

local art + artists
Ironwood, Michigan



art for everyone

elcome to the first edition of the Ironwood Art Guide.

This guide showcases Ironwood's vibrant art community. We're proud to share our impressive art filled town alive with art inside and out all year long. Nearly ten years ago our catalyst was Downtown Art Place, now it's grown to inspire many other artists and businesses that feature art on their walls. This great art vibe has attracted more creative people to get involved in community events that offer art, food, family fun, and music.

Ironwood has a great walkable downtown to *Find Your Art*. Enjoy quaint little resting places like the flowering Pocket Park, activities in Depot Park where Ironwood Chamber of Commerce resides and Festival Ironwood thrives in July. Take a walk along the paved Iron Belle Trail to the Montreal River or bike the trail all the way through to Bessemer and Ramsay. Downtown Art Park has a selfie station across the street from the Ironwood Theatre marquee that enhances the art murals waiting to be discovered.

The Emberlight Festival propelled us to the next level in the arts with eight weeks of live performances, International Film Festival, Art in the Park and art exhibits. The City Square encompassing a half city block offers families a splash pad and First Friday events with a large art vendor market, a free family art project and live music on stage during the summer months. During winter months, there are many fun things to do in downtown Ironwood. City Square offers a warm gathering place around a gas fire pit, "Finnish" Line for SISU Ski Fest, a winter ice skating rink and holiday-lighted Jack Frost Parade the first Saturday in December.

"Public art is a great way to get people to connect."

PUBLIC ART

From Blank Canvas to Creative Community Landscape

Take a look around you. You can find many forms of public art throughout Ironwood, Bessemer and Wakefield, in parks, along the Iron Belle Trail and on buildings. Art is woven into the fabric of the community everywhere you look.



DOWNTOWN ART PARK

Murals by Artist Kate Greenough, Dan Perotti and Stephanie Carey. Chalk wall art, painted rock garden and painted houses by area children and local artists.

112 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI



PABST MINE MURAL

Historical miners mural by artist Dan Perotti. Corner of Lowell St. & W. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI



MINER'S MEMORIAL MURAL

Historical miners mural by artist Kelly Meredith. Corner of S. Suffolk St. & E. McLeod St., Ironwood, MI



ENERGY ART WINGS

Interactive art with soul by artists Sandy Harden & Sandy Sharp Near corner of Lowell St. & W. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI

AN ARTFUL GLIMPSE OF HISTORIC IRONWOOD

Public art is a cultural asset available to all. It's a way to enrich a diverse community and celebrate Ironwood's vibrant history, culture, and environment through art in public spaces.

HISTORIC IRONWOOD THEATRE

Built in 1928, in the Italianate architectural style, the theatre possesses all of the features you would expect of an early 20th century theatre: ornate wall and ceiling hand-painted murals and plenty of gilded ornaments. Guided tours by appointment. 113 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI ironwoodtheatre.net 906-932-0618

IRONWOOD MEMORIAL BUILDING

Over 34 historic photographs are displayed in the hallways of the Ironwood Memorial Building along with 47 historic stained glass windows and a bronze statue of a WWI doughboy. Also an original painting by Arie Lahti hangs in the Women's Club Room. A self-guided tour is available on weekdays. 213 S. Marquette St., Ironwood, MI travelironwood.com/memorial-building

HISTORIC IRONWOOD DEPOT

Historic photography that centers around famous buildings in Gogebic County along with railroad, mining, and lumber artifacts and photos are featured throughout the Depot. Locally authored books on mining history are sold there.

150 N. Lowell St., Ironwood, MI FB: IronwoodAreaHistoricalSociety

"There's a current of creativity that flows through town."

MINERS MEMORIAL HERITAGE PARK

Built on reclaimed late 1800s iron ore mines, the MMHP offers hiking, biking and snowshoe trails, yearly Art in the Park exhibit along the Aurora Loop, and historic interpretive signage. 755 E. Ayer St., Ironwood, MI fmmhp.com

LUMBERJACK & MINERS

Wood carving of historic lumberjack and two miners. Artist - Potlicker Sculpture. Located in Depot Park, east side 150 N. Lowell St., Ironwood, MI FB: IronwoodAreaHistoricalSociety

IRON BELLE TRAIL

Historic interpretive signage along the Iron Belle Trail explains 1900s transportation used in Gogebic County. Trailhead at Depot Park, Ironwood, MI. michigantrails.org

BESSEMER HERITAGE PARK

Metal miner sculpture of tools by Doug Kickkebusch and wood carving of historic lumberjack by Nathan & Erica Nuszkiewicz.

East Mary St., Bessemer, MI

NEE-GAW-NEE-GAW-BOW

Carved from a single piece of pine donated by Ottawa National Forest, this carving honors the Chippewa and translates to *Leading Man*.

Peter "Wolf" Toth - artist.

Located on Sunday Lake in Wakefield, MI.















We are fortunate to have a large number of artists and craftspeople living in our area. Visit Downtown Art Place Gallery (DAP), it's a great start to view over 70 local and regional artists work. The DAP is in the heart of downtown Ironwood and is a central resource for additional art information.

The following list features some of the artists and vendors we've connected with. Our art community is vibrant, strong and grows with every new art opportunity.



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Ironwood Township Farmer's Market

vegetables, meats, jams, pies, crafts N11676 Skyway Rd., Ironwood FB: Ironwood.Township.Farmers.Market July - October

Iron County Farmer's Market

vegetables, meats, jams, pies, crafts north of Hwy 51 on 10th St., Hurley, WI ironcountyfarmersmarket.com June - October

FIRST FRIDAYS IN IRONWOOD

The First Friday of every month brings special happenings to Downtown Ironwood's new City Square. In addition

> to City Square happenings, visit select downtown businesses on Aurora. Suffolk and Lowell Streets for late night shopping and various events.

First Friday includes community art and artists, pop-up shops and food vendors, all in City Square from 4-7 pm. Live music starts in the evening on City Square outdoor stage. Grab a chair or blanket to settle in for a wonderful evening. Discover the DAP gallery, extended restaurant and retail store hours, and an extra treat, a seasonal Farmer's and Artisan's market which makes First Fridays special. Historic Ironwood Theatre has a family movie night by donation. First Friday provides venues for a wide variety of monthly theme-focused activities for everyone including free art activities for youth.

Check out the community calendar at felivelife.org or visit the Ironwood Chamber and their website at ironwoodchamber.org for a full list of First Friday activities.

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THE ART OF RETAIL

The local art community *THANKS* all the regional businesses that support many artisans by selling their handcrafted products. There's something for everyone — from clothing and jewelry to home décor and craft items. These businesses include:

Amy's Art Studio & GalleryAnn Marie Batiste Art Studio	-	906-932-5874
· Ben Franklin	121 E. Aurora St.	906-932-5681
· Cold Iron Brewing	104 S. Lowell St.	906-285-7020
 Fabric Patch 	100 W. McLeod Ave.	906-932-5260
 Downtown Art Place 	111 E. Aurora St.	906-285-7300
 Hitt's Fine Furniture 	128 E. Aurora St.	906-932-4400
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 Yooper Wreath & More 	234 E.Aurora St.	906-285-9412

MAKERSPACE

Saint Maud's is a new maker space in the area. Karl Zinsmaster, owner of Saint Maud's, brings his natural creative talents and furniture making skills from Minneapolis College of Art and Design. It's a wonderful place to gather, work and learn from each other. This learning center is in a renovated church at 6699 Hibbert St., Pence, WI.

It's an impressive space to learn in a great organized workshop/wood-shop atmosphere. You can use the space, their tools and build something or they offer project assistance to teach you. There are studio spaces for rent and community spaces for meetings and events. Looking to take or teach a group class or workshop, add that to your list. Join as a daily, monthly or annual member, but first make an appointment to visit them, you'll be glad you did. saintmauds.com



Inspire · Visualize · Create

Visit the Downtown Art Place at 4 locations:

DAP Gallery& Gifts - one of a kind art, crafts & gifts.

DAP Pottery Studio - lower level of DAP Gallery.

DAP Classroom - featuring baby, youth & adult art classes.

Downtown Art Place Studios - artist working studios.

The Downtown Art Place (DAP) GALLERY & GIFTS showcases local art and celebrates artists from the Northwoods. The DAP is full of wonderful artwork, photography, regional authored books and gifts. Each week new artist's artwork is being added.

Located at 111 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI *downtownartplace.com*



The **DAP CLASSROOM** offers art classes that are child-friendly and with relevant subject matter to spark interest. We explore various media and types of art that will appeal to both children and adults. Check out the calendar at *downtownartplace.com/calendar*. Located at 105 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI

The **DAP Pottery Studio** located in the lower level of the Downtown Art Place is a 1,000 sq. ft. pottery studio dedicated to ceramics. The studio features six pottery wheels, two electric kilns, plenty of storage, and a classroom.

The **DAP STUDIOS** are where you'll find artists, basket makers and authors at work upstairs in their studios. See original artwork in oils and watercolors, handcrafted jewelry, origami, photography, mixed media, and the Velin Gallery.

If you love seeing vintage woodwork and tile, visit this historic three story building built in 1924, it feels like a step back in time!

Located two doors over from the DAP Gallery.

Located at 107 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, Ml.





PERFORMANCE ART



HISTORIC IRONWOOD

The Theatre hosts a variety of theatre, comedy, musical acts, special events, community functions and more. The Historic Ironwood Theatre continues to function as a landmark venue on Ironwood's Aurora Street while retaining the distinctive flavor of years gone by, much like Ironwood itself.

113 E. Aurora St., Ironwood, MI 906-932-0618 ironwoodtheatre.net



Theatre North is among the three oldest volunteer community theatres in the

country, entering its 59th season this fall. We present musicals along with a wide variety of dramas and comedies to the welcoming public, both old favorites and contemporary works. In addition to performing

opportunities, many volunteer artists engage in designing our sets, properties, and costumes. The eight murals on the exterior of our building were painted by local artists in 2002. Our productions generally are presented in the late fall, March, and June.

825 N. Lake St., Ironwood, MI 906-932-4371 theatrenorth.info

THE ART OF DANCE

BETHANY ANN HELLEN STUDIOS Balancing artistry and humility step-by-step. Providing classes in ballet, jazz, tap, lyrical, and hip hop for all ages, youth to adults. Music and movement development classes for young children, ages 3 months to 6 years.

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IRONWOOD DANCE Co. IDC provides and promotes dance appreciation in Ironwood and surrounding communities. Dance lessons offered in ballet pointe, jazz, tap, lyrical, ballroom and swing.

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MUSEUMS



HISTORIC IRONWOOD MUSEUM

The museum preserves, protects and promotes Ironwood's history through exhibitions, research, preservation. The Historic Ironwood Museum believes that protecting our history helps bridge cultural differences, honors our forebearers, improves our town's economic vitality and nurtures a shared sense of belonging.

150 N. Lowell St., Ironwood, MI

FB: IronwoodAreaHistoricalSociety

ERWIN TOWNSHIP HISTORICAL MUSEUM



Built in 1915, this frame school house, with original belfry and bell, was built by Erwin township for the children of Erwin's first families.

E5955 Helgren Road, Erwin Township, Ironwood, MI FB: ErwinTownshipHistoricalSociety



BESSEMER AREA HERITAGE CENTER

See the history of our community through the collections on display. A replica of the flag that inspired Francis Scott Key to write the Star Spangled Banner, boy scout display and images of early mines.

403 S. Sophie St. Bessemer, MI *FB: historybessemer*



WAKEFIELD HISTORICAL SOCIETY MUSEUM

With artifacts dating from 1884, the Wakefield Historical Society's museum features displays that include a mining room, general store, classroom, doctor's office, "Esther's closet" an exhibit of period women's clothing and an area dedicated to the military service of the city's residents. Located on Sunday Lake St., Wakefield, MI

FB: Wakefield-Michigan-Museum



IRON COUNTY HISTORICAL MUSEUM

Visitors can watch weavers use looms to create rag rugs, runners, and placemats that can be purchased at the museum.

303 Iron St Hurley, WI

FB: Iron-County-Wisconsin-Historical-Society-Museum

FESTIVALS + PERFORMANCES + EXHIBITS EXTRAORDINARY EXPERIENCES

Discover art and culture in and around Ironwood, Michigan. Learn more about our vibrant creative community—our artists, makers, entrepreneurs, arts nonprofits, and creative businesses. Together they create the rich tapestry of art and culture that make this unique community sparkle with life.

Ironwood/Gogebic County is bursting with artisans and handcrafted goods, as well as activities for the DIY-er. Here are a few ways to appreciate and expand your creativity while exploring our artistic community.

FIRST FRIDAY

The first Friday of every month brings special happenings in Downtown Ironwood. Live music, art exhibits, extended retail store hours, and pop-up shops, at Ironwood's new City Square, Depot Park, the Art Park, downtown businesses, and the Historic Ironwood Theatre all providing venues for a wide variety of theme-focused activities. *ironwoodchamber.org/ironwood-first-friday*

DEPOT PARK FARMER'S MARKET

Fresh, locally and regionally grown produce, handmade durable crafts and delicious cottage baked goods create a family friendly experience and help to support and foster new and existing small businesses. Located at the Pavilion in Depot Park on Michigan's Iron Belle trailhead on Fridays and City Square on First Fridays.

June - October. FB/olddepotfarmersmarket

EMBERLIGHT FESTIVAL

An annual celebration that produces worldclass art in the western Upper Peninsula of Michigan. Featuring Art in the Park, stars from Broadway and The Metropolitan Opera, independent films from around the world, multiple fine art shows, photography exhibit, and an arts leadership training program for young people. Every July-August. emberlight.org

RANGE ART ASSOCIATION Annual Art Show

Spanning the Western UP of Michigan and North Eastern Wisconsin, the Range Art Association provides artists a venue to show their work. Since 1954, the Range Art Association has been dedicated to promoting art and artists as a vital part of the Gogebic Range Cultural Heritage. Their annual art show is held each August in Ironwood. FB/Range-Art-Association

JACK FROST FESTIVAL

A holiday experience with unique artwork, handcrafted artisanal goods and a lighted parade with creative floats. Yearly first weekend in December. ironwoodchamber.org/jack-frost-festival

DOWNTOWN ART PLACE EXHIBITS

Explore art exhibits shown throughout the year in the Historic Ironwood Theatre concourse. Varied themes will spark interest in the art lover in everyone. downtownartplace.com





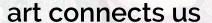








This festival features a wide selection of handmade goods by local artists featuring ceramics, fiber art, glass, jewelry, photography, and a free Kid's Craft Day. 5-day event held yearly in July Historic Depot Park, Ironwood, MI



For updated art and community event info:

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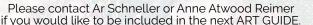








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