

Benches on the Avenue 2004



Frogs Life

Artist: *Marty Rose*

This bench was designed and decorated by a local artist who lives in Tinley Park with his wife and three daughters. His bench is a pond scene featuring a larger than life frog snatching its next meal—an equally large dragonfly. The bench displays eight different frogs from around the world. You will also find three dragonflies and two koi.

Summer Delights

Artist: *Lynn Rozycki*

The artist lives in Homer Glen and is a member of the Lemont Artists Guild. The brightly painted ice creams outlined in black are based on memories of her visits to the ice cream shop on Oak Park Avenue when her children were younger.

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The Fauxfa Bench

Artist: *Laird Hartley*

The bench was faux painted by a Steger artist with the look of old red and brown bricks on both the front and back of the backboard and the top of the seat. The planter boxes have the look of flagstone.

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Lady of the Oak

Artist: *Francis Joseph Gagnepain IV*

This artist is a multi-media artist specializing in murals, signs and found object sculpture. His bench portrays a woman's profile cut-out with carved hair and cut-out leaves. It is painted in earthtones with summer, fall and spring accents and embodies the seasons, nature, Oak Park Avenue and the feminine energy.

Sunflowers on the Avenue

Artist: *Pat Miner*

This 45-year resident of Tinley Park wanted to portray the golden fields of sunflowers growing in the countryside during late summer because they always turn their heads toward the sun. She felt that if she could incorporate their warmth and friendliness into the bench, they would provide a cheerful, sunny backdrop that would encourage passers-by to turn their heads toward the sun.

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Got A Minute?

Artist: *Tim O'Brien*

This Tinley Park artist wanted you to sit with the man on the bench, feel his arm behind you and get the feeling that you could be in conversation with this person. Who he is, what he does, and where he came from is left up to you. The bench was painted to resemble a big, purple couch to be fun, yet inviting.

Tinley's Quilt

Artist: *Jamie Hoke & Lisa Januszewski*

All the wonderful things that our community has to offer are portrayed by these Tinley Park artists. Their bench represents a quilt depicting the history and memories of our community. Within the patchwork you will find pictures of people, places and special moments here in Tinley Park. The bright colors and details are a representation of what the artists thought a quilt of Tinley Park would look like.



Zabrocki Plaza, North Side
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North American Wildlife

Artist: *Jim & Sophie Mueller*

Birch, cherry, oak and walnut woods were used by these Oak Forest artists to depict the wildlife of North America in a 3-D design. The design was then inlaid onto the bench back and covered in an epoxy resin and two coats of an ultraviolet varnish to protect and seal the design.

Ummm...Good Boy?

Artist: *Kate Ouwenga*

This 17-year old artist from Tinley Park wanted to incorporate a little humor into her work. Her design is all about the childhood fear of the neighbor's cute, yet psychotic dog. Her creation, however, is more comical than serious.



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(Front of Train Engine)
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A Rainbow Of Life

Artist: *Margi Hafer*

This Frankfort resident designed her bench to be a reminder of the beauty of nature all around us and our interdependence on other species with whom we share our land. The design was painted with acrylic paints.

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(Near Building)
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Feng Sushi

Artist: *Kurt Baldyga*

The artist is a graduate of Columbia College of Chicago and does freelance work from portraits and illustrations to business logos. His bench depicts a traditional Asian theme with a colorful koi scene on the backrest. The planters display Asian flowers, characters and symbols. The artist wanted to show the beauty of traditional Asian art through his artistry.

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Flowers For Friendly Folks

Artist: *Sr. Mary Giles Howes & Sr. Theresa Palmisano*

The artists are Dominican Sisters, formerly teachers, now retired and living in Des Plaines, IL. "Flowers for Friendly Folks" is a bench that invites you to sit in a garden of roses and tulips. It has been painted with the colors of nature to enhance the beauty of the earth. The flower boxes on either side show some of the things you might use to create a friendly garden of your own.

Floral Fantasy

Artist: *Lauren Wolski*

This bench was painted in acrylics with tropical flowers in very bright colors. The Tinley Park artist used a half black/half white background on the back of the bench to add interest and to brighten up Oak Park Avenue.



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Butterfly Basketweave

Artist: *Nan Brummerstedt*

This bench contains a blue background with white basketweave designs. The butterfly accents portray the winged jewels of nature. This Burbank artist considers art to be one of the finest pleasures of life. To be allowed to communicate a perception of beauty, a concept of joy or a feeling of peace is indeed a privilege. The artist feels she shares a bit of her spirit with each person viewing her work.

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Edelweiss

Artist: *Dick & Valerie Baumgartner*

These Tinley Park artists portrayed the bond between Tinley Park and our sister city, Budigen, Germany. The Alpine mountain flower was used to decorate the bench and planter boxes.

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Feelin' Groovy!

Artist: *Lefie Lindokken*

Lefie is a 12-year old student at Central Middle School in Tinley Park. This is a '60's-themed bench adorned with colorful flowers, peace signs, and smiley faces. Love bugs zoom around in this cheerful fantasy.

Flocked

Artist: *Mickey Depre*

This bench depicts a whimsical flock of "squash bottom birds" enjoying a hot summer day in the cool shade of a tree. This creation, by an Oak Lawn artist, is actually an art quilt that is adhered to the bench. It was then protected with a sealant for outdoor enjoyment. The machine quilting is done on a home sewing machine. The bench slats are pieces of hand-dyed fabric randomly placed for a crazy quilt look.

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A Day With Dad

Artist: *Tim O'Brien*

This Tinley Park artist portrays a father and his boys out for the day, maybe waiting for mom. Both boys are carefree and enjoying family life in Tinley Park while dad stands over his sons in a guarding fashion. The planters are painted to look like bricks to give a sense of security.

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A Nothing To Do Day

Artist: *Dolores Blinkwolt*

This bench was created by an Oak Forest artist who associated it with children and the things they like to do. Children always have a lazy day in the summer. They don't feel like playing the typical games like baseball, soccer, dodge ball or basketball. Instead they sit on a stoop in front of their house trying to make a decision on what kind of games to play. The children wind up telling each other that this is a "nothing to do day."

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Benches on the Avenue



1 I Spy Among The Sunflowers
 Artist: *Susan Buenger*
 A whimsical sunflower motif was chosen by this Tinley Park artist because sunflowers represent summertime to her. At some point all children have planted sunflower seeds and watched them grow...and grow...and grow. In order to make the bench interactive, the artist incorporated a game of "I Spy" into its design. She has hidden over 200 insects, characters and/or objects within the artwork of the bench. This is a game that children and adults can enjoy together!

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Take a walk through the Tinley Park Historical District to view the wonderful benches...



Next Stop, Tinley Park
 Artist: *Thom Cicchelli*
 This bench portrays a head-on view of an old time locomotive riding the rails. This Chicago artist used the seat slats of the bench to depict railroad ties (like those that cross Oak Park Avenue) and found objects, old and new, to make up a 3-D locomotive. This piece is dedicated to the memory of the artist's father, Henry Ahrens, a Union Pacific R.R. employee for 33 years.

Oak Park Avenue & Hickory St.
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The Face

Artist: *Kevin Connaughton*
 The artist is a Tinley Park resident and graduate of Columbia College of Chicago. This bench is done in acrylic on wood and the artist used a wrap-around technique. The face is continuous on all planes of the bench. The lines of the face were painted to carry the picture to all



17236 S. Oak Park Avenue
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sides. The colors are of various shades of red and green and the lines are of various weights. The artist used the thick lines and wide eyes to create a deep stare. The combination of colors and lines creates an unusual expression with a strong impact.



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Puzzled?

Artist: *Students of Easter Seals*
 The children of the Easter Seals School worked on this special and fun project during their art classes, including the design, priming, stenciling and the painting of the bench. The students range in age from 3-21 and have a primary diagnosis of autism and/or emotional behavior disorder. The puzzle pieces reflect the mystery and complexity of autism. The different colors and shapes represent the diversity of people and families living with the disorder. The brightness signals hope through research and in the increasing awareness of people like you.

Star Lit City

Artist: *Amber Wilk*
 This Tinley Park artist is a graduate of the American Academy of Art in Chicago. This bench is beautiful not only during the day but at night as well. Painted with glow-in-the-dark paints, this bench features the bright lights of the Chicago Skyline. Swirling spirals of glowing stars and the silhouette of the moon shine through the chaos of outer space. Clear glass gems adorn the bench to create a mosaic feel and add another element of beauty when the sun shines through them.



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May thru September, 2004

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| Artist/Group | Address | Hours |
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| Sam & Jakes | 17348 South Oak Park Avenue | Mon-Fri 5am - 10pm, Sat 1pm - 10pm, Sun 1pm - 9pm |
| Tinley Park Public Library | 17101 South 71st Avenue | Mon-Fri 9am - 9pm, Sat 9am - 5pm, Sun Closed |
| Clangy's N.Y. Deli | 17322 South Oak Park Avenue | Mon-Fri 8am - 7:30pm, Sat 7am - 5pm, Sun 7am - 3pm |
| Bettenhausen Dodge | 17514 South Oak Park Avenue | Mon, Thr, Fri 8am - 5pm, Tue & Wed 8am - 8pm, Sat 8am - 1pm, Sun Closed |
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| Ed N' Joe's | 17332 South Oak Park Avenue | The-Thr 11am - 11pm, Fri 11am - Midnight, Sat Noon - Midnight, Sun Noon - 10pm |

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