

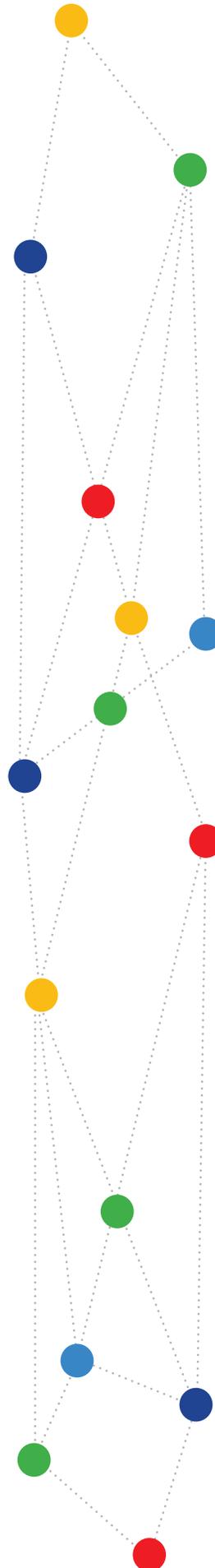
The Chapin Art Trail

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Chapin has a new public arts initiative! As Chair for the Community Arts Committee of the Crooked Creek Art League (CCAL,) I am excited to announce that the CCAL is once again partnering with the Town of Chapin and local businesses to shine a light on the vibrant arts scene in Chapin and surrounding lake communities. This area is rich with talented local artists and art lovers. There are already quite a few pieces of public art throughout the area, and new ones are being added all the time. This new project seeks to beautify the community with artworks created by local artists. Together, these will comprise the *Chapin Art Trail*.



One of the best things of visiting an area is finding all the wonderful things that make it unique. Artwork is a vital part of that; it enriches our daily lives. One-of-a-kind murals, statuary, gardens and sculptures make places more interesting and memorable, and increase the quality of life of those who enjoy them. Very often, unique public artworks ultimately serve to identify and even brand a town for both residents and visitors alike. The Chapin Art Trail, which will officially launch this fall, is designed to celebrate public artwork and make it easier for the public to find and enjoy such art.



All authorized public works of art in the greater Chapin area will be mapped out online at CrookedCreekArt.org/ChapinArtTrail and in other promotional materials designed to enable citizens to better access and appreciate the art. The people of Chapin and its visitors are encouraged to participate in an ongoing, self-guided tour of the area and its many works of public art. You can go in any order, and view as many pieces as you wish during your visit.



The CCAL has been an active part of the community since it was established in 1995 and loves the chance to give back to the town. We hope you will join the fun and take a tour on the trail!

If you know of other artwork or art-related sites that you believe should be included on the Chapin Art Trail, please email us at ChapinArtTrail@crookedcreekart.org.



The Chapin Art Trail is made possible, in part, through the fantastic support and participation of local businesses and property owners who have agreed to share the artwork they own with the community. Please respect their property and let them know how much you appreciate the artwork *and* their sponsorship!