



Katy Trail Art

Katy Trail Art brings world-class art projects to the Katy Trail. This initiative aims to engage regular and new Trail visitors of all ages, backgrounds, and interests to view art in the beautiful Trail greenspace and inspire creativity, conversation, and community building.

Donations to Katy Trail Art fund a rotating schedule of temporary art installations each year.

More information may be found here: <https://katytraildallas.org/katy-trail-art/>.

The Art

The inaugural Fall 2021 Katy Trail Art installation, “Seeding the Path,” by Sara Cardona, in partnership with Nasher Public, was installed on the Trail in November 2021 and ran through March 2022.

For her commission, Sara Cardona considered the essence and history of the Katy Trail as a site of transit, transport, and transition. The five “Seeding the Path” sculptures suspended from trees over the Trail between Cambrick and Fitzhugh featured vibrant Mimbres and geometric patterns.



Lantern by Sara Cardona

The Spring 2022 Art installation, “Guest,” by Hadi Fallahpisheh, appeared on the Trail from April to October 2022.

With “Guest,” Hadi Fallahpisheh presented a series of four uniquely crafted and boldly painted monumental steel sculptures. These towering shapes of steel took up residence along the Katy Trail, marking the distances and animating the changing landscape.



Hadi Fallahpisheh sculpture

The Fall 2022 Art, sculptures by Jeff Gibbons and Gregory Ruppe entitled “Borest Forest, Grunting Grasses,” were presented on the Trail from November 2022 to March 2023.

The Gibbons/Ruppe installations comprised a series of vignettes featuring sculptures of squirrels that appeared at intervals along the Trail. The works blended naturally into the environment of the Trail, distinguished from the real animals only by their fixity, as well as their uncanny human faces.



Sculptures by Jeff Gibbons and Gregory Ruppe

Katy Trail Art next partnered with artist Nic Nicosia, Nasher Public, and Erin Cluley Gallery, to present Nicosia's "the twins." The sculptures appeared on the Trail from April 2023 to August 2024

Like much of Nicosia's work in a variety of media, "the twins" is simultaneously familiar and surreal, whimsical and unsettling.



Nic Nicosia with *the twins*

The Fall 2023 Art installation--sculptures by Will Boone called "Desert Eagle" and "Turkey Vulture" --were installed at Snyder's Union in October 2023 and will stay on the Trail until October 2024.

Transformed from culture icons into bronze monuments and then back, once again, into symbols of American life, Boone imagines these works undergoing still another alchemical and metaphorical change: unearthed by another civilization long after the artist's existence, the sculptures will have shed their paint and oxidized, their materiality enduring like that of the ancient world.



Turkey Vulture & Desert Eagle by Will Boone

The Spring 2024 Art, “Wild Flowers,” by Ivan Argote, in partnership with the Dallas Museum of Art, was placed at Victory Overlook on the Trail in March 2024.

Begun in 2021, Wild Flowers is an ongoing series of immersive installations comprised of scattered cast bronze fragments of a figurative statue. Appearing as if nature has taken over and playing upon notions of monuments and time, the artist prompts the viewers to wonder if the statue is being removed, abandoned, or getting ready to be installed.



Iván Argote's *Wild Flowers*

Art Events

Concurrent with new art installations, Friends of the Katy Trail holds private artist talks for members of the Katy Trail Art Society, as well as artist talks for the public. Additionally, there is an annual Art Society Dinner each Fall for \$5,000+ donors (the 2024 dinner is on October 1 at Le Bilboquet).



Katy Trail Art 2024 Donor Levels and Benefits

Donation Donation Donor Level

\$5,000

Supporter

Supporter benefits include membership in the Katy Trail Art Society; recognition as a Katy Trail Art donor in print and online; and invitations for two to 2024 private and public artist talk events and the Fall Art Society Dinner.

\$10,000

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Patron benefits include all previously listed benefits plus permanent recognition on the Katy Trail.

\$25,000

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Benefactor benefits include all previously listed benefits plus enhanced recognition in print and online and the opportunity to take a private Trail Art installation golf cart tour.

\$50,000

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Corporate Sponsor benefits include all previously listed benefits plus special custom donor recognition at all 2024 Art events.

\$100,000

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Presenting Sponsor benefits include all previously listed benefits plus recognition on the Trail at all 2024 Art installations as 2024 Presenting Katy Trail Art Sponsor.

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Fall 2023 Art Dinner