

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is one of the nation's oldest, largest and most prestigious juried outdoor art festivals, consistently rated among the top shows by Sunshine Artist and American Style magazine. Each year, over 350,000 visitors enjoy the show. The festival has been recognized by the National Endowment for the Arts, The White House, Congress and others for promoting the arts and art education in Central Florida. An all volunteer board of directors runs the festival, which celebrated its 50th year in March.

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival (WPSAF) was started by a handful of enthusiasts as a community project to benefit local artists and art lovers. The first festival was held on Park Avenue in March 1960. The festival featured original works of art and, after being advertised for just three weeks before the opening, drew 90 exhibiting artists. Over the next decade, the festival grew to over 600 artists and was spread out along Park Avenue from Fairbanks Avenue to Canton Avenue and on all cross streets. For over the past thirty years, the festival has taken place in Central Park and along Park Avenue.

The Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is a juried exhibition. The wide variety of artwork includes clay, digital art, drawing and graphics, fiber, glass, jewelry, leather, metal, mixed media, painting, photography, sculpture, watercolor and wood. Over 1,200 completed applications are reviewed by the Judges Committee before being presented to three guest jurors. The festival jurors are selected based on their diverse artistic and curatorial backgrounds, and geographic representation. This year 225 national and international artists and three emerging artists were selected for the festival.

The artists compete for 62 awards totaling \$67,500. Best of Show is \$10,000. The Best of

Show is purchased by the WPSAF Committee who then donates it to the City of Winter Park where it is placed on permanent display at the Winter Park Public Library.

The Student Art Exhibit is a highlight of the festival; attracting students from Winter Park and Orange County schools. The exhibits display and encourage the creativity and talent of our area's young people; demonstrating that art is alive and constantly developing in our schools. In addition, the Children's Workshop Village offers fun interactive art activities offered by area museums.

Orange County's Art in Chambers features several of the original artworks used to create the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival posters. These original artworks grace the meeting and conference rooms of Winter Park City Hall, but have been collected here for exhibition by Orange County Arts and Cultural Affairs and the Winter Park Public Art Advisory Board. The posters created from the original artworks promote the festival, and their sales support the exhibition while offering a tangible remembrance of the festival experience. Once chosen through a contest, now the WPSAF typically works with an artist to develop a memorable image for the poster and merchandise. The original pieces that inspired the posters have included wildlife, landscapes and iconic local scenes. Looking back at decades of posters is like looking back at popular culture and art history. They will bring back memories of fifty years of Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festivals.

Contact the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival at [www.wpsaf.org](http://www.wpsaf.org) or 407.672.6390  
Winter Park Public Art Advisory Board  
[www.cityofwinterpark.org](http://www.cityofwinterpark.org) or 407.599.3498  
Where ART Thou: Fifty Years of the Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival is the current exhibition at the Winter Park Historical Museum  
200 W. New England Avenue, 407.647.2330,  
[www.winterparkhistorical.com](http://www.winterparkhistorical.com)



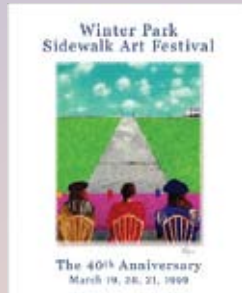
## *Art in the Chambers*

Featuring Original Poster Artworks  
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City of Winter Park  
In celebration of the  
50th Anniversary of the  
Winter Park Sidewalk Art Festival

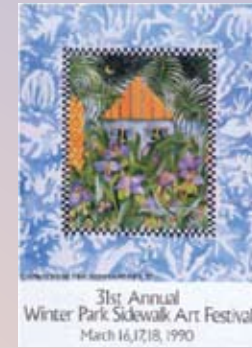
**May 21 - September 14, 2009**

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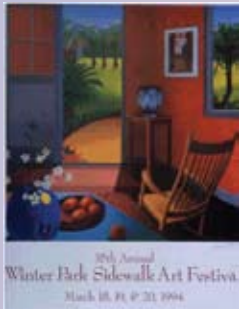
**Victor Bokas**  
*Untitled*, 36th Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 25th Poster  
 1995



**Bob James**  
*Untitled*, 40th Annual Winter Park  
 Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 29th Poster  
 1999



**Connie Nelson**  
*Untitled*, 31st Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 20th Poster  
 1990

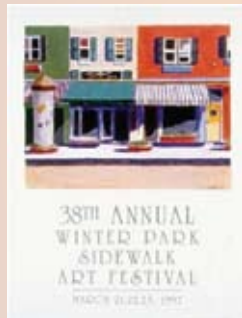


**Jeanne Cameron**  
*Untitled*, 35th Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 24th Poster  
 1994

**Sherry Lynn Lee**  
*Untitled*, 37th Annual Winter Park  
 Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 26th Poster  
 1996

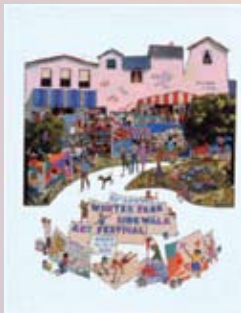


**Robert Schott**  
*Times of Clear Purpose*,  
 32nd Annual Winter Park  
 Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 21st Poster  
 1991



**Marlene London**  
*Untitled*, 38th Annual Winter Park  
 Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 27th Poster  
 1997

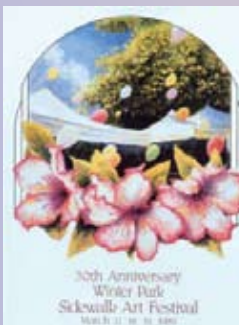
**Penny Cosentino**  
*Untitled*, 34th Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 23rd Poster  
 1993



**Hal McIntosh**  
*Untitled*, 33rd Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival, 22nd  
 Poster  
 1992



**Gena Semenov**  
*Room with a View*,  
 44th Annual Winter Park  
 Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 33rd Poster  
 2003



**Paul Crumrine**  
*Untitled*, 30th Annual  
 Winter Park Sidewalk Art  
 Festival, 19th Poster  
 1989



**Larry Moore**  
*Untitled*, 45th Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 34th Poster  
 2004

**Donald Sondag**  
*Untitled*, 41st Annual Winter  
 Park Sidewalk Art Festival,  
 30th Poster  
 2000

