

Mural 1: A Prairie Moment

This mural was sponsored by outdoorsmen who requested wildlife scenes. Over 50 species of flora and fauna from the area are included in the 1,296 ft² of wall space. The mural depicts a variety of subjects ranging from marshlands to bush areas, birds to bears, and moose to mushrooms. Children enjoy naming the animals and locating those that are particularly hard to find. Can you spot the frog, salamander, woodpecker, squirrel and grosbeaks?

Sponsor: Wadena Building Supplies

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Betty McPherson, Brenda Byman

Mural 2: The Barley Field

A farm family stands in a field of barley checking its progress.

Sponsor: Saskatchewan Liquor Board, Wadena

By: Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Betty McPherson, Rose Palechka

Mural 3: The Wetlands

This depiction of our wetlands reflects the diversity of waterfowl in the area. Among the birds portrayed is the rare and endangered Piping Plover, which nests on the Quill Lakes.

Sponsor: Wadena Drugs and Ducks Unlimited Canada

By: Wendy Gauthier, Betty McPherson

Mural 4: Prairie Wheat

Mornings come early for farmers and the baker who both provide our daily bread.

Sponsor: Wadena Bakery

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos

Mural 5: Le Page Clock Repair

This mural features the Le Page family and their store once located in Wadena. Eli repaired clocks and made violins, and Amelia sewed clothes.

Sponsor: Gail Loftsgard

By: Lenora Hordos, Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier

Mural 6: The Old General Store

A quiet nook to sit, relax and catch up on the gossip of the day. Why not take a browse through the general store? Remember when fresh milk and dairy products came to our front door?

Sponsor: CIBC, Wadena Credit Union, Royal Bank

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Betty McPherson, Brenda Byman, Sharon Nedjelski

Mural 7: Prairie Landscape

Located inside the Ducks Unlimited office, these murals feature natural scenes and wildlife common to the Quill Lakes area. They also represent Ducks Unlimited's vision for the prairie landscape, one that includes a healthy environment and a prosperous agricultural community. The pond and waterfall were created by Rose Palechka in memory of her husband.

Sponsor: Ducks Unlimited Canada

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos

Mural 8: Great Spirit

Designated and sketched by Floyd Young, these panels depict the spirituality of our native culture.

By: Lenora Hordos, Wendy Gauthier

Mural 9: The Cattle Drive

The final frame in this mural depicts an actual cattle drive through Wadena in the early 1900s. The Wadena Creamery appears in the background as the drive proceeds along Wadena Creek and cattle begin to cross the CNR tracks just east of where Jim Headington Way is now located. The riders in this mural could have been the Milligans who, like other ranchers, moved their cattle north to summer pastures and brought them back in early fall.

Sponsor: Wadena News Ltd.

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Betty McPherson

Mural 10: Shorebirds – Festival of the Wetlands

This mural is the work of Wadena Elementary School students, under the direction of Artist-in-Residence Kevin Quinlan.

By: Wadena Elementary School Students and Kevin Quinlan

Mural 11: Railroad Crew

Early mornings and long days work ahead, these men were responsible for maintaining the local railway line and providing a vital link to the rest of the country.

Sponsor: Don Tait Business Services

By: Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos

Mural 12: Gingerbread House

Located next to the Wadena Seniors' Drop-In Centre, a small storage shed was transformed into an artistic delight that simply blooms with happiness and fairy tale endings.

By: Rose Palechka, Betty McPherson

Mural 13: Saskatchewan Sunset

Here the artists have depicted a few of the changes our community has undergone over the last few decades: from elevators to terminals, wheat to canola, and square bales to round ones. Yet in some ways time stands still, as sunsets and birds continue to brightly decorate our skies.

Sponsor: Zawislak Law Office

By: Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Rose Palechka, Betty McPherson

Mural 14: Salute to Memories

Located on the north side of the Wadena Community Legion Hall, this mural is dedicated to the men and women who fought to preserve our way of life, which we are so thankful for today.

Sponsor: Canadian Legion – Wadena Branch #63

By: Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Betty McPherson, Rose Palechka

Mural 15: Inglenook

To camouflage the fire escape door inside Pleasant View Care Home, artists painted the wall and door featuring a fireplace with books and pictures on shelves. You must look very closely to actually see the door!

Sponsor: Pleasant View Care Home

By: Wendy Gauthier, Betty McPherson, Lenora Hordos, Rose Palechka

Mural 16: School Days

Most of our pioneers attended one of these single-room country schools. This mural located inside Pleasant View Care Home depicts the many stories that have been told of mischief on the way home, of long walks or a stubborn pony, of Christmas concerts and of tasting fresh Saskatoon berries along the way.

Sponsor: The family of Hillive Fisher in her memory

By: Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos, Rose Palechka, Betty McPherson, Ken Kerluke

Mural 17: A Quiet Corner

Located at Pleasant View Care Home gardens, A Quiet Corner is a floral tribute to avid gardeners who strive to beautify their yards and communities. Perhaps it brings a sense of tranquility and a smile to seniors who reside here.

Sponsor: Wadena Horticultural Society

By: Wendy Gauthier, Lenora Hordos

Mural 18: Gingerbread House

Dripping with sweetness and loads of artistic details, the Rollins Park gingerbread house is certainly worth a second look. Be sure to see if you can tell whether the windows are real or simply the result of talented artists' brushes.

By: Betty McPherson, Rose Palechka

Mural 19: The Old Farm

Painted indoors for residents of Weneeda Park Lodge, the artists recreated memories of farmstead past. The quilts hanging out on the clothesline are actual patterns taken from quilts belonging to one of the residents.

By: Lenora Hordos, Rose Palechka, Wendy Gauthier, Brenda Byman

Mural 20: Fashion Parade

Stroll through the seasons with our glamorous ladies in their array of fashions and hairdos from decades past. This mural is on display at the Wadena & District Museum.

Sponsor: Special Effects Spa, Leone Wallin, Marilyn McGunigal

By: Wendy Gauthier, Betty McPherson, Leone Wallin

Mural 21: Saskatchewan Prairie

Located at the Wadena & District Museum, this mural is part of the nature centre.

Sponsor: Wadena District Museum

By: Rose Palechka, in memory of her parents

Murals of Wadena Map



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MURALS OF WADENA

Inspired by the dream of a local artist and brought to reality by several gifted residents, the murals in Wadena are a must-see! Located throughout the community and concentrated on Main Street, the almost two dozen murals feature Wadena's cultural history, recreation activities, farming practices, and area wildlife.