

## What is Public Art?

Public Art is created by artists for publicly visible sites. It can increase the sense of place for individual neighbourhoods and the City as a whole. Some art pieces can be permanent (such as the "Pacific Sails" on the Harbourfront Walkway), while others are temporary (such as the Downtown Festival of Banners).

## Why Public Art?

Art in its many forms has the power to energize public spaces around thinking and debate and transform places we work, live and play into a more welcoming and beautiful setting. Public Art can make strangers talk, children ask questions and can enhance a sense of place.

## Temporary Public Art

The City of Nanaimo and the Nanaimo Art Gallery have partnered together to place 8 pieces of temporary art in parks from **May 2011 to April 2012**. Five pieces are in Maffeo Sutton Park, one in McGregor Park and one in Beban Park.

Installations have been selected by a panel and are intended to animate the park spaces. The pieces will be auctioned off by the Nanaimo Art Gallery in the spring of 2012. To bid online go to [nanaimoartgallery.ca](http://nanaimoartgallery.ca).

For more information about the Public Art Program, please call **Kirsty MacDonald**, Parks and Open Space Planner at **250.755.7506**.

For more information about the Art Auction, please call **Ed Poli**, Nanaimo Art Gallery Manager, at **250.754.1750**.

Temporary (May 2011-April 2012)

# Public Art in Nanaimo

### "Breaching Orcas"

Artist: Carl Sean McMahon  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Spirit

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*Sculpture created entirely from scrap metal fused together by the artist from Saltspring Island.*



### "Points of Origin"

Artists: Deryk Houston & Samuel Houston  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Grass

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*Modern metal sculpture created by Victoria-based father and son team.*



### "Family of Herons"

Artist: Nelson Shaw  
(Blue Heron Steel Studio)  
Location on Map:  
McGregor Park

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*Vibrant bird sculptures created by Qualicum Beach-based artist.*



### "H2O"

Artist: Yvonne Vander Kooi  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Wall

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*Assemblage using recycled materials to create the molecular configuration of water, arguably our most valuable planetary resource.*



### "Fishing Eagle" & "Salmon Stream"

Artists: George & Laura Ewing  
(G.E.M. Fabrications  
Gates & Gifts)  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Wall

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### "Dream Projector"

Artist: Tim McElderry  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Wall

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*Skeleton of a boat hull constructed in lexan polycarbonate.*



### "Nanaimo With Love"

Artist: Kurt Feschuk (Metal Ice Studio)  
Location on Map:  
Maffeo Wall

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*Sculpture is marked with characters "Nana" and "Imo" which translates as "Seven Potatoes" in Japanese.*



### "Tree and Land Triptych"

Artist: Yvonne Vander Kooi  
Location on Map:  
Beban Park  
Social Centre

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*Designed to inspire contemplative reflection on the beauty and sacred nature of our landscape.*



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Key Map  
With Temporary Art Locations.

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Maffeo Sutton Park  
With Temporary Art Locations.

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- Temporary Pieces of Art
- Permanent Pieces of Art