

Public Art Tour

Your guide to the art of Orangeville:
Central East



WALK
2 km



TIME
1.5 hours



TERRAIN
Sidewalks, some hills

Discover a delightful collection of public art pieces on display in and around the east side of our charming downtown area.

Over 70 tree sculptures, utility box art, statues, and murals all contribute to Orangeville's diverse public art collection.

This self-guided walking route features 13 of our popular tree sculptures with opportunities to encounter other installations along the way. The tour starts and ends in downtown Orangeville, a destination all in itself.



1 Sesquicentennial Tree Sculpture

This multi-featured sculpture was created in honour of the Town's Sesquicentennial, celebrated in 2013. The 12.3-foot piece is carved out of white pine and highlights many of Orangeville's historic features, natural assets, and scenic elements.

- 📍 80 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡️ Next stop: Continue east on Broadway.



2 The Conductor Tree Sculpture

This portly fellow represents the importance of the rail line in Orangeville's history. He is aptly located near the Town's former train station, now located to his south at 35 Armstrong Street and home to the Barley Vine Rail Co. The station was originally built in 1907 and was moved here in 1989 to avoid demolition.

- 📍 78 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡️ Next stop: Continue east on Broadway.



3 The Boxer Tree Sculpture

Orangeville is known for its boxing champions and this sculpture recognizes the local popularity of the sport. The Boxer is a result of fundraising efforts that aimed to celebrate the contributions of BigTyme Fitness and Boxing, a former recreation facility in Orangeville that closed in 2019 after 18 years in business.

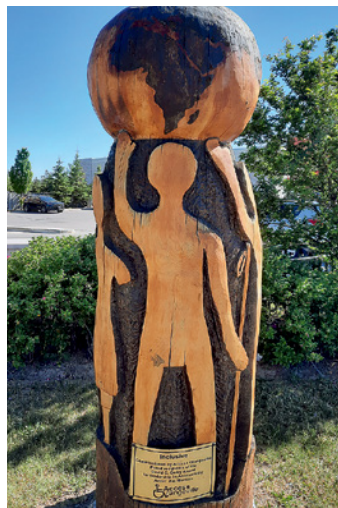
- 📍 64 Broadway
- 👤 Bobbi Switzer (bobbichainsaw.com)
- ➡️ Next stop: Continue east on Broadway.



4 Owl in Tree Tree Sculpture

This sculpture almost didn't happen. The artist encountered rot in the tree trunk when he was carving on site. He got the tree limbs carved, but the owl was another matter. The bird was carved in his own studio and then brought back to Orangeville to roost in the sculpture.

- 📍 46 Broadway
- 👤 Rob McFaul
- ➡ Next stop: Continue east on Broadway to find a collection of pieces located at the Sherbourne Street intersection.



7 Inclusive Tree Sculpture

This striking 8.5-foot sculpture depicts five people with different levels of ability reaching up to a globe, symbolizing that everyone can strive for acceptance in the world. The piece is a strong statement in support of accessibility and represents the opportunity to build an inclusive society.

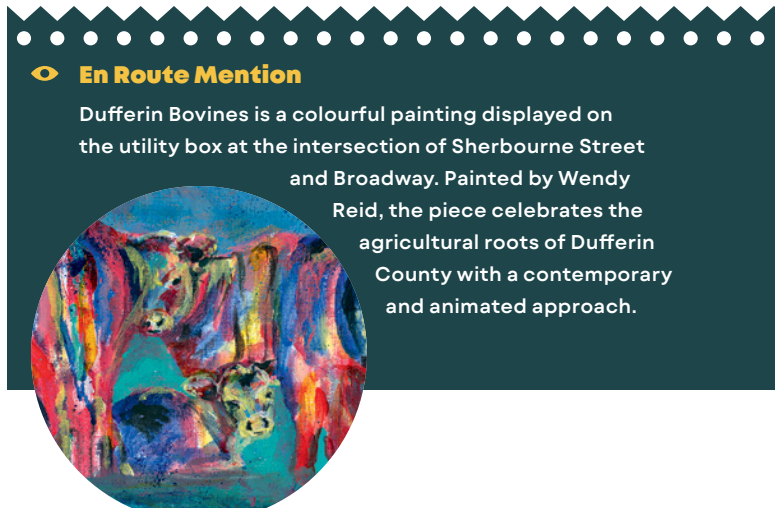
- 📍 25 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com), Cam Menken
- ➡ Next stop: Head north on Sherbourne Street. At Rotary Park, the street becomes Second Avenue. Continue west to First Street. Cross to the west side.



5 The Dancer Tree Sculpture

Bobbi Switzer is the first and only female carver to be featured in Orangeville's tree sculpture collection. She felt it would be fitting to feature a female carving so The Dancer was created. A local resident admired the piece so much that she commissioned a replicate to enjoy in her own backyard.

- 📍 40 Broadway
- 👤 Bobbi Switzer (bobbichainsaw.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Cross Townline to the southeast corner of the intersection.



En Route Mention

Dufferin Bovines is a colourful painting displayed on the utility box at the intersection of Sherbourne Street and Broadway. Painted by Wendy Reid, the piece celebrates the agricultural roots of Dufferin County with a contemporary and animated approach.



6 Dragon Timber Tree Sculpture

The Dragon Timber was brought to life from an 11-foot white pine log originally destined for firewood. The Dragon Timber's main body, wings and the obelisk were sculpted from the main log with a 52-inch extrusion for the wings. The neck and head were sculpted separately and then attached to the sculpture.

- 📍 38 Broadway
- 👤 Paul & Jacob Frenette (rantandrave.ca), Douglas Lingelbach
- ➡ Next stop: Cross Broadway to the northeast corner of the intersection.



8 The Nurse Tree Sculpture

The Nurse was created in 2007 to honour the first 100 years of the Lord Dufferin chapter of the IODE, a national women's charitable organization. She stands outside the Lord Dufferin Centre, the location of the former Dufferin Area Hospital. Her uniform is appropriately reminiscent of the early 1900s.

- 📍 32 First Street
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Walk back to the intersection and turn west on Elizabeth Street.



9 Helping Hands and Caring Hearts

Tree Sculpture

This sculpture honours a local nurse, Erna Baniulis and pays tribute to her career as a caregiver for seniors in the community. The cascading hearts held in giant hands depict her kind nature and an edelweiss represents her European heritage. Creating the piece was challenging – a knot in the tree stem dictated the location of the flower.

- 📍 32 First Street (off Elizabeth Street)
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Walk back to the intersection and head south on First Street.



10 The Prince of Wales

Tree Sculpture

This sculpture depicts Prince Albert, the oldest son of Queen Victoria. He became Prince of Wales in 1841 when he was four weeks old and then became King Edward VII in 1901. He held the title of Prince of Wales when First Street was formerly named the Prince of Wales Road.

- 📍 26 First Street
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Continue south on First Street to Broadway. At the lights, cross to the south side and then head west to the post office.



11 Coyotes

Tree Sculpture

The coyotes are howling on Broadway. This eye-catching sculpture is carved out of white pine and took more than a week to complete.

- 📍 216 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Turn around and continue east along Broadway. Notice the rainbow crosswalk before stopping in front of the library.



12 The Storyteller

Tree Sculpture

This sculpture is the result of the community's effort to honour Marilyn Doekes, a former teacher, librarian, and storyteller. She is reading "Cinderella" in front of Orangeville's Carnegie library, built in 1908. Find the plaque to the sculpture's right for more information about Marilyn's contributions.

- 📍 144 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)
- ➡ Next stop: Continue east along Broadway, back to your starting point.

En Route Mention

On the side of The Chocolate Shop at 114 Broadway, you'll find a mural entitled Part of the Magic. Artist Beckie Morris reimagined elements from past Theatre Orangeville productions to create this interactive piece. In this same area, you'll also find murals featuring historic images of Orangeville.



13 The Lions

Tree Sculpture

The Lions can be described as mighty and proud. Carved from a white pine log, the prominent male lion is accompanied by the heads of two more lions at the bottom of the carving. It was the artist's first lion sculpture, requiring many hours of research to capture the animal's distinctive features.

- 📍 94 Broadway
- 👤 Jim Menken (jimmenken.com)

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