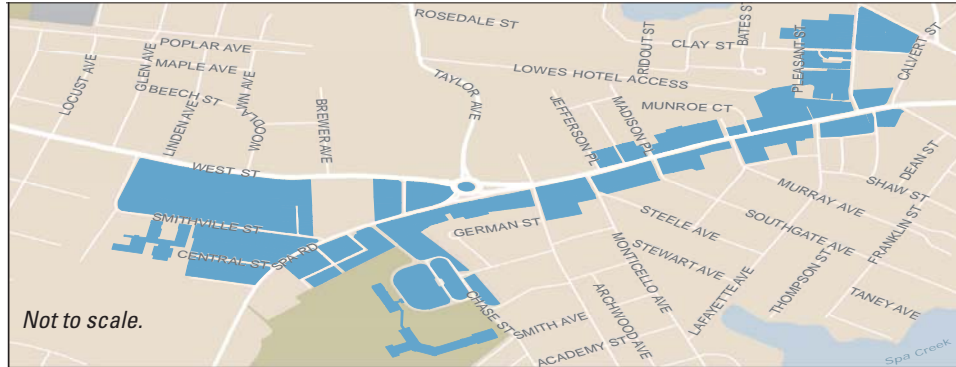


## MAP FOR THE ANNAPOLIS ARTS DISTRICT ~ ART TOUR

[www.annapolisartsdistrict.org](http://www.annapolisartsdistrict.org)



The City of Annapolis has enjoyed having a State designated [Arts and Entertainment District](#) since 2008. It extends east along West Street from Calvert Street to Russell Street and Clay Street to Pleasant Street. The Annapolis Arts District includes Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Bates Middle School Performing and Visual Arts Program, the Boys and Girls Club, Bates Legacy Center, Stanton Community Center, parks, artists' studios, galleries, venues, professional creatives, arts education, hotels and a wide range of restaurants.

Live entertainment can be found almost any night of the week in and around the Annapolis Arts District. See top national, regional and local groups at Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Rams Head On Stage and in many of the restaurants along West Street. Resident companies in the arts district include the Annapolis Symphony, Annapolis Opera, Ballet Theatre of Maryland, and Live Art/Annapolis Chorale.

The Annapolis Arts District is host to many of downtown's most popular community attended events including: Annapolis Film Festival, Annapolis Fringe Festival, Annapolis Restaurant Week, Maryland Day, First Sunday Arts Festivals, Dinner Under the Stars, Chocolate Binge Festival, Annapolis Arts Week, Martin Luther King, Jr. Parade, St. Patrick's Day Parade, Memorial Day Parade, July 4th Parade, Labor Day Parade, New Year's Eve Family fireworks and the new Annapolis Rising Festival.

The area includes a wide range of public art including; over 20 murals, sculptures, artistic bike racks and art crosswalks along with a newly re-landscaped Whitmore Park. The Annapolis Arts District is quickly transforming into a vibrant creative community that is fun to explore anytime of the year.

While this section of the City has the highest concentration of public parking garages, it also offers alternative transportation options with a free circulator shuttle, bike trails and is accessible by both City and State bus service.

In 2015 the [Inner West Street Association](#) (IWSA) partnered with the Annapolis Arts District to increase the economic vitality of the area through the promotions of the arts. A 2017 report by the Regional Economic Studies Institute at Towson University shows the Annapolis Arts District has made huge gains over the past few years adding new income sources for hundreds of artists and it has added \$62.9 million in state gross domestic product.

Learn more about the Annapolis Arts District at [www.annapolisartsdistrict.org](http://www.annapolisartsdistrict.org).

MAP FOR DESIGN DISTRICT ~ ART TOUR

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## ANNAPOLIS DESIGN DISTRICT



By *Ciro Schu*

The Design District is a central focus area for Urban Walls Brazil, an art Project that features street artists from around the world. Founded by *Roberta Pardo* who lives in Severna Park, the program provides cultural exchange for art students who live with other art inspired residents as they work together to produce the murals of this District and elsewhere in the City.

Once considered graffiti, street art is now an accepted art form that helps otherwise uninspiring locations become “sites to see.” The Design District is located in Annapolis’ industrial area, bounded by West Street (north), Chinquapin Round Road (west), Legion Avenue (east) and Forest Drive (south). The Design District attracts entrepreneurs because of its central location, creative environment and collaborative approach toward business.

Through murals, workshops and a series of Art Talks in public schools, Urban Walls Brazil has created a platform for cultural exchange. UWB is making sure people understand the importance and value of diversity in our society while partnering with socially engaged organizations to advocate for their cause and bring the community together.

### *BRAZILIAN STREET PAINTER MURALS*

The Annapolis Design District was established in 2007 to build a “cool” urban neighborhood where leading home design firms, showrooms, arts and other innovative/entrepreneurial businesses could create, collaborate on and enjoy outdoor arts.



By *Ju Violeta*



By Arlin Graff

On September 26, 2015 street artists from São Paulo, Brazil, and artists from Annapolis, with curator Roberta Pardo, and artists from Annapolis breathed new life into a non-descript industrial zone of cinder block warehouses and offices and created new murals on the walls of the industrial buildings in the Design District.

Street art, visual art at one time unsanctioned, boomed during the controversial graffiti years of the 1980s. This attention-grabbing art form probably had its beginning with the straight line drawings of *Kilroy Was Here* in the 1940s. It attracted attention and communicated directly with the public, as did the far more artistic and complicated art that popped up on vacant buildings and railroad boxcars and walls everywhere in non-descript places.

By 1984, Philadelphia had embraced the Street Artists supporting agencies who employed them to eventually become the “City of Murals.” Today, cities around the world, such as London and Paris, and New York City, arrange tours to street art areas as sites to be seen and street artists, formally and self-taught, have risen to international recognition.

In the mural at the top of page 31, *Ciro Schu* challenged the imagination of viewers to interpret the symbols in his abstract works of art.





By Vermelho

By Rodrigo Branco

Street artist [Arlin Graff](#) holds a degree in Design and his work mixes design with graffiti in the distinctive abstract style of his specialty...animals.

Street artist [Rodrigo Branco](#) is inspired by the faces and looks of people in his everyday life. His work is seen in Germany, Peru, and England, as well as Brazil and Annapolis.

The abstract style of graffiti street artist [Gen Duarte](#) attracted the attention of national Brazilian companies for brand design projects.

Curator Roberta Pardo says: "It has been shown in areas around the world that the introduction of street art has always increased the number of visitors to an area...increases public safety...and inspires our imagination."



By Duarte

Urban Walls Brazil continues to add murals in the Design District and will continue to do so in the years ahead.



*By Apolo Torres (Brazil)  
Lincoln Drive*



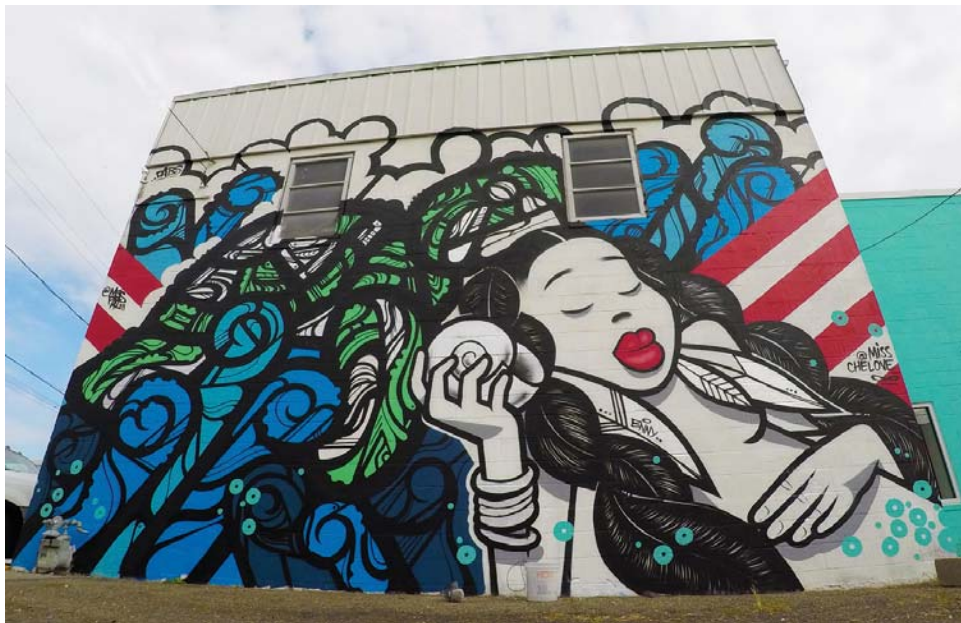
*By Pol Corona (France)  
Margaret Avenue*



*By Mart Aires (Argentina)  
Margaret Avenue*



*By Mateu Velasco (Brazil)  
1805 George Avenue  
at Chesapeake Light Craft*



*By MasPaz and Chelove (Brazil)  
1797 Virginia Street  
Staton Plumbing*



**FRANK LLOYD WRIGHT**

Annapolis artist *Jeff Huntington* specializes in the portraits of famous people. This rendering of Frank Lloyd Wright (below), award winning American Architect, is on Legion Avenue.



*By Vermelho*

All of these artists have indeed sprinkled their magic and talent to transform the Design District into an artistic and cultural destination to be seen.

*By Jeff Huntington*