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# Art in Public Places

## Self-Guided Tour



Lindsborg has a deeply rooted love of the arts. The Swedish born immigrants who founded Lindsborg planted a community that would foster and grow this love for generations.

Experience Lindsborg's appreciation of art first-hand by taking the Public Art Tour. Displayed throughout town, these pieces of artwork depict a combination of contemporary city life and Scandinavian heritage .

Look up to see numerous wind vanes on top of businesses. Grab a map and find the Wild Dala herd, roaming freely through the streets of Lindsborg. Explore the downtown and find the paintings that are displayed on various buildings. Don't miss the decorative wrought iron artwork that displays a variety of business signs.

From indoor wall murals and stencils to the outdoor labyrinth, the Public Art Tour is an art adventure for everyone!

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# Artwork

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The 100 and 200 blocks of S Main Street and the 100 block of N Main Street host many works of art from artists, both past and present. You will find **paintings**, the **Wild Dala herd** (8 Wonders of Kansas Customs winner), **sculptures**, **wind vanes**, **murals**, **iron work and tiles**.

## Step Inside

**USD 400 Office**, 126 S Main St - Four paintings by Sandzén  
**Bibliotek** (Lindsborg Community Library), 111 S Main St - wood carvings and metal work in the Swedish room, Camel by Lee Becker, Long Boat by Ed Groene

**Post Office**, 125 E Lincoln St - Sandzén wall mural.

**Courtyard & Indigo Moo'd**, 125 N Main St - Maleta Forsberg wall mural. Grab some homemade ice cream while you're there!

**Designs**, 103 N Main St - G.N. Malm stenciled walls dating to the early 1900s.

**Dröm Sött/Sweet Dreams Inn**, 112 W Lincoln St - Hand painted *kurbits* throughout, painted by artist Carla J. Griffith's Wilson.

## Bethany College Campus - 335 E Swensson St

**Sculptures** located throughout campus.

**Wallerstedt Learning Center** - multiple works by various artists.

**Mingenback Art Center Gallery** - student and faculty shows.

## Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery - 401 N First St

*The Little Triton* by Carl Milles

*Rags and the Children* by Pete Felton

## Blacksmith Sculptures by Brian Holdsworth

**Wrought Iron Arch** – Elmwood Cemetery entrance, 1/4 mile east on Wells Fargo Road. Turn east on Harrison Street.

**Decorative Ironwork** – *Bibliotek* (Lindsborg Community Library), 111 S Main St, Swedish room.

**Decorative Ironwork** – White's Foodliner, 215 Harrison St.

## City Hall - 102 S Main Street

**City Emblem** – mosaic by artist John Whitfield (outside)

**Going to Julotta** - painting by artist Lee Becker (inside)

**Sweden to the Plains~Living the Legacy** - bronze relief by artist Ed Pogue (outside)

## Smoky Valley High School - # 1 Viking Boulevard

**Viking** – Life-size wood carving by artist Dave Anderson, located in the commons area.

## **Messiah Lutheran Church – 402 N First Street**

**Stained glass windows** – Eldon B. Swensson

**Messiah Peace Park & Labyrinth**

**Sanctuary Paintings** by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

**Multiple works** by various artists inside the church

## **Evangelical Covenant Church - 102 S Washington Street**

A painting by G.N. Malm and multiple works by various artists

## **Trinity United Methodist Church - 224 S Main Street**

**Altar paintings** by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

## **Swensson Park – 400 block of N Main Street**

**Viking Valley Playground** – works by various local artists

**Järnkors** – “iron cross” or “tree of life” by artist Brian Holdsworth

**Alma Lind Swensson Memorial Garden** - by artist Michaela Valli Groeblacher



## **Bethany Lutheran Church – 320 N Main Street**

**Sculptures** – Oscar Gunnarson

**Sculpture** – John Whitfield

**Mosaic** – Malcolm Esping

**Alter paintings** by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

**Multiple works** by various artists in the church

## **Sculptures by John Whitfield**

**Lucia** – St. Bridget Catholic Church, 206 W Swensson Street

**Florence Nightingales's Lamp** – Lindsborg Hospital, 601 W Lincoln Street

**Marker** on location of first Bethany Church – NW of Lindsborg, 2 miles south of Coronado Heights Road on 12<sup>th</sup> Avenue (find the miniature version in the Bethany Church yard.)

**Rune Stones** – Riverside Park, corner of First Street & Lindsborg Street 824 N Second Street, 422 N Washington Street

**A Place to Share** – Coronado Heights, NW of Lindsborg off 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue

## **Sculptures by Don Osborn**

Along the Välkommen trail, by Swede Sk8 Park on the north and by Fredrickson Family Fitness Park on the south.

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# Murals in Lindsborg

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## Lucia Park

100 block of S. Main St.

Two St. Lucia scenes - painted by artist Shirley Malm

## Bibliotek (Lindsborg Community Library)

Alleyway behind the Lindsborg Community Library,

100 block of S. Main St.

Jumbo Book Shelf Mural - painted by Meghan Klaassen

## First Bank Kansas

100 block of N. Main - parking lot/drive thru

Midsummers' Swedish Dancers - painted by Whitney Kerr

## Swensson Park

400 Block of N. Main St., south side of public restrooms

Viking Voyage - painted by Cal McNichols

## Trollslända Toy Store

135 N. Main St., north side of building

2-story mural - painted by Cal McNichols

## Slojd Building

115 S. Main Street , south side of building

A tribute to past Broadway RFD musicals, *Beauty and the*

*Beast*, and *The Wizard of Oz* - painted by Meghan Klaassen and Katie Stiebens

Snap a selfie and tag yourself on Facebook or Instagram .

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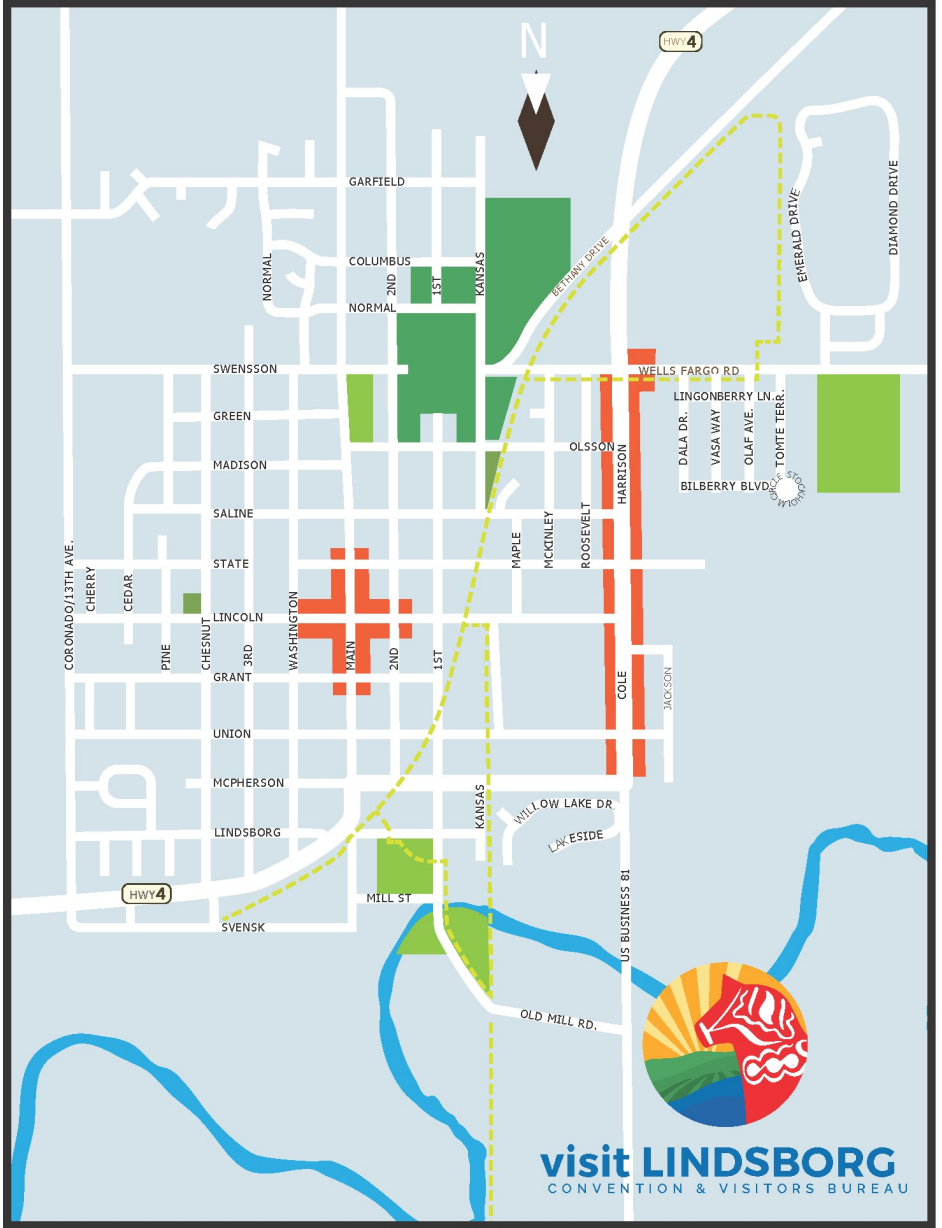
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# City Map



# Galleries

**Birger Sandzén Memorial Art Gallery**, 401N First St, features an extensive collection of Sandzén paintings and prints and also hosts special traveling exhibitions and guest artists.

**8 Wonders of Kansas Art Winner**



**Hemslöjd**, 201 N Main St, visit with the folk-artist or craftsmen as they create Dala horse signs and other specialties.

**8 Wonders of Kansas Commerce Winner**

**Lindsborg Old Mill & Swedish Heritage Museum**, 120 Mill St, houses Oscar Gunnerson's concrete sculptures and Anton Pearson's Scandinavian flat plane figure carvings.



**8 Wonders of Kansas History Finalist**

**Mingenback Art Center**, 335 E Swenson St,

In the Department of Art at Bethany College is a cultural center connecting students to the diverse community in central Kansas. The gallery serves students and the wider community to engage, imagine, and create new possibilities.



**The Red Barn Studio and Museum**, 212 S Main St, offers visitors an opportunity to view Lester Raymer's art in the various mediums in which he worked. The Red Barn also sponsors an artist-in-residence program.

**8 Wonders of Kansas Art Finalist**



**Small World Gallery**, 127 N Main St, is home to National Geographic photographer Jim Richardson and the studio for IBIS Woman jewelry creations by Kathy Richardson and Brianna Zimmerling.



**Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center**,  
114 1/2 S Main St,

Established in 2020 to promote, support, and develop the arts at the local level throughout the Smoky Valley and to provide cultural enrichment for the public, this gallery provides an ever-changing display of curated arts and crafts, along with their interesting stories.



**Clara Hatton Center**, 105 N Main St,  
Founded in 2020, Hatton had an impressive command of a wide variety of media. Her work and papers are available to the public as well as exhibitions featuring Hatton and other artists.



## Local Art Exhibits

**Lindsborg Collects**, a seasonal display during Messiah Festival of the Arts (spring), features artwork by Lindsborg artists, from the collections of Lindsborg residents. This show brings outstanding local artwork into a gallery setting for a once-a-year show. Location is the Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center, 114 1/2 S Main Street.

**Annual Midwest Art Exhibit**, was founded in 1899 by three local Lindsborg artists—Birger Sandzén, Carl Lotave, and G.N. Malm—as a complement to the annual Messiah Festival of the Arts held at Bethany College. This show represents the longest running annual art exhibition in Kansas, and is shown at the Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery.

**Artists' Studio Open House**, an annual event held annually during the holiday season provides the rare opportunity to see local artists working in their private studios. Start your journey at the Red Barn Studio on the first Saturday of December.



## A Love Affair with the Arts...

Lindsborg's love affair with art reaches back to 1890 when the Bethany College Art Department was founded. Soon after, in 1894, Swedish-born painter Birger Sandzén arrived at Bethany. By 1899, Sandzén, G.N. Malm and Carl Lotave were orchestrating the first annual art exhibition in Lindsborg. Through Sandzén's creative energy and relentless promotion, Lindsborg became the unofficial art center of Kansas. Professor Sandzén not only advocated art throughout Kansas but also the Midwest.

Artists naturally gathered around Sandzén, who was gaining a reputation as a prominent American artist. In December of 1930, he and several other artists gathered at Sandzén's studio and formed the famed Prairie Print Makers. The Lindsborg Artists Guild formed in 1949, providing mutual support to artists in Lindsborg, and in the late 1970's the Lindsborg Arts Council was founded. The Council's mission remains today, —to promote, encourage and increase the knowledge, appreciation and practice of the arts in Lindsborg and the surrounding area.

From these beginnings, other renowned artists began to emerge in Lindsborg. They included, among others, Lester Raymer, Signe Larson, Oscar Gunnerson, Alba Malm, Malcolm Esping, Margaret Greenough (Sandzén's daughter), and Anton Pearson. These and the many artists that follow, even today, are a tribute to Lindsborg's rooted love and continued strong support of the arts.

Front cover art: John Whitfield at Lindsborg Hospital, 601 W Lincoln Street; Birger Sandzén at Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery, 401 N First Street; Don Osborn located along the trail by Swede Sk8 Skate Park, between E Saline and E Olsson Streets; Lee Becker at Bibliotek (library), 111 S Main Street. Back cover art: Ed Groene at Bibliotek, 111 S Main Street