



City of Duluth

Duluth Public Arts Commission

411 West First Street
Duluth, Minnesota 55802

The Duluth Public Arts Commission advocates for, promotes and participates in the selection and interpretation of public artwork and public arts events in Duluth. It also assists the city in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts Plan.

MISSION STATEMENT

The Duluth Public Arts Commission fosters arts development and advocates for public art and arts events. It advises the City of Duluth on arts-related matters and promotes the positive economic impact the arts has in the community and region. It also assists the City in the development and maintenance of an ongoing Municipal Arts and Culture Plan. The Duluth Public Arts Commission, in all its endeavors, is committed to inclusivity, collaboration, and fairness.

IMPORTANCE OF CONSERVATION

Conservation and maintenance of public artwork are critical endeavors that ensure these cultural treasures endure for future generations. Beyond their aesthetic value, public artworks serve as community symbols, reflecting shared values and identities. Regular maintenance not only preserves their physical integrity against weather, vandalism, and other forms of deterioration but also safeguards the emotional and psychological benefits they provide to communities. Just as buildings and infrastructure require upkeep to remain functional, public art demands care to retain its intended impact. By investing in conservation efforts, we protect these assets, fostering a sense of pride and belonging among citizens while enriching the cultural fabric of our cities. Through diligent stewardship and proactive conservation practices, we uphold the legacy of public art as a transformative force in our urban landscapes, ensuring its enduring contribution to community wellbeing and collective memory.

2024 CONSERVATION & MAINTENANCE DOCKET*

- **The Arising:** cleaning, detailing, waxing, polishing, photo documentation
- **Cooperation, Safety, Honor:** cleaning, detailing, waxing, polishing, photo documentation
- **Duluth Legacy:** assessment, repairs and maintenance based off recommendations
- **Fountain of the Wind:** granite repair/replacement
- **Great Lake Medallions:** photo documentation
- **Green Bear:** cleaning, detailing, waxing, polishing, photo documentation
- **Language of Stone:** cleaning, detailing, waxing, polishing, photo documentation
- **Leif Erickson:** plaque replacement to update information/text
- **Man, Child, and Gull:** base assessment, possible base replacement based on assessment
- **Spirit of Lake Superior:** base assessment, possible base replacement based on assessment
- **Utility Boxes:** photo documentation

**The docket is current and accurate as of 7/16/2024.*