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Canby Arts in Parks Program to Launch March 1st

Explore Canby Parks and Recreation Systems and Discover Local Art

The City of Canby will launch the Arts in Parks program beginning March 1st, 2023. The Arts in Parks program was created to encourage residents to explore the City of Canby parks system.

The Arts in Parks program is an effort led by the City of Canby's Parks & Recreation Advisory Board. Each month, members of the board will hide a piece of art in a City of Canby park. The artwork has been donated by [Art-O-Maddic](#), an art gallery located in downtown Canby at 181 N Grant Street #107.

Barry Johnson, Chair of the City of Canby Parks & Recreation Advisory Board spoke of the Arts in Parks program saying, "The Parks & Recreation board has been looking for an opportunity to encourage our residents to discover and explore our wonderful parks and recreation systems."

The City of Canby will reveal the piece of art and the first clue on the first day of the month. The artwork and clue will be posted on the [City of Canby website](#), [CityofCanbyOR Facebook](#) and [Instagram](#) pages, as well as on the [Friends of Canby Parks](#) Facebook page. A new clue will be released each week until the artwork is found. Once found, the participant is encouraged to take a selfie with the art and use #CanbyArtsInParks. Then follow the QR code on the tag attached to see further instructions.

The Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and Art-O-Maddic have collaborated for the Arts in Parks program. "My husband Eric and I are honored to be a part of this very fun project," said Shelley Arndt, owner of Art-O-Maddic Art Gallery. "We are excited to be able to help bring art to the community in a unique and fun way."

The first featured artist is Kevin Kanyo, from Northeast Portland. Kevin's specialty is glass combing which is a manual manipulation of glass when it is extremely hot. According to his bio, Mr. Kanyo's said his "...love of glass as medium grew with every new technique that I learned."

The program is open to residents and/or business owners who are interested in sponsoring a piece of art for the Arts in Parks program. Those interested should contact Jamie Stickel, Economic Development Director for the City of Canby, at StickelJ@CanbyOregon.gov.

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