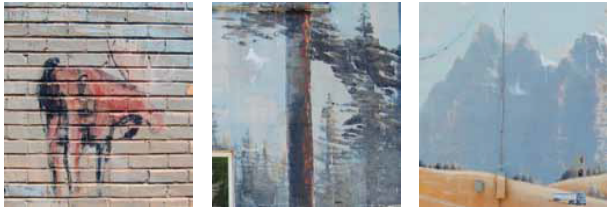


# TETON MURALS

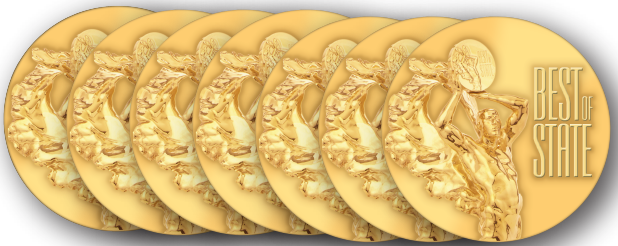


According to the *Ogden Standard-Examiner*, painted landscape murals on buildings around Tremonton and other locales as well as nearby Cache County. The mystery muralist's work always featured mountains, streams and wildlife; often depicting the Grand Tetons, the famous mountains in the National Park of the same name near Jackson, Wyoming. As the legend goes the mystery muralist was a hippie, who supposedly used his hair to make his paint brush bristles.

## PROPOSED MURALS, MONUMENTS, & ART

Multiple Ideas have been submitted for public art that reflects the historic and cultural identity of Tremonton City and surrounding areas. Financial donations are critical for the creation of future public art, and citizens, corporations, or private businesses are encouraged to support the arts in their community. Please contact Tremonton City at 435-257-9500 for additional information regarding these proposed future public art projects.

## BEST OF STATE: PUBLIC ART

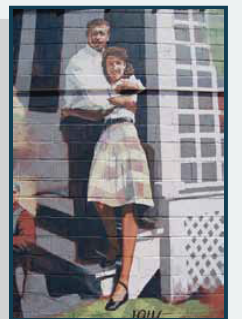
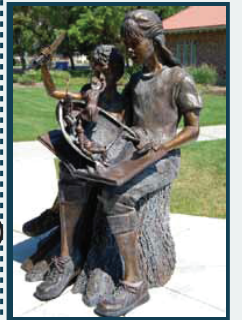


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**BOSS AWARD - 2020**  
ARTS & ENTERTAINMENT

This self guided walking tour allows you to be steps away from works of art in the Bear River Valley. We Invite you to experience this work up close and learn about the significant people and events that help define the life and character of this region.



# PUBLIC ART TOUR

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# PUBLIC ART TOUR INFORMATION

## 1 Space Shuttle Launch

200 E. Main  
The booster rockets that propelled the space shuttle Columbia into space on April 12, 1981 were designed and manufactured in Box Elder County, Utah. The program began in 1972, and its final flight on July 8, 2011 was described as both inspiring and captivating. The shuttle program represents a significant achievement for the U.S.A. Space Program and the people of the Bear River Region who are a part of its history. Visitors can view an outdoor display of solid rocket motors at the Alliant Techsystems Inc. (ATK) launch facility, approximately 21 miles west of Tremonton. Created by Rachel Wadsworth and funded by Northrup-Gruman and Tremonton City.

## 2 Driving the Golden Spike

125 E. Main  
Andrew J. Russell's "East and West Shaking Hands at Laying of Last Rail." Commonly known as "The Champagne Photo." The National Park Service maintains the Golden Spike National Historic Site, approximately 27 miles west of Tremonton. Created by artist Jason Nessen and funded by Union Pacific Railroad Foundation and Tremonton City.

## 3 Chief Sagwitch - Northwestern Shoshone Nation Mural

110 E. Main Street  
2022 marked 200 years since the birth of Chief Sagwitch, who led the Northwestern Shoshone during the Bear River Massacre, one of the bloodiest engagements of America's Indian wars. Hundreds of Shoshone, including Sagwitch's wife and two sons, died. The band was shattered. Though wounded, Sagwitch escaped the massacre and lived to lead the desperate survivors. Painted by No-Sun Brown of the Shoshone Tribe.



## 4 1920's Downtown Welcome Mural

25 E. Main  
Downtown Welcome Mural depicts Tremonton's Main street ca. 1920. The mural was created from a photograph provided to the City by Barry Cole in celebration of the Tremonton City Centennial in 2003. The mural was completed in 2014 by local artist Jason Nessen and funded in part by grants provided by Box Elder County Tourism Tax Advisory Board and by the Utah Division of Arts & Museums.

## 5 Midland Hotel Mural

41 W. Main  
Midland Hotel Mural gives the glimpse of a grand hotel and once city landmark built in 1914 by David Holmgren on the corner of Main Street and 100 West. The hotel was advertised by the phrase "Well Furnished Rooms & Meals à la Carte and of the Best." Mr. Holmgren also served as Mayor of Tremonton from 1924 to 1927. The Hotel and surrounding buildings were destroyed by a fire in the early morning hours of January 31, 1995 and Midland Square now stands in its place. The mural was created from a photograph by local artist, Jason Nessen in 2003, and was funded in part by the David Holmgren Family and by Jay D. & Alice C. Harris.

## 6 Tremonton City Volunteer Fire Department

51 S. 100 W.  
ca. 1920 - Photograph of a group of local residents and businessman as "Volunteer Firefighters." The Tremonton Volunteer Fire Department was officially organized by the City Council on April 4, 1938, including the purchase of an American-La France fire engine for \$7,078.17. Created by Jason Nessen and funded by Tremonton Fire Department Women's Auxilliary and Tremonton City.

## 7 Midland Square Veterans Memorial

31 S. 100 W.  
Midland Square Veterans Memorial is part of Midland Square Park created in downtown Tremonton where the historic Midland Hotel once stood. The memorial was conceived by A. C. Christensen who was a veteran of World War II, and spent years in a Japanese prison camp. The memorial consists of a block-shaped monument displaying portraits of the four Borgstrom brothers from nearby Thatcher, Utah who died within six months of each other in 1944, during World War II. Jackie Allred Hunlon sculpted the portraits. Overlooking the monument is a larger-than-life bronze statue of a soldier gazing at the four brothers. The statue stands 7-feet 7-inches tall and was sculpted by local artist Val Lewis. Surrounding the memorial are stainless steel plaques where the names of over 3,000 local veterans are etched. The memorial was dedicated on August 18, 2001. Funding to construct the mural was provided by private donations.

## 8 The Candy Bomber

105 S. Main St.  
COL. Gail Halvorsen A.K.A The Candy Bomber, brought hope to a city facing it's darkest hour. Growing up on a farm and working in Tremonton, Gail Graduated from Bear River High School in 1938 and went to Flight School at the Brigham City Airport. In 1942 he joined Army Air Corp where, after WWII, the call came and he responded to fly supplies to West Berlin Allies after Soviet forces blockaded rail, road, and water access. Gail Piloted C-54s during the Berlin Airlift and founded "Operation Little Vittles" with no authorization from his superiors, but over the next year became a national hero. Operation Little Vittles dropped over 23 tons of candy to the residents of Berlin earning Gail the nickname, "The Candy Bomber". This mural was painted by artist Erik Burke from Reno NV. and unveiled with Gail present on his 100th Birthday.

## 9 1960's Main Street Welcome Mural

163 W. Main  
A postcard showing life on main street in the 1960s inspired this welcome mural on the West end of downtown. The vantage point of the mural is the same as looking down main street. The mural shows the old business that used to be on mainstreet including the Midland Hotel that burned down in 1995. Notice the similarities and differences to the downtown landscape from the style of cars to the trees that now line Main Street.

## 10 1st Golden Spike Rodeo Mural

140 W. Main  
1st Golden Spike Rodeo Mural is inspired by a photograph taken in 1925 of the first county rodeo; also believed to be the oldest and longest running rodeo in the State of Utah. The original location of the rodeo grounds was near 300 North and 400 West in Tremonton. The mural was painted by local artist, Jason Nessen in 2007, and funding by a Box Elder County Tourism Tax Advisory Board grant.

## 11 Jeppesen Family Collage Mural

60 N. 100 W.  
Jeppesen Family Collage Mural was commissioned by the Daryl Jeppesen family in 2008. It depicts the life of an influential Garland/Tremonton family and long time owners of several area businesses, some of which are still in operation today. The mural was painted by local artist Jason Nessen.

## 12 Library Statue

200 N. Tremont St.  
Library Statue is where characters come to life as children read from the story of Peter Pan. The bronze statue was sculpted by local artist Val Lewis in 2007 and sits on Shuman Park property in front of the Library. Funding for the statue was provided by community donations.

## 13 Golden Spike Sculpture

200 N. Tremont St.  
This sculpture stands as a symbol of unity and how we are each connected as members of the community and honors not only the railroad and mining community from our history, but the hardworking men and women that make our community what it is today. It is comprised of pieces of track and actual railroad spikes that were used to join the rails of the First Transcontinental Railroad across the united states. Take time to visit the Cemetery and reflect at the Gold Star Sculpture that honors those that have given their lives so that we can live free.

## 14 Shuman Park Bell

300 N. 48 E.  
Shuman Park Bell honors John Shuman, one of the first settlers of Tremonton, who in 1903, donated a portion of his homestead for the creation of a community park, known today as Shuman Park. It is also a place of honor for the Town Bell that tolled curfew to children for 25 years, and rang for special occasions or emergencies until being replaced by an electric siren in 1936. The Tremonton City Library, built in 1927, sits on the southwest portion of the park property where the bell and monument were erected on July 24, 1970. The bell and monument were relocated from the front of the library to its current location in July 2014.

## 15 Bear River Sports Mural

600 N. 100 W.  
You probably know of someone (maybe yourself) who dreamed of playing sports for a high school, college or professional team. For many, this dream starts with playing sports at a city park. This mural proudly illustrates few of Tremonton's residents who had that dream. They played, competed and had fun at North Park as well as the other parks in Tremonton. The Ladies Bear River High School Softball team were 5-peat, 3A state champions from 2008-2012.

## 16 Mountain Mural

160 N. 300 W.  
A Mountain Mural painted on the side of the scale house at a site of one of the first grain mills in Tremonton is the beginning of Tremontons humble, yet legendary public art. The mystery muralist's work always featured mountains, streams and wildlife; often depicting the Grand Tetons, the famous mountains in the National Park of the same name near Jackson, Wyoming. As the legend goes the mystery muralist was a hippie, who supposedly used his hair to make his paint brush bristles. Today, three Teton Murals remain including this one. Another can be found on the back side of the Jeppesen Family Mural.

## 17 First Grand Entry

1070 W. Main  
Located on a wall on facing Main Street at the Box Elder County Fairgrounds you will see a Mural called "First Grand Entry" recognizing those that participated in the first Golden Spike Rodeo. Many local community members have ancestors in the photo. Some of the favorite characters included is the man standing on his horse and the man laying down with his Donkey.



Artist Doug Adams, a steel worker for thirty years, his artist wife, Diane, inspired him to follow his passion and create metal sculpture. Diane saw a bell he made 25 years ago and encouraged him to have fun with his life and pursue bell making. His bells incorporate stone and steel, Zen symbols that represent good fortune. Doug is a local artist who grew up in Dewyville, graduated from BRHS and lives in Malad.