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A Quarterly eNewsletter of the
Downtown Development Authority
(DDA)
Bellaire, Michigan

The DDA meets monthly on the last
Wednesday of each month - at 9 am
Village Hall Meeting Room

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Charles Culver Public Art Exhibition

The Charles Culver Public Art Exhibition will be on display throughout downtown Bellaire from mid-June through October 2023. Each piece of art will display a QR code to access an audio presentation providing history and background of the particular piece.

The DDA Grant Committee (Doreen McGuire, Tracy Lareau, Michelle Dayton, and Cindi Place) would like to thank the Village of Bellaire, the Bellaire DDA, Photographer extraordinaire James Sullivan, Pro Image of Traverse City, our framing and installation crew Terry Coates, Jeff Krino, and Shelly Dayton, Kevin O'Meara for the audio project, the Bellaire Public Library, Jean Bedell, the Bellaire Historical Society, Andrea Gerring, Curator of the Culver Family Collection, NMC art history adjunct instructor, and the Charles Culver family. Funding for this project included a \$4,000 grant from the Michigan Arts & Culture Council, administered by Northwest Michigan Arts and Culture Network, and local funding procured from Chris Corbett-Bellaire Hardware, College for Creative Studies, Bellaire Rotary Club of Bellaire, the Antrim Women's Alliance, Shanty Creek Resorts, and Set in Many Stones-Jennifer Stone & Robert Bagnall totaling \$6,500 which all together made this exhibition of Charles Culver's work a reality.

What's Happening?

Meet & Greet

Thank you to all who attended our May 15th Meet and Greet at Terrain Restaurant. Thank you also to Terrain for providing the site, Corner Bistro, M88 Morning Grind, Pelican's Nest, Set in Many Stones, and Spice & Tea Exchange for providing the appetizers.

Chairperson Sutherland welcomed attendees and various DDA board members spoke about past and upcoming projects.



Picture: 2022 winner Randy Minish (Terrain Restaurant) hands off the Bake-Off Trophy to 2023 winner Taylor Sutherland (Corner Bistro)

Buy Local Events

The Buy Local group sponsored several



Pictured above: Antrim Women's Alliance donation to the Charles Culver Project, AWA members Barbara VanPelt and Lesley Misuraca, with DDA member Michelle Dayton

Pictured to the right: Bellaire Rotary donation to the Charles Culver Project. Rotary members Melissa Kowalski, Jake Seaney, DDA member Michelle Dayton, Rotary member Judy Stilwell.

events this Spring including Flip Flops and Flamingoes in April and the Spring Fling in late April. The next Buy Local event planned is Art & Music Stroll in the Fall. Downtown businesses benefit from increased visitors during these events.

Buy Local members planted the the beautiful flowers in downtown Bellaire, as well as set out a number of the tables and chairs for visitor use.

Ongoing DDA Projects

The DDA committee has several projects planned for the 2023. These include:

- Signage for parking areas
- Charles Culver Public Art Exhibition
- Working on broadband access

DDA Members

Chairperson Taylor Sutherland, Vice-Chairperson, Michelle Dayton, Secretary Tracy Lareau, Treasurer Dave Gajda, Dan Bennett, Michael Belanger, Don Hoyt, Doreen McGuire, Cindi Place



We hope you enjoy our eNewsletter reporting on actions and projects of the Bellaire Downtown Development Authority. A reminder: DDA meetings take place monthly on the last Wednesday of each month at 9am in the Village Hall meeting room. Meetings are streamed live on Zoom: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85258682852?pwd=OS9XSWdyZE1jSm54djZNBUXYQmZUdz09> as well. Join us!
