



Stroll around Barre City and enjoy the granite sculptures located throughout our historic downtown. For more information on these sculptures, see the back of this map. In addition, you can view photographs of the sculptures by going to studioplacearts.com and clicking “visit.”

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ART STROLL IN BARRE

Italian-American Stonecutter

① N Main St & Maple Ave (Dente Park)

This monument, dedicated to Carlo Abate who established the first art school in Barre, honors the community's talented artists and Italian heritage. It was designed by Elmo Peduzzi, and sculpted by Philip Paini from a model created by Giuliano Cecchinelli. (Italian-American Memorial, Inc., 1985)

Coffee Break

② 219 N Main St (Barre City Place)

Designed and carved by Heather M. Ritchie, this 4-piece installation honors the blue collar work ethic in Barre and depicts tools and other symbols of the trade. For example, there is a life sized, carved paper hat that sculptors from Carrara, Italy, made from Italian newspapers to keep granite dust from their hair and to stay warm. (Charles Semprebbon Fund, 2014)

Unzipping the Earth

③ 201 N Main St (Granite Zipper Pocket Park)

An oversized stone zipper serves as the artistic focal point for the Granite Zipper Pocket Park, located between Studio Place Arts (SPA) and Barre City Place. Designed and carved by Chris Miller, the zipper opens to a lush perennial garden; granite blocks provide informal seating nearby. (SPA & DEW Construction, 2014)

Daddy's Chair

④ 201 N Main St (Studio Place Arts)

A life-sized, granite easy chair designed and carved by Giuliano Cecchinelli, II, for display in the "temporary sculpture park" at a previous vacant lot at Depot Square. Cecchinelli encourages people to sit in and enjoy the chair. (Courtesy of the artist, 2011)

Gargoyle Bike Rack

⑤ Near 168 N Main St (near Coins & Hobbies)

Two granite gargoyles are engaged in a perpetual tug of war in this functional art bike rack designed and carved by Chris Miller. (Charles Semprebbon Fund, 2014)

Youth Triumphant

⑥ Washington & S Main St (City Hall Park)

This monument depicts a young warrior pleading for world peace. Carved by Gino Enrico Tosi, Enrico Mori and John Delmonte from a model created by New York sculptor C. Paul Jennewein. Jennewein was selected from a national competition to commemorate the youth who fought in WWI; his artistic achievements may be seen around the country and his studio is in the collections of the Smithsonian Institution. An image of the monument serves as the Barre City seal.

Whispering Wall - Youth Triumphant is surrounded by a semi-circular exedra with a bench designed by architect John Mead Howells, known as the "Whispering Wall." To experience the acoustics, try whispering to a friend: Sit on the opposite side of the bench so that the statue blocks the view of your friend. (Barre Quarries & Manufacturers Assn., 1924)

Robert Burns

⑦ Washington & Academy St (VT History Center)

Created to honor the 100th anniversary of the death of the Scottish poet Robert Burns. Burns was carved Samuel Novelli, and the panels by Elia Corti, based upon models by Scottish sculptors J. Massey Rhind and James B. King. It shows Burns returning from a workday as a ploughman. Three panels are scenes from his poems and one depicts his home. (Scottish immigrants, 1899)

Studio Place Arts (SPA)

▲ 201 N Main St

View an annual stone sculpture show called Rock Solid featuring work by local artists. Since 2000, Rock Solid has been scheduled for late Sept. and Oct. of each year. For info, visit: [studioplacearts.com]