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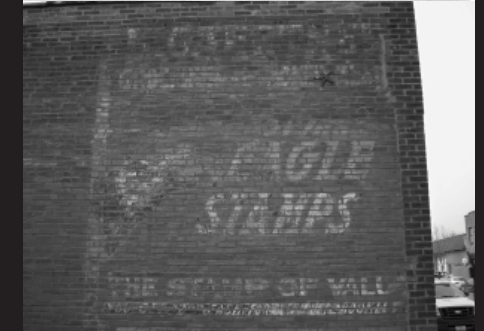
Exploring the art of FPSE

When traveling around Forest Park Southeast, one cannot help but notice the beautifully historic buildings, institutions and atmosphere. It is a neighborhood, preserved in the heart of St. Louis, and surrounded by some of the most influential institutions and attractions in the region. The appointment of Forest Park Southeast to the National Register of Historic Places honors the beauty and history of one of St. Louis' most recognizable neighborhoods.

One of the most aesthetically recognizable attributes of the neighborhood is its well-preserved "St. Louis Redbrick." FPSE is also home to one of the city's largest collections of public artwork, evident through its' unique street markers and entry signs, eye-popping murals, intricate neon signs and lively community gardens. Over the past decade, business owners, property owners, neighborhood organizations and residents have worked alongside organizations such as the Grove CID and Washington University Medical Center to help beautify FPSE.

These efforts have resulted in the elaborate public art that has made Forest Park Southeast a destination for artists, creative individuals and anyone interested in exploring a physical environment in St. Louis considered to be "out of the ordinary". Many areas may seek strict conformity for their identity, but FPSE has embraced the creative arts as a way to display the diversity of the neighborhood.

From painted fire hydrants to metal sculptures, Forest Park Southeast is host to some of the most beautiful art in the public arena. Events like Grovesfest and Tour de Grove celebrate the area's diversity and display its' unique qualities and historic charm. The collection of public art in FPSE is not simply for beautification, but for identification. It serves as a visual history of the neighborhood, one of collaboration, creativity and reverence.



Artist Testimonial

“The abundance of public art in Forest Park Southeast is a testament to the neighborhood’s dedication to improving the area, while also preserving its’ unique qualities.

I’ve really enjoyed being a part of the revitalization of Manchester Avenue through projects like the Grovesfest paint-by-number murals. When people take part in creating something tangible like a mural, there is a shared feeling of ownership with the piece of art as well as the area.

It’s been really fun installing public art in FPSE over the last 5 years. I get overwhelmingly warm receptions from residents and visitors every time I start a new project. It’s a great feeling knowing that your work is being appreciated and enjoyed.

There is a lot of excitement for the three new murals that the Herbert Hoover Boys & Girls Club will paint this year. I know these murals will help visually improve the neighborhood and truly make FPSE the destination hot-spot for public art.”

-Grace McCammond





Demo

Man

Artist: Bud Knobloch
Year: 2003
Location: 3971 Papin St.

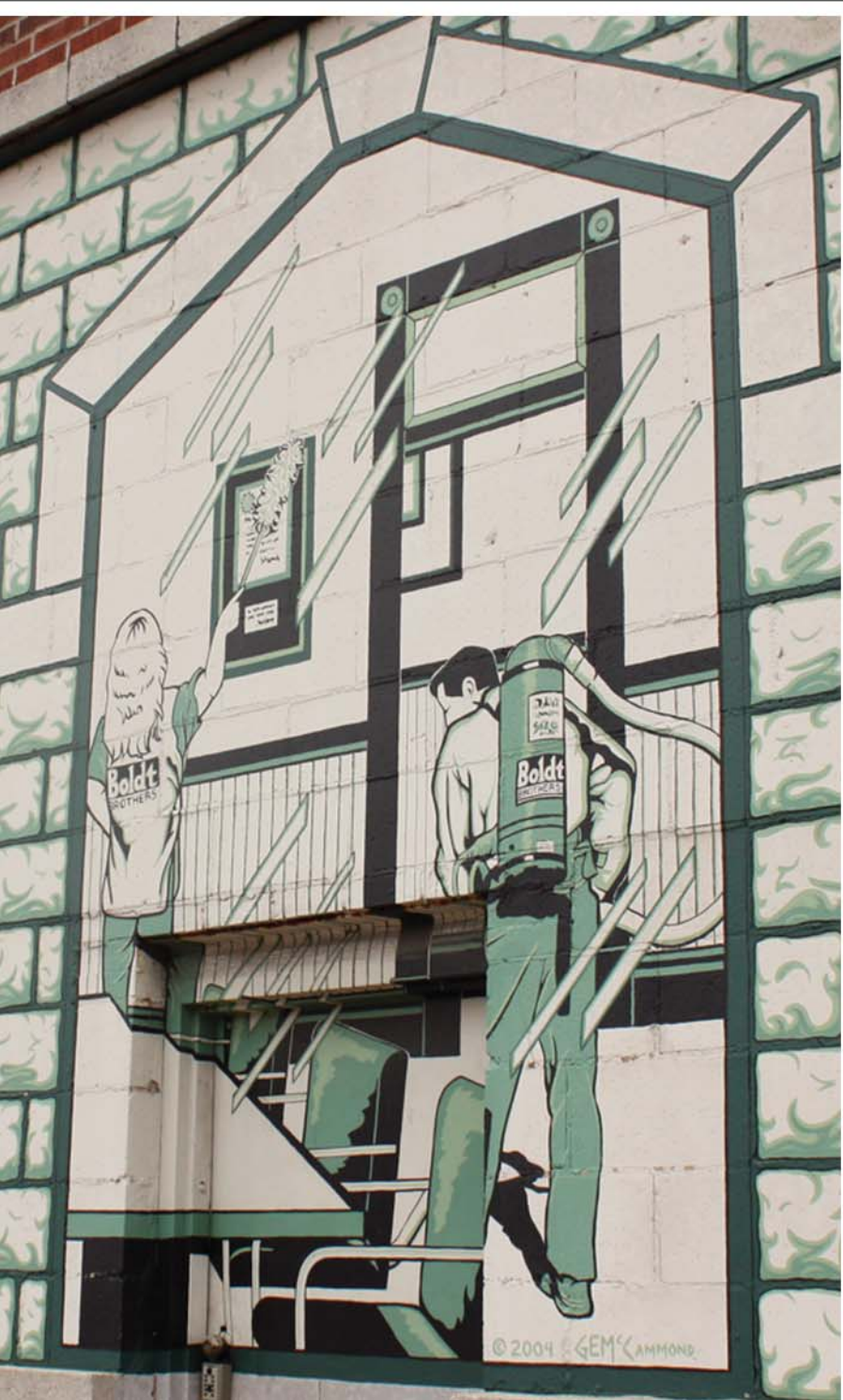


Murals

Over the past 5 years, murals have become a trademark to Forest Park Southeast. But its not just professional artists who get to have fun with this one! Every year, Grovesfest patrons have a chance to take part in the annual paint-by-numbers mural to showcase their artistic side. Currently there are approximately a dozen murals spanning the sides of buildings in FPSE with many more planned for the near future.



The Bolt Brothers



Artist: Grace McCammond

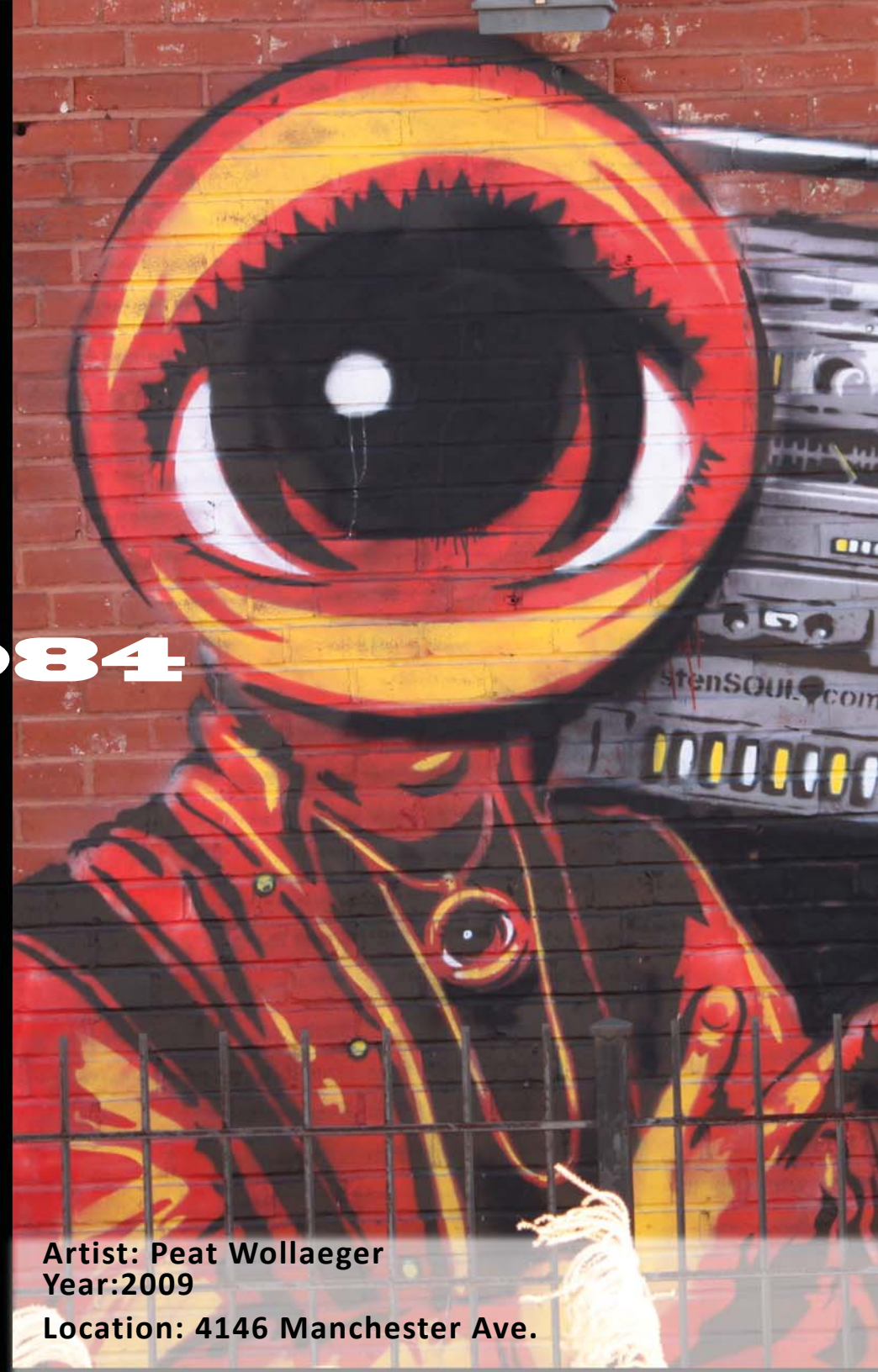
Year: 2004

Location: 4108 Manchester Ave.





Tribute to 1984



Artist: Peat Wollaeger
Year: 2009

Location: 4146 Manchester Ave.

Teddy Bear Park



Artist: Dexter Silvers
Location: 4126 Chouteau Ave.



The Atomic Cowgirl



Sign

Artists: Chip Schloss (design),
Walter Clark (fabrication)

Year: 2007

Location: 4138 Manchester Ave.

Mural

Artist: Grace McCammond

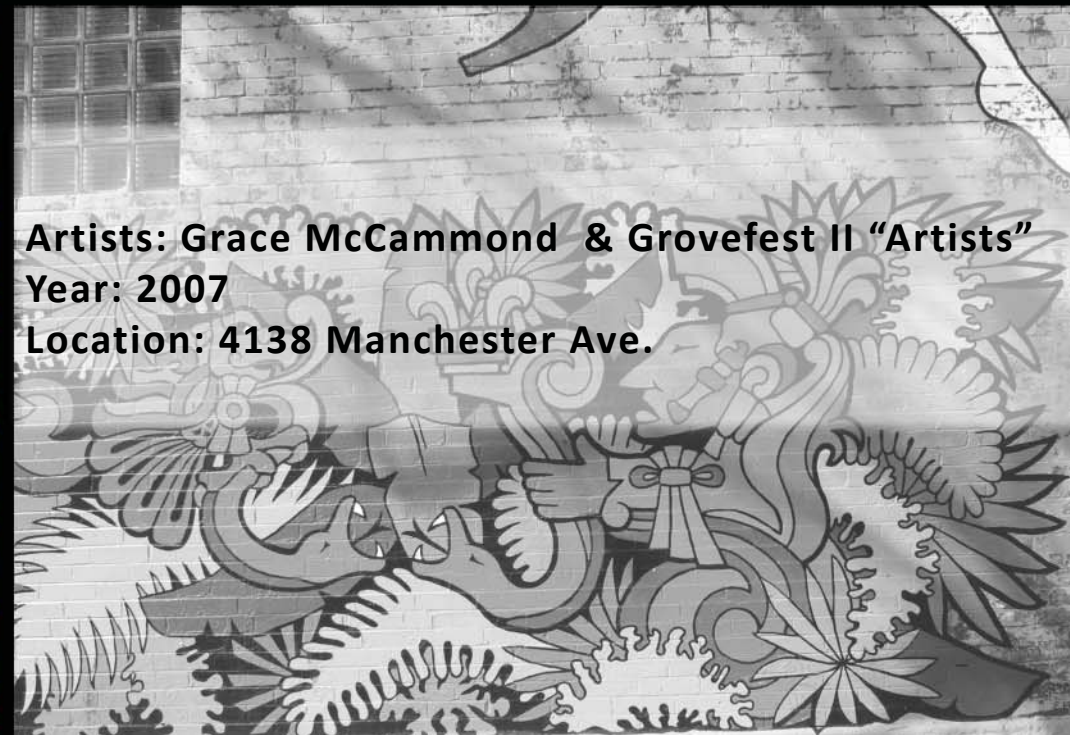
Year: 2005

Location: 4138 Manchester Ave.

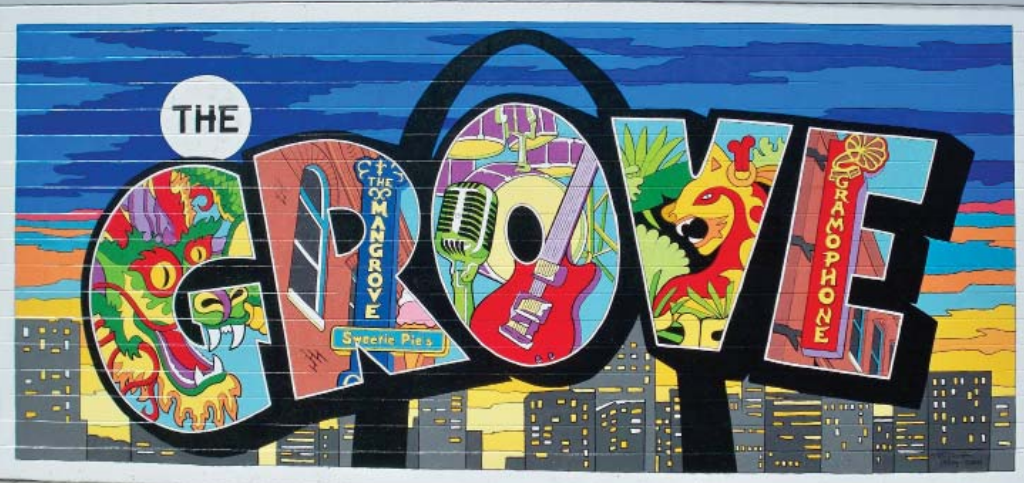




Mayan Mural



Artists: Grace McCammond & Grovesfest II "Artists"
Year: 2007
Location: 4138 Manchester Ave.



Welcome to the Grove



Artists: Grace McCammond & Grovesfest V "Artists"
Year: 2010
Location: 4155 Manchester Ave.

Premium lounge



Martini

Artist: Grace McCammond

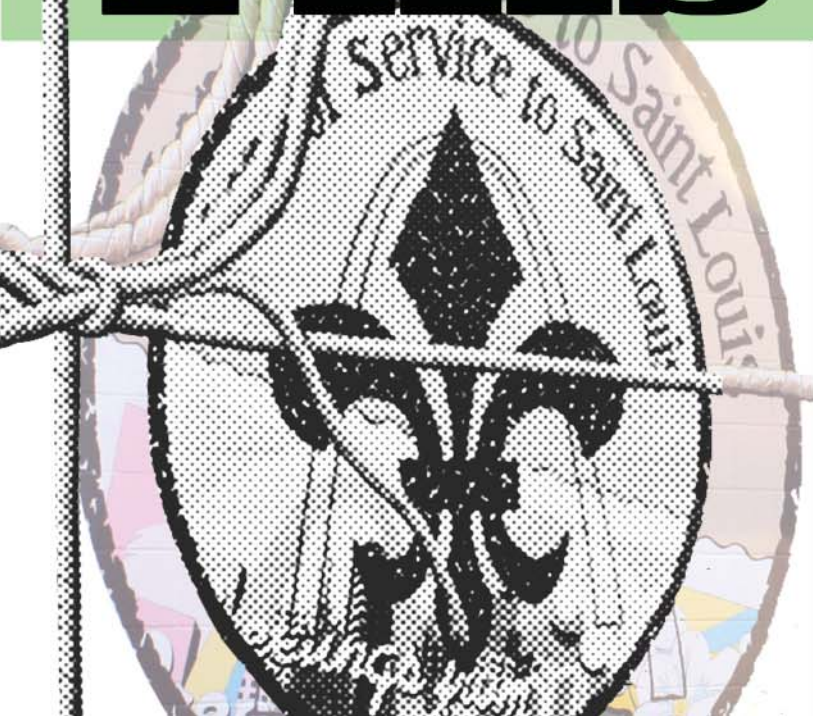
Year: 2007

Location: 4199 Manchester Ave.





This Side Up



Artists: Grace McCammond and Grovesfest IV "Artists"
Year: 2007
Location: 4199 Manchester Ave.



Mega the Dragon



Artists: Grace McCammond and Grovesfest I "Artists"
Year: 2006
Location: 4162 Manchester Ave.

Public Infrastructure

Much of the public infrastructure we see on a daily basis is dull and ordinary. Those things come to life though in Forest Park Southeast. Painted fire hydrants, unique concrete bollards, and soon-to-be-installed modern trash cans, bike racks and planters all spruce up public spaces. Additionally, three new art pedestals have been installed on Manchester to serve as display spaces for more public art!



Community

FPSE is home to numerous community gardens spread out throughout the neighborhood. Each of these gardens is maintained and operated by different organizations in an effort to beautify under utilized lots.

Startups



Entry Markers

The traditional red brick entry markers were installed along the 1000 and 1100 blocks of Taylor Avenue during the early 1990's.



Ball Bollards &



Hydrants

Bollards

Artist: Wausau Tile

Year: 2009

Location: Throughout FPSE

Hydrants

Artist: Grace McCammond

Year: 2009

Location: Throughout FPSE and the Grove



Signs

While the historic buildings along Manchester Avenue already provide a passer-by the feeling of earlier times, so do the unique signs hanging from those buildings! The numerous neon signs throughout the Grove pay tribute to the historic character of the neighborhood while adding artistic value unmatched anywhere else in the area. These new and refurbished neon signs, along with other entry marker features, dot the neighborhood and show how art can be both practical and beautiful.



FPSE

COR-TION



Artist: Wesley Fordyce

Year: 2009

Location Sign 1: Tower Grove and Vandeventer

Location Sign 2: 4350 Chouteau Ave.



The Gramophone



Artists: Peat Wollaeger (logo),
Space (design), Engraphix (fabrication)
Year: 2010
Location: 4243 Manchester





Grove Sign

Artists: Ten 8 Group (design),
Design Communications LTD (fabrication)
Year: 2010
Location: Manchester Ave. & Sarah Ave.



The Mangrove



Artists: Richard Hemp (design) ,
H1-Clay Sign Company (fabrication)
Year: 2004
Location: 4266 Manchester Ave.



Melroys



Restoration: A-1 Designs
Year: 2004
Location: 4254 Manchester Ave.



Future Projects

Even though there is already an impressive collection of public art throughout Forest Park Southeast, it hasn't stopped people preparing to install more! Currently, there are plans for three new murals, six painted traffic signal boxes, street entry markers, unique fence art, sculptures and much more for the very near future. WUMCRC is dedicated to helping beautify the area, strengthen neighborhood identity and foster residents' and visitors' creative side!



Future

Projects

Grove Shopping Bag Signal Box

Artist: Grace McCammond - Year: 2011 - Location: 4200 Race Course Ave.



Groovin' in the Grove

Artists: Grace McCammond
and Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club
Year: 2011
Location: 4370 Manchester Ave.

Future



Tour de Grove Mural

Artists: Grace McCammond
and Herbert Hoover Boys and Girls Club
Year: 2011
Location: 4201 Manchester Ave.



Projects

