

OUTDOOR SCULPTURE IN NEW HOPE: A Guide to the 2026 Public Arts Celebration



New Hope, Pennsylvania, has been a sanctuary for artists for generations. Today, the **New Hope Arts Public Arts Program** continues this legacy by showcasing 50 outdoor sculptures in around the borough. It is one of the largest exhibitions of its kind in the United States.

PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM: RECEPTION AND VIDEO PREMIERE

A highlight of International Sculpture Day Weekend takes place on **Thursday, April 23, from 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.** at the New Hope Arts Center. Join us to learn more about the artists and our Public Arts Program.

Indoor Sculpture Show:

For one night only, the gallery creates landscaped vignettes for large sculptures

Film Premiere: View a new video short featuring select outdoor sculptures photographed throughout the year.

Meet the Creators: Director JaQuinley Kerr and videographer Lauren Adler will be in attendance to discuss the project.

APRIL 23 – 26, 2026

FULL EVENT SCHEDULE: APRIL 25 – 26

Beyond the Thursday premiere, the weekend is packed with interactive tours and educational talks.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25: TOURS AND ARTIST TALKS

9:00 a.m. – Docent-Led Walking Tour:

Meet at 142 South Main Street for a flat-ground tour of local works.

10:00 a.m. – How to Grow a Sculpture Garden:

Visit 131 North Main Street to see 25 works by 15 different artists in a private collection.

10:00 a.m. – Sculpture Bike Tour:

Start at New Hope Cyclery (404 York Rd) for a ride led by Wills Kinsley, creator of *It's Out There Somewhere*.

1:30 p.m. – 'Whale Watch' Talk:

Gallerist and Art Collector, Paul Murphy (180 West Bridge Street) shares how his passion for whale watching led to the purchasing, then donation of two sculptures. A student art exhibit leads through the school's theater lobby to this talk.

2:15 p.m. – The New Lion Mascot:

Mike Gyampo introduces the newly commissioned Lion mascot sculpture for the school district (Shed behind the New Hope-Solebury School - 180 W. Bridge Street).

SUNDAY, APRIL 26:

1:00 p.m. – Afternoon Walking Tour: A guided walk from New Hope ARTS Center (New Hope Arts Center - 2 Stockton Ave) to Lenape Park and Union Square and beyond.

3:00 p.m. – Closing Reception:

Join us at the New Hope Arts Center (New Hope Arts Center - 2 Stockton Ave) to celebrate the end of the week. Meet sculptor Harry Gordon to learn the logistics of Moving monumental sculptures to private settings.



WHY VISIT THE PUBLIC ARTS PROGRAM?

The program offers a unique way to experience contemporary art outside of a traditional gallery setting.

ACCESSIBLE 24/7

Unlike indoor galleries, these sculptures are available for viewing 24 hours a day, seven days a week at no charge. One can discover them during a morning walk, a dinner date, or while shopping downtown.

A DIVERSE AND EVOLVING COLLECTION

The program features a wide range of materials and scales.

Landmarks: Large works like *Boomer* have greeted visitors since 2003 and serve as town landmarks.

Rotating Works: To keep the program dynamic, many sculptures rotate every one to three years.

SUPPORTING THE ARTS

Most Sculptures in the program are available for purchase. This model allows collectors to acquire museum-quality work for residential or corporate settings while directly supporting the artists.

PLAN YOUR TRIP

If you are visiting for **Shadfest** or traveling from **NYC, DC, or Boston**, the New Hope Arts Center is located at **2 Stockton Avenue**.

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