

There are many enjoyable things to do on the Palouse. When the weather is good and you want to enjoy wonderful artworks, consider going to College Hill and taking



You can walk to see art on campus without a guide. Or, contact the WSU Museum of Art for an approximately 45-minute free walking tour with a leader, either a museum docent or employee. To request a tour, call the museum at 335-1910 at least 10 working days in advance.

The best known WSU campus art tour leader is Pullman's **H. Clare Wiser**. A docent, he is a WSU mathematics emeritus professor. During tours, he describes the obvious and hidden aspects of art with an encyclopedic knowledge and wry sense of humor. Some photos here were taken during a Wiser-led tour.

Even during a 45-minute tour, it's impossible to see every piece of campus art. Similarly, in the limited space on this page, this is just a sampling of art on the WSU campus grounds.



Palouse Columns

CENTRAL CAMPUS

—Mounted on the west side of Holland Library—built between 1948 and 1950—is a stylized, 30-foot-high limestone sculpture, "The Reader." Some call it "The Student." Whatever the name, it portrays the importance of study and reading in academic success. Popularly, it's called "Nature Boy," for a famous song recorded by singer Nat King Cole in 1948. Artist: **Dudley Pratt**.

—On Terrell Mall, in front of the entrance to Holland and Terrell libraries, is a life-size bronze book-figure, Bookin'. It honors former WSU President **Glenn Terrell**, namesake of both Terrell Mall and Terrell Library. Artist: **Terry Allen**.

—A 60-foot glass skylight dome projects onto a half-acre grassy plaza on the Terrell Library roof. The plaza is home to "Persona," a metal kinetic wind-sculpture. When there is a breeze, the sculpture "sings." While there listening to a "concert," enjoy a sweeping view of the Palouse. Artist: **Doug Hollis**.

—In front of Todd Hall's north entrance, across from the Holland and Terrell libraries, is "Red Horse Capture," a narrative sculpture of cast bronze. It's a mind-boggling piece with dissimilar elements balanced precariously. Artist: **John Buck**.

—A work of art is Glenn Terrell Friendship Mall itself. It extends from Library Road to the vehicle turnaround by the Compton Union Building. Artists: **George Trakas** and **Catherine Howett**.

—The Fine Arts Center's George Laisner Sculpture Plaza includes Buster Simpson's "Portal" creative art project, which has a fake entry faced in slate. Elevated and adjacent to the plaza is an untitled cast concrete sculpture by WSU alumnus **Harold Balazs**.

—In the grassy area between Stadium Way and the sidewalk is a giant painted bronze, "Technicolor Heart." Fourteen feet high, its blue surface is covered with colorful objects from art and daily life. Artist: **Jim Dine**.

WEST CAMPUS

—Outside the north corner of Murrow Communications Center—across from Thompson Hall—is the WSU Veteran's Memorial, a **George Trakas** design. A separate plaque honors World War I casualties.

—Across the street from the memorial and down the hill near McCroskey Hall is "Palouse Columns." It is a grouping of six three-foot-wide painted steel 24-foot-high columns representing the Palouse area's rolling topography. Artist: **Robert Maki**.

EAST CAMPUS

—Near the corner of Stadium Way and Grimes Way is "The Caring Call" a traditional bronze by **Larry Wayne Anderson**. It depicts administering care to an animal in a bygone era.

Looking down Stadium Way, you'll see:

—"X-Position," composed of six sections of steel. Because of its Xs and Os, it's called "tic-tac-toe." Artist: **Robert Ellison**.

—"World Beyond," made of cast bronze and wood. It allows viewers to imagine being on a mental trip on a mule taking a ride on a wagon. Artist: **Brad Rude**.

—"Cobumora," which celebrates veterinary medicine in avante-garde fashion. Near the front of Wegner Hall, it includes representations of myths and rituals of ancient Egypt, Greece and Mesopotamia. Artist: **Andrew Leicester**.

SOUTH CAMPUS

In a small courtyard next to Neill Hall is "Fra Mobadalen" in polished bronze. Artist: **Norman Taylor**.

COUGARS AROUND CAMPUS

—On campus, there are many representations of the cougar, mascot of WSU athletic teams. Todd Hall door pulls are cougars. More dramatic, there are bronze cougars outside Lewis Alumni Centre in east campus and Beasley Performing Arts Coliseum in north campus. Identical versions of these cougars are on WSU Spokane, Tri-Cities and Vancouver campuses. Artist: **Avard Fairbanks**.

WSU MUSEUM OF ART

A "must" place to visit after a campus art stroll is the WSU Museum of Art (www.wsu.edu/artmuse) and other galleries in the Fine Arts Center with their changing exhibits. The museum was established in 1974 around a core collection of paintings assembled by former WSU President **Ernest O. Holland** (1916-1944) and former WSU Regent **Charles Orton** (1933-1942). ☎

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H. Clare Wiser leads tour.



Bookin'



Untitled by Balazs



Red Horse Capture



Todd Hall cougar door pull

Where to park

Driving a motorized vehicle to see on-campus art at WSU and don't have a parking permit? Here are your options:

- Start at the WSU Visitor Center (7 a.m.-4 p.m. Monday-Friday) in downtown Pullman or at WSU Parking and Transportation Services (7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday) at Colorado and D streets. At either, pick up a free campus parking map and buy an all-day campus parking permit for \$4.50 plus tax.
- Use central campus parking available at all times every day in garages beneath Holland and Terrell libraries and Smith Center for Undergraduate Education. If a cashier at the garage vehicle entryway booth is not on duty, use the payment boxes located on each floor by the elevators.
- Park in metered areas. If you do, pay attention to the posted times on the meter. There is a 40-minute limit on most meters.

Questions? Contact the WSU Visitor Center at 335-8633 or WSU Parking and Transportation Services at 335-7275. Also, see www.wsu.edu/visitor. It has a link to the Parking and Transportation Web site. ☎