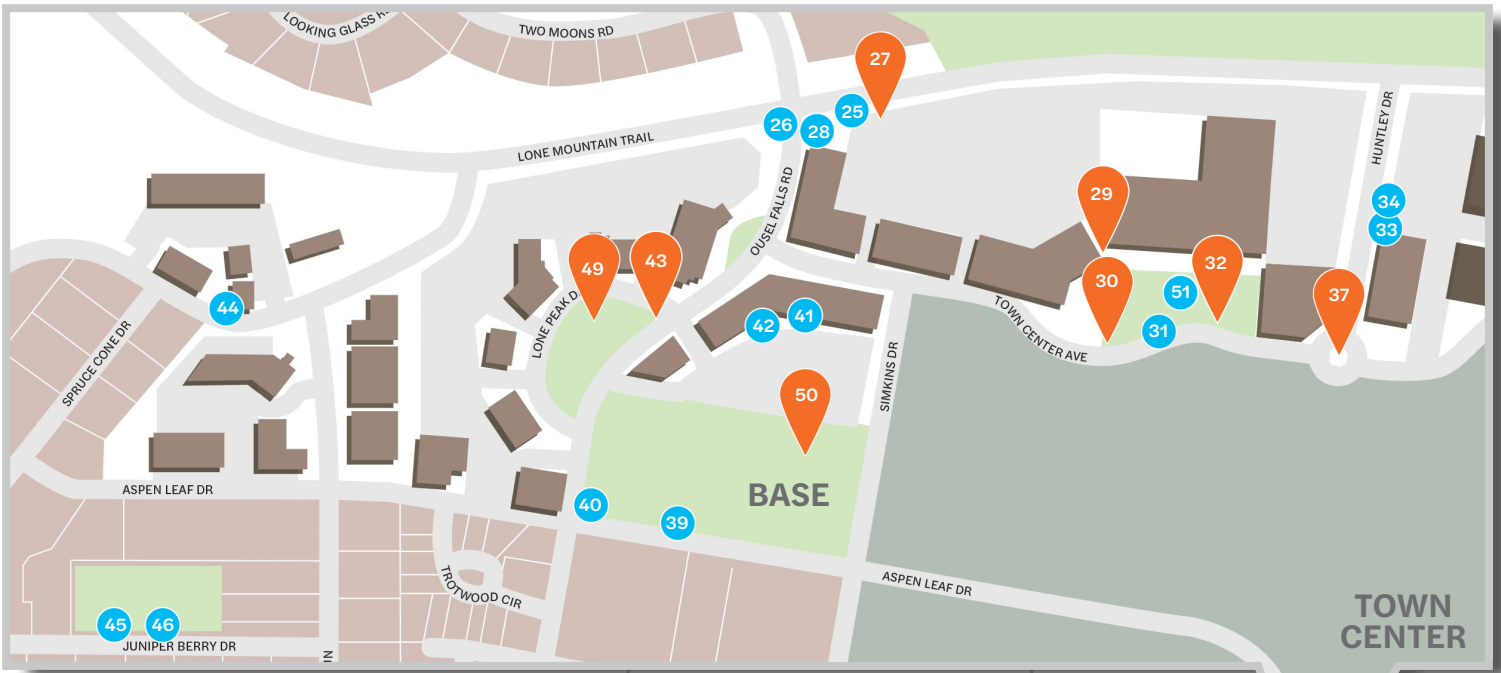
Big Sky faced an uncommon issue in planning a Public Arts Program – how can we add beauty to someplace that is already so beautiful? The answer came to a local high school student, Dasha Bough, who started the "Art on the Streets" program in 2015 with the local Rotary Club by wrapping 10 utility boxes and trash cans around the community. Since then, a total of 40 wraps have been installed on our streets, parks, and trails.

The artworks featured are thoughtfully selected to celebrate our regional heritage, culture, and landscape. While our artists range from prominent professionals, to emerging artists, to elementary students, they all share a common connection to Big Sky Country.

1	Kelsey Dzintars
2	Heather Hickman
3	Amber Blazina
4	Claire Kleese
5	Darla Myers
6	Dave Pecunies
7	Robert Schlenker
8	Crail Ranch Homestead Museum
9	Mike McCulley, Crail Ranch Homestead Museum
10	Livingston Elementary
11	Megan Buecking
12	Dasha Bough, Kira Fercho
13	Allison McGree
14	Shannon Westblade, Tom Wernikowski
15	Marci Suratt, Tom Thornton
16	Katelee McTaggart

17	Mike Ryan
18	Michael Blessing
19	Robert Schlenker
20 - 28	Crail Ranch Historical Photo
24	Michael Blessing and Mimi Matsuta
25	Annie Burd
26	Heather Rapp
27	Jim Dolan
28	K. Potter, L. Hatch, A. Blazina, G. Baker
29	Robert Winslow
30	Mitch Billis
31	Ryan Turner
32	Deborah Butterfield
33	Jensen Howard
34	Whitney Michelle Hall
35	LeeAnn Ramey

36	Mimi Matsuta, Kara Tripp
37	Pedro de Movellan
38	Jim Dolan
39	Wendy Marquis
40	Heather Hickman
41	Terry Cooke Hall
42	Sarah Angst
43	Kirsten Kainz
44	Brett Seng
45	James Weikert
46	Gianna Andrews
47	Kelsey Dzintars
48	Jim Dolan
49	Ken VanDeWalle
50	Linda Fleming
51	Gavin Wanders and Lily Hoeksema
52	James Carlton Brendan McConville (Beehive Basin Trail)



Jim Dolan
Bull Elk, 1985
Fabricated Steel

Blending in with his natural surroundings, it is easy to mistake the *Bull Elk* for the real thing as you approach the Uplands and Hummocks trails. The sculpture was a generous donation to the Arts Council by Lindy Adelmann, in memory of her husband Doug.

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Kirsten Kainz
Waldazo, 2018
Reclaimed Materials

The wonderful and whimsical *Waldazo* welcomes visitors to the Big Sky Town Center. A sight to behold from afar, the real magic of Bozeman artist Kirsten Kainz's bison is the maze of found objects that only become visible up close. Take a minute, or ten, to see what you can find hidden in *Waldazo's* fur.

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Jim Dolan
Moose Pair, 1998
Welded Metal

While studying at Montana State University, a young Jim Dolan made a pledge to spend his life contributing to the State of Montana. He remained true to his word and is now a prominent sculptor whose work has come to define Southwestern Montana. The *Moose Pair*, greets hikers as they enter the Ousel Falls Trailhead.

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