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CUMMINGTON PUBLIC ART INSTALLATION OPENING

Cummington, MA — The Cummington Cultural District Committee is pleased to announce the opening of a temporary public art exhibition titled *REFLECTIONS*. Running the length of Main Street, 10 sculptural and multi-media installations encourage viewers to reflect upon the culture, agricultural history, and natural beauty of the land. These works will be on display from July 2nd -October 31st, 2022.

“As we began the process of establishing a cultural district in our rural community, our goal was to use this opportunity to bring together people of all ages and backgrounds through arts and music. The ten public art installations presented on Cummington’s walkable Main Street featured in REFLECTIONS allow us to share what we love about Cummington and why we live here,” says committee member Katy Eiseman.

REFLECTIONS includes work created by the artists listed below. For full descriptions images and host locations, visit - <http://cummingtonculture.art>

Ana Busto: Spring Bear Ceramic bear on a stone and wood base, paired with an organic steel form

Jane Dyer and Gail Roberge: The Tiny Museum miniature rooms with doll figures

Gene Flores: Kabir stainless steel bench

Sergei Isupov: Miss Comet monumental head created of sculpted ceramic features combined with ceramic shard mosaic

Dean Kent: Great Blue - etched glass panel in a steel frame

Beckie Kravetz: Time to Reflect: A Human Sundial - ceramic sculpture and date path (interactive, a person’s shadow tells the time)

Holly Lynton: At the Fair, 2022 - projected documentary photographs

Michael Melle: Splitting Fence Posts - life-sized figures created from sticks and hay

Becky Waterhouse and Phil Shedd: *Time Machine* - interactive painted wood sculpture

Students from New Hingham Elementary School led by Leonardo Quiles, Visual Arts Teacher: *New Hingham Large Bead Project* - large scale glazed ceramic beads strung on steel cable

Opening Events for REFLECTIONS

Friday, June 24, 5-6 pm at the Berkshire Trail Elementary School, 2 Main Street
Reception for Leo Quiles' project with the New Hingham School Ceramics Students

Saturday, July 2, 5-7 pm at the Gazebo at Pettingill Park, 14 Main Street
Official opening celebrations followed by a Contra Dance in the Pavilion hosted by Friday Night Café.

The project has been funded with grants from [RuralLISC and Mass Cultural Council and a donation from Eversource](#) to Hilltown Community Development Co who will act as fiscal agent.

The Cummington Cultural District Committee was established in 2019 to support Cultural District designation by the Mass Cultural Council. The goals of these districts are to use the arts to engage the community and invite visitors. Committee members are: John Bye, Katy Eiseman, Leslie Ferrin, Ilse Godfrey and Bob Godfrey. The Mass Cultural Council designation is pending.

For further information visit <http://cummingtonculture.art>

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