



# APEX PUBLIC ART GUIDE





# TABLE OF CONTENTS

Discover the vibrant spirit of Apex through its diverse collection of public art. This guide invites you to encounter sculptures and murals that enliven our town's historic downtown, scenic greenways, inviting parks, and other community spaces.

Each piece featured here is accessible to the public, offering a unique way to connect with local culture and creativity.

Whether you're a resident or a visitor, we hope this guide inspires you to explore and enjoy the unique artwork around Apex.

- Apex Culture & Arts Advisory Board

<b>DOWNTOWN APEX</b> .....	<b>2</b>
<b>CENTRAL APEX</b> .....	<b>14</b>
<b>OUTER APEX</b> .....	<b>28</b>
<b>EXTRAS</b> .....	<b>39</b>



# DOWNTOWN APEX

- 1 WINDOWS DOWN
- 2 KEYHOLE PORTAL
- 3 INKY
- 4 COMMUNITY LAUGHING GARDEN
- 5 DOVES OF PEACE
- 6 YESTERDAY'S MIRROR,  
TOMORROW'S WINDOW
- 7 GROW PRESCHOOL MURAL
- 8 HEARTS OF APEX
- 9 LET IT FLOW



# DOWNTOWN APEX

Step into the heart of Apex by visiting its charming historic downtown, where the community's vibrant spirit comes to life.

This walkable district invites you to discover a unique blend of past and present, featuring locally owned shops, colorful murals, and striking sculptures that celebrate the town's artistic flair.

As the center of community gatherings and festivals, downtown Apex offers an inviting atmosphere for residents and visitors alike to experience art, culture, and small-town hospitality at every turn.



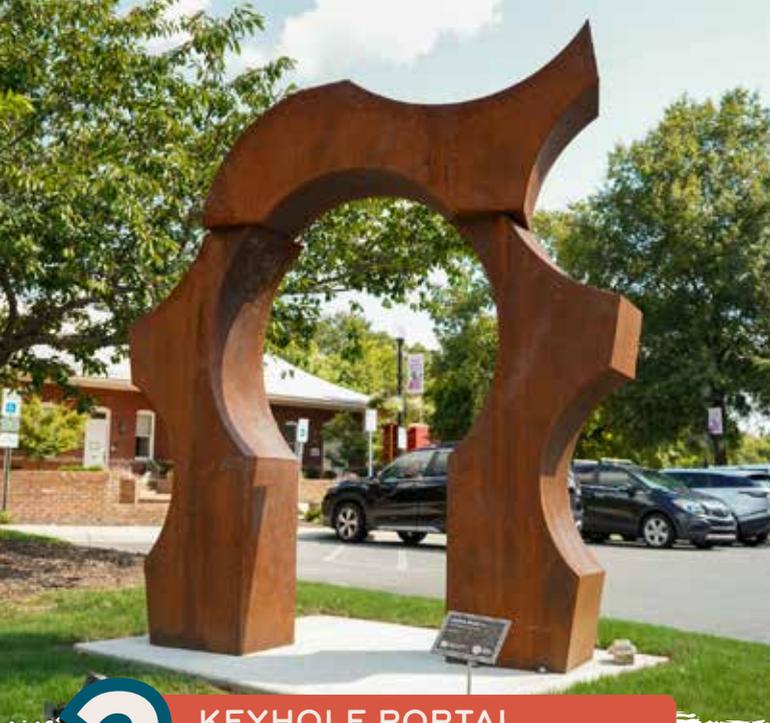
# 1

## WINDOWS DOWN

GABRIEL ENG-GOETZ  
400 N. Salem St

*Windows Down* explores the dynamic intersection between energy, art, and place. Inspired by historic Americana ad design, the artwork focuses on a family enjoying a leisurely drive and inspires viewers to contemplate the evolution of the American auto industry and feel a sense of place and home.





2

## KEYHOLE PORTAL

BOB DOSTER  
220 N. Salem St

*Keyhole Portal* acts as a kind of time machine; as you walk through the portal you go from the past, to the present, to the future.



3

## INKY

PHIL HATHCOCK  
205 Saunders St

*Inky* is a rendition of an inukshuk. Inukshuks were used by the Inuit people as a cairn, a type of landmark, for directional uses and to mark hunting and fishing grounds.



4

**COMMUNITY LAUGHING GARDEN**  
LOREN PEASE  
205 Saunders St

The idea for *Community Laughing Garden* originated with a group of students who wanted to create a mural in support of the social justice movement. This piece was developed in collaboration with Apex students, the Apex Police Department, Town representatives, and the Public Art Committee.



5

**DOVES OF PEACE**  
TIM WERRELL  
205 Saunders St

*Doves of Peace* depicts ascending doves representing freedom and peace.



6

**YESTERDAY'S MIRROR, TOMORROW'S WINDOW**  
MAX DOWDLE  
115 Commerce St

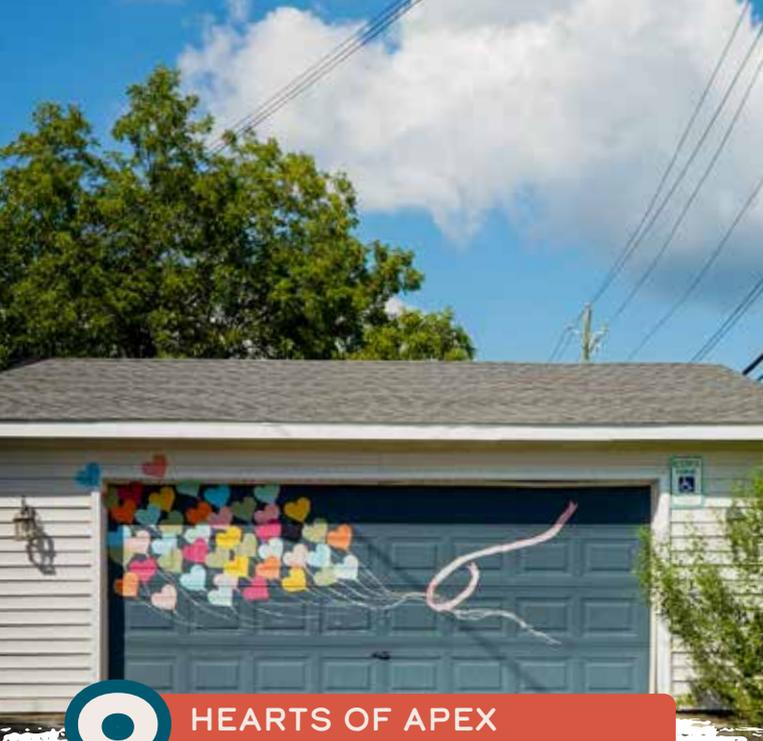
*Yesterday's Mirror, Tomorrow's Window* depicts Apex's rich history, and commemorates the 150 years of that history by fusing the old and the new into one image.



7

**GROW PRESCHOOL MURAL**  
MICHAEL BROWN  
115 Commerce St

The *Grow Preschool Mural* was created to give Commerce Street some brightness and pop featuring bright colors and flowers.



8

## HEARTS OF APEX

LAUREN KEHN  
102 W Chatham St

The *Hearts of Apex* mural at the Rose & Lee Collective in Apex is a popular background for selfies and family photos.



9

## LET IT FLOW

MAX DOWDLE  
320 S Salem St

This series of murals celebrates the energy and vitality of brewery culture. Tapstation serves as a fantastic meeting place for old friends and new acquaintances, and this suite of artwork on the exterior and interior gladly acts as backdrop for those relationships.

# CENTRAL APEX

**1** GOOD THINGS HAPPEN HERE

**2** KINDRED COLORS

**3** STRENGTH

**4** DESTINATION BECOMES HOME

**5** APEX WINGS MURAL

**6** LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

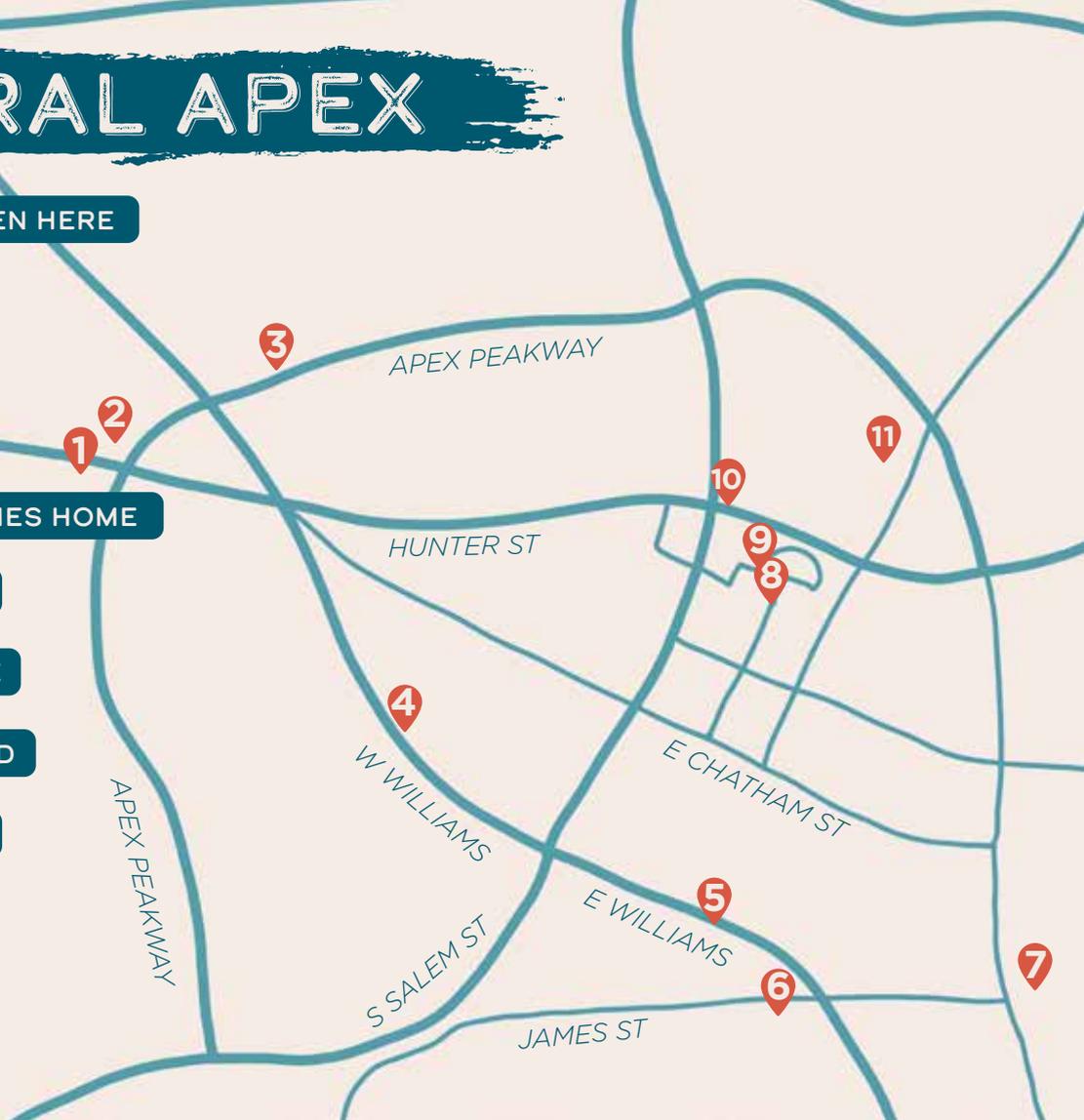
**7** WAY OF THE WHIRLED

**8** BLACK BIRD CIRCLE

**9** TRAJECTORY

**10** UPHILL BATTLE

**11** FALL LEAVES



# CENTRAL APEX

Just beyond the historic downtown, Apex's central area welcomes you with a dynamic mix of modern amenities and creative expression.

Home to the town campus and Hunter Street park, this district is a hub for recreation, learning, and community events.

As you explore, you'll encounter an array of vibrant murals and captivating sculptures that enhance public spaces, creating an inspiring environment for visitors of all ages.

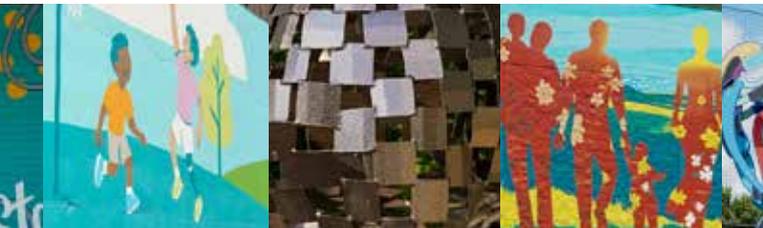


## 1 GOOD THINGS HAPPEN HERE

RACHEL CASTANEDA

1401 Zeno Rd (Olive Chapel Side)

***Good Things Happen Here*** celebrates the spirit of the Apex community while honoring the meaningful work taking place at Peak Rehabilitation Hospital. The mural illustrates the everyday good woven into our community, such as neighbors lending a hand, families sharing moments, and friends connecting.





2

## KINDRED COLORS

MAX DOWDLE

1401 Zeno Rd (Zeno Rd Side)

*Kindred Colors* is meant as a calming, reflective work that promotes healing and a meditative state of mind.



3

## STRENGTH

TJ CHRISTIANSEN

1125 Apex Peakway

*Strength* is based on the image of the endangered red wolves mostly found in northeastern NC. Wolves are symbols of strength, power, and fierceness.



4

#### DESTINATION BECOMES HOME

MAX DOWDLE  
105 Upchurch St

From people, to history, to the flora and fauna of nature, and topography itself, Apex has a unique kind of small town allure of its very own. ***Destination Becomes Home*** brings home the point that wherever you put down roots becomes a part of you.



5

#### APEX WINGS MURAL

JAX MYERS  
518 E Williams St

The ***Apex Wings Mural*** is a little off the beaten path and rewards the person who stumbles upon it with a vibrant and mystical quality.



6

## LIVE YOUR BEST LIFE

ELYSE JOHNSON - VAN GOAT STUDIOS  
820 E Williams St

*Live Your Best Life* was designed to reflect the United Church message as the focal point, while also respecting the architecture and presence of their building.



7

## WAY OF THE WHIRLED

MIKE ROIG  
2140 Energy Drive

Inspired by the double helix of DNA, there are pieces the artist creates that have deeper specific meanings and then there are the pieces that simply find a compelling reason to be made, of which the *Way of the Whirled* is one of the latter.



8

## BLACK BIRD CIRCLE

SALLY SYERS  
53 Hunter St

*Black Bird Circle* showcases a large uneven circle with decorative spirals, blackbirds landing, and swallows flying in a joyful celebration. The circle represents the circle of life and the copper poppies remind us of those who have passed.



9

## TRAJECTORY

DAN KUEHL  
73 Hunter St

*Trajectory* displays interconnectivity and progression along a curvilinear route.



10

## UPHILL BATTLE

ETHAN MORROW

1290 Ambergate Station

*Uphill Battle* depicts a wildly ambitious biker, leading a pack of competitors, to conquer a gnarly, nearly vertical hill.



11

## FALL LEAVES

BOB DOSTER

620 Chessie Station

*Fall Leaves* takes the artist back in time to his childhood, to the care free days when playing in a leaf pile with your friends was a great adventure.

# OUTER APEX

**1** TOGETHER WILD

**2** TMSA TIGER MURAL

**3** SWEETWATER MURALS

**2** US 64

**4** HARAZ COFFEE MURAL

**5** COMING TOGETHER

**6** POINT BALANCE

**7** SKY HOOK

**8** JÄGER

**1**

HWY 540

N SALEM ST

**67**

**8**

US 64

**3**

RICHARDSON RD

**4**

LAURA  
DUNCAN RD

OLIVE CHAPEL RD

HWY 540

S SALEM ST

US 55

**5**

US 1

# OUTER APEX

Venture into the outer section of Apex, where the town's growth and creative energy are on full display.

This expanding area is defined by its inviting parks, scenic greenways, and a thriving collection of public art. Colorful murals and engaging sculptures add character to both natural and newly developed spaces, reflecting the community's forward-looking spirit.

Whether you're walking, biking, or simply exploring, the outer Apex area invites you to experience art woven seamlessly into the fabric of a growing, vibrant community.



1

## TOGETHER WILD

SEAN KERNICK  
300 Cloverdale Rd

*Together Wild* highlights the rich spectrum of wildlife and plant life found in the Apex White Oak Creek area, following the rhythm of the color wheel to guide the flow and echoing the movement of the trail while offering a colorful snapshot of the life that thrives there.





2

### TMSA TIGER

TAYLOR WHITE  
3501 Dropseed Dr

The *Triangle Math & Science Academy (TMSA) Tiger* reflects the integration of artistic imagination with scientific inquiry by weaving together a lattice of geometric patterns and natural forms.



3

### SWEETWATER MURALS

RACHEL CASTANEDA  
1481 Richardson Road

The *Sweetwater Murals* celebrate both Apex and Sweetwater Town Center. From highlighting the history and formation of our town to offering welcoming, photo-worthy moments, the artwork brings color, energy, and a sense of place for residents and visitors alike.



4

#### HARAZ COFFEE HOUSE MURAL

LISA GAITHER  
1750 Olive Chapel Rd

The *Haraz Coffee House Mural* showcases native birds that bring a pop of color to the landscape and brick building facade.

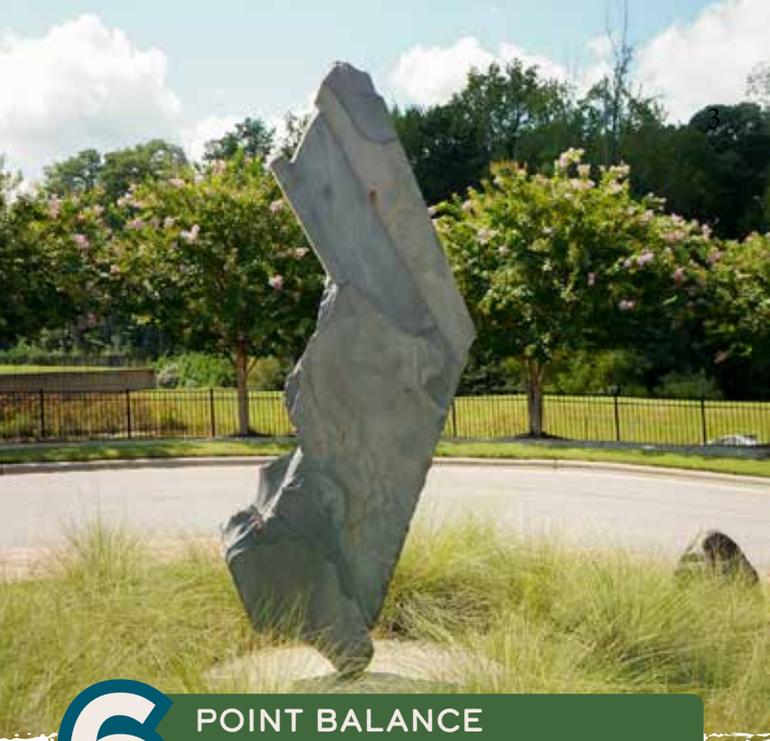


5

#### COMING TOGETHER

PHIL HATHCOCK  
3400 Pleasant Plains Rd

*Coming Together* was built using a process called earth casting with natural materials from North Carolina. The artist hopes this sculptural bench will be used for families to come together for years to come.



6

## POINT BALANCE

PHIL HATHCOCK

Townes at North Salem - Danvers Loop

*Point Balance* uses natural shaped slate from the Uwharrie Mountains in North Carolina.



7

## SKY HOOK

WAYNE VAUGHN

Townes at North Salem - Danvers Loop

This sculpture is called *Sky Hook* in reference to a common term in construction for a tool used to hoist or position large objects.



4

8

## JÄGER

TJ CHRISTIANSEN

Apex Community Park

*Jäger* brings attention to a species that once roamed freely across North America. With the human transformation and industrialization of North America, the grizzly bear faces extinction in much of its former range.



# INTERESTED IN MORE ART?

Check out the annual Sculpture Walk!



APEX PUBLIC ART  
**SCULPTURE WALK**

  
**APEX**  
NORTH CAROLINA

  
apexnc.org/PublicArt



DON'T MISS THE GOAPEX BUS STOP ART!



# FOLLOW ALONG!



Follow The Halle Cultural Arts Center on Facebook at *Halle Cultural Arts Center of Apex* or on Instagram *@thehalleapex* for the latest on programs, art shows, classes, and more!





# ARTIST GLOSSARY

<i>NAME</i>	<i>PAGE</i>	<i>NAME</i>	<i>PAGE</i>
MICHAEL BROWN .....	11	SEAN KERNICK .....	31
RACHEL CASTANEDA .....	17, 33	DAN KUEHL .....	25
TJ CHRISTIANSEN .....	19, 38	ETHAN MORROW .....	26
BOB DOSTER .....	6, 27	JAX MYERS .....	21
MAX DOWDLE .....	10, 13, 18, 20	LOREN PEASE .....	8
GABRIEL ENG-GOETZ .....	5	MIKE ROIG .....	23
LISA GAITHER .....	34	SALLY SYERS .....	24
PHIL HATHCOCK .....	7, 35, 36	WAYNE VAUGHN .....	37
ELYSE JOHNSON .....	22	TIM WERRELL .....	9
<i>VANGOAT STUDIOS NC</i>		TAYLOR WHITE .....	32
LAUREN KEHN .....	12		



***Interested in exhibiting your art?***

Scan the QR code to submit an  
*artist exhibition application* to  
The Halle Cultural Arts Center!



*Published by the  
Apex Culture and Arts Advisory Board | 2025  
[www.apexnc.org/CAAB](http://www.apexnc.org/CAAB)*