

Tucson's Murals – Jerry Peek, *TucsonArt.info*

- How I got involved
- Some examples
- What *is* a “mural”?
- Well-known muralists (many unknown)
- Good mural-hunting areas
- More examples

Tucson Murals Project and me

- Founded 2006 by Randy Garsee
- I joined 2007; Randy left Tucson
- Ride my bicycle (side streets, and main streets early mornings)
- 350 entries now; another 150+ to add
- Contributors help (you can too!)
- Melodi King: mural map and more info

Let's see some examples...



Tucson Museum of Art: *Nuestro futuro/Nuestras raíces humana*



Near Hotel Arizona



Along I-10 in Barrio Anita



Along an alley in South Tucson



Hidden David Tineo



Hidden behind a Dumpster



Larger “Urban Art”



On another side...



Murals everywhere!



Why not at home?



Murals for your neighbors



For organizations...



...and, of course, businesses



What is a mural?

- For some people, trying to define “mural” is too academic. (“It's a mural if I say it is.”)
- Tucson Murals Project needed to decide!
- Merriam-Webster.com: “applied to and made integral with a wall or ceiling surface.” (Origin: Latin *muralis*, from *murus* wall)
- In practice, it's not that simple...

Maybe a mural, #1



Maybe a mural, #2



Maybe a mural, #3



Maybe a mural, #4



Maybe a mural, #5



Maybe a mural, #6



Maybe a mural, #7



Who was that muralist?

- Many murals are unsigned, or signature is so “artistic” that it's hard to read
- Some people post comments on blog to identify the artist or tell a story
- My next project (after photographing “all murals” :) – go back and research them
- Tucson has some well-known muralists; let's see a few...

David Tineo



Luis Mena



Rock Martinez



Joe Pagac



How to find murals

- Tucson Murals Project blog, *tucsonmurals.blogspot.com*
- Tucson Art information website murals page, *tucsonart.info/murals*, which has:
 - Maps of mural locations (click on a location to get a pop-up info box)
 - Table of all murals by location
- Go to the best mural-hunting areas...

Where to find the most murals

- The city of South Tucson and north to 22nd
- Downtown
- Stone Avenue from downtown to Wetmore
- Schools

Questions?

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Next: murals changing over time...

Grande & Congress, 2006 (photo by Erik S.)



Grande & Congress, 2010



Toole & Alameda, 2006



Toole & Alameda, 2010



La Pilita Museum, 2009



La Pilita Museum, 2011



7th & Toole, 2008



7th & Toole, 2010



Solar Culture Gallery, 2008



Solar Culture Gallery, 2009



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Solar Culture Gallery, 2010



Arnold S., 2006



Arnold S., 2009



5th and Congress, 2009



5th and Congress, 2010



Dales Doors by daylight



Dales Doors by lamplight

