

PUBLIC ART

The residents of South San Francisco have access an extensive collection of art public and private installations. One of San Francisco’s earliest public art installations was the “South San Francisco - The Industrial City” sign that is the center piece of Sign Hill Park. The city is committed to its public art installations which serve to beautify the city, provide historical insight, and enhance the quality of life for residents.

Care and maintenance of South San Francisco’s public art, worth well over a half million dollars, is the responsibility of the Parks and Recreation Maintenance Services Division. Permanent pieces owned by the City are described in this appendix.

SSF THE INDUSTRIAL CITY

Location: Sign Hill Park

Artist: Unknown

Year acquired: 1929

Description

60’ long concrete letters, an iconic symbol of South San Francisco, visible for miles.



MILLENNIUM

Location: Westborough and Junipero Serra

Artist: James Russell

Year acquired: 2000

Description

Polished stainless steel sculpture.



WIND HARP

Location: Wind Harp Park

Artist: Lucia & Aristedes Demetrious

Year acquired: 1967

Description

A 92-foot tall acoustic sculpture, renovated in 1996.



SAFEHAVEN

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Jane DeDecker

Year acquired: 2002

Description

Bronze figure of a mother and child.



BEST FRIENDS

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Corinne Hartley

Year acquired: 2002

Description

Bronze sculpture of children.



HEAVY LOAD

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Corinne Hartley

Year acquired: 2002

Description

Bronze figure of a child and dog.



OBELISK

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Bruce Gueswel

Year acquired: 2004

Description

Steel obelisk.



CENTENNIAL CASCADE

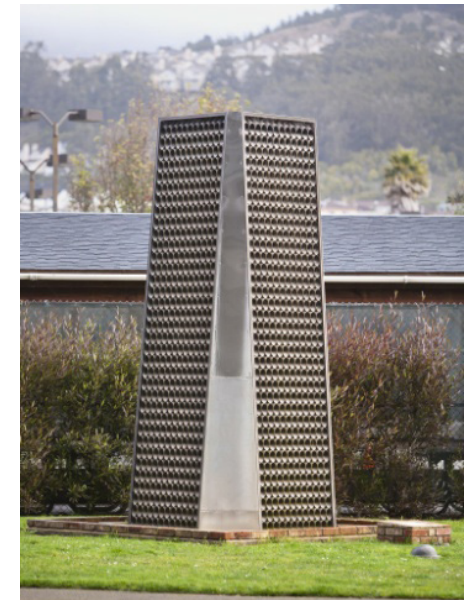
Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: City Staff

Year acquired: 2008

Description

Sculpture/fountain patterned with cylindrical shapes and water trickling through. Created by the Parks, Garage, and Street Departments from upcycled panels from the windows of the West Orange Library.



PONDER (YIN AND YANG)

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Keith Bush

Year acquired: 2004

Description

Two silhouetted figures of corten steel.



STONE HORIZON

Location: Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden

Artist: Bruce Beasley

Year acquired: 2006

Description

Granite bench sculpture.



ETERNAL FLAME

Location: Orange Memorial Park

Artist: Chuck Thompson

Year acquired: 1984

Description

Mosaic tile sculpture dedicated as a memorial to John F. Kennedy, restored with new tiles in the late 1990s.



CRUCIBLE OF LIGHT

Location: Orange Memorial Park

Artist: Chapel

Year acquired: 2009

Description

Steel with marble.



AMERICAN DOG

Location: Centennial Way Dog Park

Artist: Dale Rogers

Year acquired: 2009

Description

Corten steel sculpture.



EVOHELIX

Location: Centennial Way at S. Spruce Street

Artist: Roger White Stoller

Year acquired: 2011

Description

Stainless steel sculpture.



TORQUE

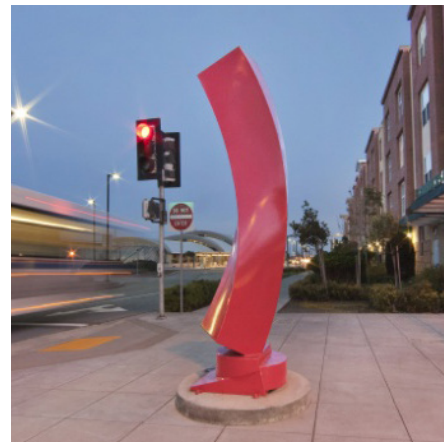
Location: 100 McLellan Drive

Artist: Robert Ellison

Year acquired: 2008

Description

Steel sculpture.



CALIFORNIA BUTTERFLY SERIES

Location: Municipal Services Building

Artist: MaryAnn Nardo

Year acquired: 2012

Description

Nine original watercolor prints on wood, featuring the lifecycle of each butterfly and its host plant. The wood grain of the Douglas fir panels is visible through the translucent watercolor paint, providing a textural dimension to the art.



SYNAPSE III & IV

Location: Municipal Services Building

Artist: Ronald Burgess

Year acquired: 2011

Description

This diptych consists of a pair of large black and white abstract paintings in multiple layers of oyle and acrylics.



WHIMSICAL WINDOWS

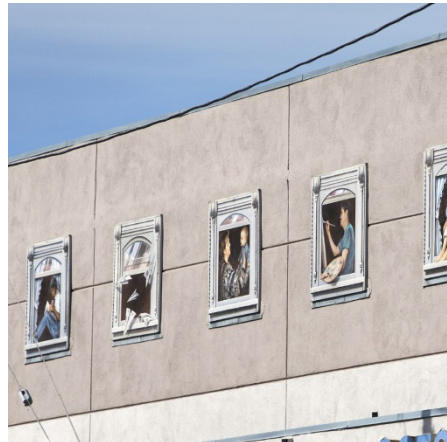
Location: 500 Grand Avenue

Artist: Guided Imagery and Porduction

Year acquired: 1999

Description

Mural series of 17 windows.



PROMETHEUS GIVES FIRE TO MAN

Location: SSF Caltrain Station, 590 Dubuque Ave

Artist: Nicolai Larsen

Year acquired: 1996

Description

Mural.



TRANSPORTING ONESELF

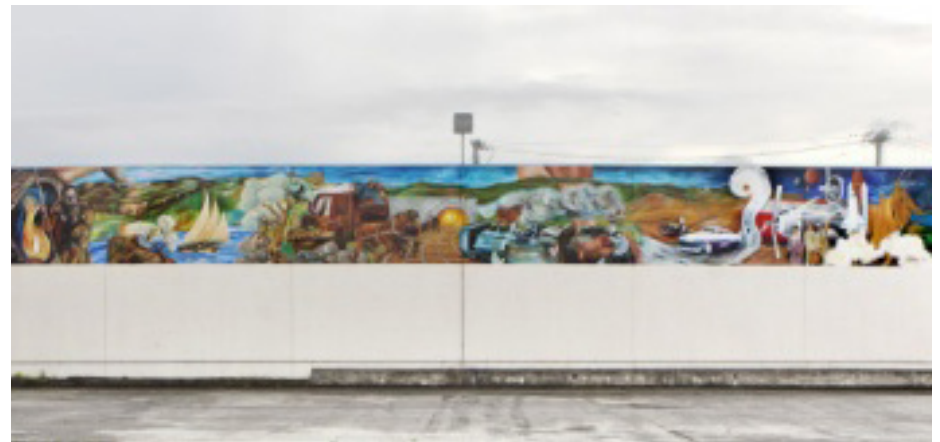
Location: 315 Airport Blvd.

Artist: Catalina Gonzalez

Year acquired: 1999

Description

Mural.



DOORS OF AVIGNON

Location: Breezeway between 321 and 329 Grand Avenue

Artist: John Pugh

Year acquired: 1997

Description

Mural.



PICTORIAL HISTORY OF SOUTH SAN FRANCISCO

Location: 220 Linden Avenue

Artist: Carlota Espinoza

Year acquired: 1985

Description

Mural.



ADDITIONAL PUBLIC ART

MURALS

In addition to the pieces described, there are murals at the West Orange Library (by John Littleboy, 1994), the Children’s Center (by Dennis Crossland, 1999) and the Boys and Girls Club on West Orange Avenue (Boys and Girls Club, 2011).

ART ON LOAN

The city also exhibits pieces that it receives on loan. At this time, these pieces include:

- Human Glyph Series, at the Orange Memorial Park Sculpture Garden (Bill Vielehr)
- Electric Slide (Pokey Park)
- Flying Fish (Patricia Vader)