

MURALFEST PUTNAM - What it is...



A 3D Walldog mural of renowned American Muralist Barry Faulkner, from Keene, NH, painting his famous adaptation of the Signing of the Declaration of Independence. A treasure of Keene's Magical History Tour in 2019.

MuralFest Putnam

A transformative, historic, visually spectacular project is coming to our town!

MuralFest Putnam is a public art collaboration that welcomes “The Walldogs,” legendary sign painters and muralists from across the country and around the world, who will capture Putnam’s rich history in a series of privately-funded, storytelling murals. This massive project engages local artists, students, teachers, municipal and non-profit organizations, as well as town leaders, businesses, and the community-at-large in a spirited movement that elevates community pride, drives economic development, and boosts tourism.

Putnam has become a community canvas for artistic expression, boasting eye-catching murals, enchanting fairy doors, painted electrical boxes and refuse containers, decorated bicycles, street art and staircases, fiery ice carvings, painted cow parades, glowing riverfires, the Holiday Dazzle Light Parade, and dozens of other community projects large and small.

Art installations in public spaces offer numerous benefits, including enriching communities culturally, fostering social interaction, boosting economic growth and tourism, and even promoting mental well-being. They create spaces for community engagement and can revitalize neglected areas, increasing pride and a sense of belonging. Putnam's support of public art has elevated neighborhoods that would otherwise fall into disrepair and despair, and continues to make our quaint town a favored destination of residents, neighbors, and visitors alike.

This website will continue to grow as the project progresses. We hope you will be inspired to imagine the possibilities, create the vision, and support this effort in any way that *moves you*, and *helps us* to move the project forward.

MuralFest Putnam planners give a huge shout-out of thanks to Judy Rogers, Community Coordinator, and Peter Poanessa, Team Leader/Walldog Liaison for the 2019 Walldogs Magical History Tour Mural Festival, and the lovely, welcoming residents of Keene, New Hampshire, who have inspired us to achieve the same level of painted masterpieces and community pride.

Keene, NH planners literally wrote the book to document their Walldog Mural Festival experience and are graciously sharing their expertise and resources with us to assure our success!

