

The Vandalia Art Park 2021-22

256 E. Alkaline Springs Road, Vandalia, Ohio 45377

The Vandalia Art Park serves as an 8-acre walkable art exhibit and adds to the many amenities within the City of Vandalia. This park is joined to the Vandalia-Butler Historical Society grounds by the Vandalia Rotary Bridge. This regional destination is free to the public and combines art and history. Other activities and art initiatives complement the park and add to the appreciation of the exhibits on display throughout the year. The 2021-22 leased sculptures join the permanent pieces:

- ♦ “At Play in Geologic Time” by Matthew Weir, a permanent limestone piece created during Vandalia’s “Chiseled” 2010 Sculpture Symposium
- ♦ “Daddy Long Legs” by metal artist Dave Vande Vusse and purchased in 2015.
- ♦ “Bladerunner” created during Vandalia’s Heavy Metal Remix by Doug Benedict in September of 2016.
- ♦ Artist Todd Frahm, Asheville, North Carolina carved the 6 limestone benches which are permanent additions to the park. Two benches were part of a mini-symposium 2017. Four individually commissioned benches were added in 2018.
- ♦ “Solar Systems” by James Haven purchased by VAC in 2020.



7th Vandalia “Art Parked” Sculpture Exhibit 2021-22

Vandalia Public Art is excited to present Vandalia “Art Parked” Sculpture Exhibit 2021-22, a free outdoor sculpture exhibit on display through April, 2022 at the Vandalia Art Park. The Committee worked with Midwest Sculpture Initiative to provide the eight sculptures for this exhibit. <https://www.msisculpture.com/vandalia-202122>



Vandalia Arts Council 2021 Images Exhibit “What Brightens Your Day”

In April 2020, the early stages of the Covid-19 pandemic, the City of Vandalia asked for submissions to a contest on Facebook. The photographs from citizens on “What Brightens Your Day” was an effort to look at the positive moments in our daily lives. The original idea came from Kevin Larger and Vandalia Arts Council sponsored the prizes. All printable photographs and posts will be displayed along the Treble Clef Trail during the year-long exhibit through April 2022. Thank you to all participants and congratulations to the three winners:

Best Sunrise Photograph — Crystal Veselik

Best Positive Outlook Photograph — Laura Wampler

Best Life Hack for Social Distancing — Jessica Johnson

Sculptural Musical Instruments

The Vandalia-Butler Foundation partnered with Vandalia Arts and the City of Vandalia to sponsor the musical instruments. Instrument #5 was added in 2021. These instruments provide an accessible experience for outdoor enjoyment.



The Vandalia Rotary Amphitheater

The Phases I and II of the Vandalia Rotary Amphitheater were completed in the Spring of 2019 with funding from Vandalia Rotary Club and donated labor from R. B. Jergens Company. Electricity was added in the Fall of 2020 and asphalt pathways were added in 2021 by the City of Vandalia. Work is in progress to design and fund the amphitheater shelter and restroom.



The 2020 Bottlecap Art Totems Entryway

Citizens donated thousands of caps and 10 segments were designed and assembled by local citizens or groups into the new entryway totems. These 10 sections replaced the 24 weather damaged mosaic sections made in 2015.