
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!

Artwork

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, 125 N Main St - Maleta Forsberg wall mural
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 St

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 St

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

Trinity United Methodist Church - 224 S Main St

Altar paintings by G.N. Malm and Birger Sandzén

Swensson Park – 400 block of N Main St

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 St

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 St

Florence Nightingales’s Lamp – Lindsborg Hospital,
601 W Lincoln St

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

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

A Place to Share – Coronado Heights, NW of Lindsborg off
13th Ave

Sculptures by Don Osborn

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

Murals in Lindsborg

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 St - 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

Big Bjorn - painted by Cal McNichols

Slojd Building

115 S Main St, 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

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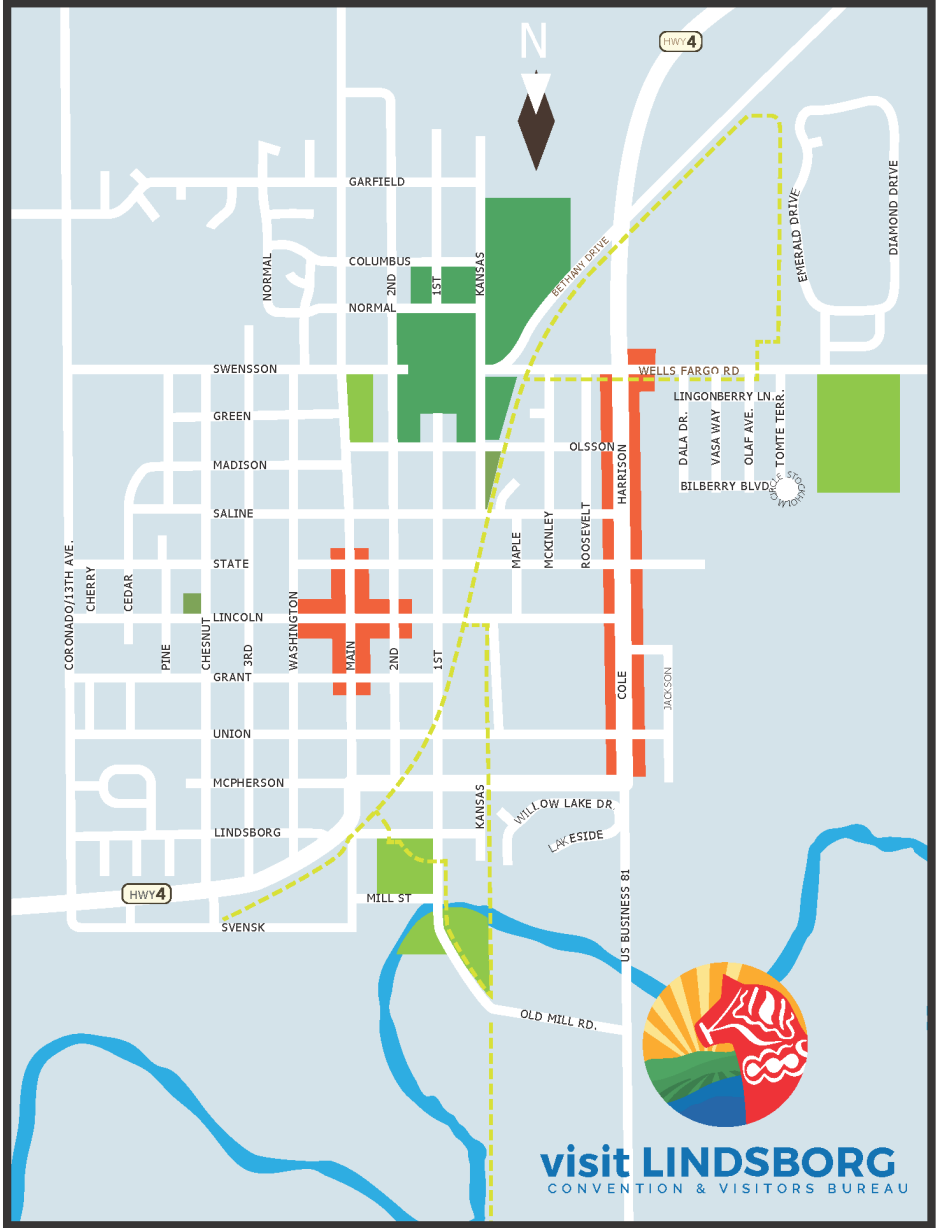
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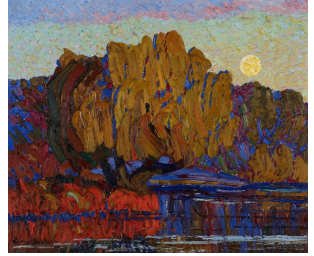
City Map



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 Swensson St, 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.



Local Art Exhibits

Lindsborg Collects, a seasonal display during Messiah Festival of the Arts, features artwork by Lindsborg artists from the collections of Lindsborg residents. Often the story behind the ownership of the art is as fascinating as the art itself. This show brings outstanding local artwork into a gallery setting for an annual show at Smoky Valley Arts & Folklife Center.

Annual Midwest Art Exhibit, 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.

Christmas Artists' Studio Open House, an annual event held 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.

Holiday Gift Show, The annual *Holiday Gift Show* at Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery is a holiday favorite for shoppers looking for an alternative to mainstream commercial gifts. The offerings include paintings, prints, hand-made cards, small quilts, ceramics, jewelry, sculpture, Swedish inspired folk art, and woodcarvings from a wide variety of artists.



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 1970s 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 St; Birger Sandzén at Birger Sandzén Memorial Gallery, 401 N First St; Don Osborn located along the trail by Swede Sk8 Skate Park, between E Saline and E Olsson St; Lee Becker at Bibliotek (library), 111 S Main St. Back cover art: Ed Groene at Bibliotek, 111 S Main St