

In 2015, the Cultural Arts Commission solicited artists to submit designs for an in-ground installation of a plaque in the sidewalk outside the McCarty Street entrance to City Hall. Two artists submitted conceptual designs. The conceptual design submitted by Don Asbee, a metal artist from Hartsburg, Missouri was selected by Cultural Arts Commission for this project.

Mr. Asbee proposed a mixed-metal medallion to be incorporated into one of the panels in the front entrance plaza of City Hall. The plaque is approximately 64 inches in diameter and represents natural and cultural aspects of the City of Jefferson using a variety of metals. The plaque is designed to withstand changes in weather and installed to be in compliance with standards of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The project was funded by City Hall Trust Fund which was established in 1987 through Ordinance 10923. The trust fund's purpose is acquisition of works of art for display within City buildings or upon City grounds.

Graphic Historical Timeline

- Catfish, Sturgeon - ancient river species
- Missouri River- The spiral that connects history and culture
- Cattails – ancient food source
- Heron – ubiquitous wading bird of the Missouri River bottoms
- Travois – adapted to horses by indigenous people following the arrival of Spanish explorers
- Oak Trees – provided timber essential to development of the region
- Keel Boat – used by Lewis and Clark expedition at the turn of the 19th century
- Missouri State Penitentiary – begun in 1836, known as oldest prison west of the Mississippi River prior to its 2004 decommission
- Steamboat – Further aiding the development of the Missouri River valley
- Tractor – advent of mechanized farming in the fertile river bottom
- Lincoln University – Established in 1866 by African American veterans of the Civil War; alma mater of famous poet, Langston Hughes
- Trains – integral to the further development of commerce and communication connecting the east and west portions of the nation
- Capitol Dome – most notable feature of the Jefferson City skyline
- Industry – helping further to fuel the growth of the central Missouri region
- Missouri River Bridge – Vital transportation connection
- KATY Trail – Transformed “rail to trail,” now a major tourist draw for mid Missouri

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