

Rotary Club of St. Albert 25th Anniversary – Lewis Lavoie Tile Mosaic

The Rotary Club of St. Albert commissioned local St. Albert artist, Lewis Lavoie, to create this mosaic to mark the Club's 25th Anniversary. The tiles that comprise the artwork represent community and international projects, along with scenes of St. Albert. Once all the tiles are assembled, the artwork reveals an image of a child receiving a Polio vaccine drop, in honour of Rotary's international efforts to eradicate the disease.

Descriptions of the individual tiles are on the following pages.



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Tile #1

Title: "trumpet player"

Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:

"I enjoy jazz music. Rotary's Music Festival allows a variety of great music to be played."

St. Albert Rotary Music Festival sponsored by the Rotary Club of St. Albert.



Tile #2

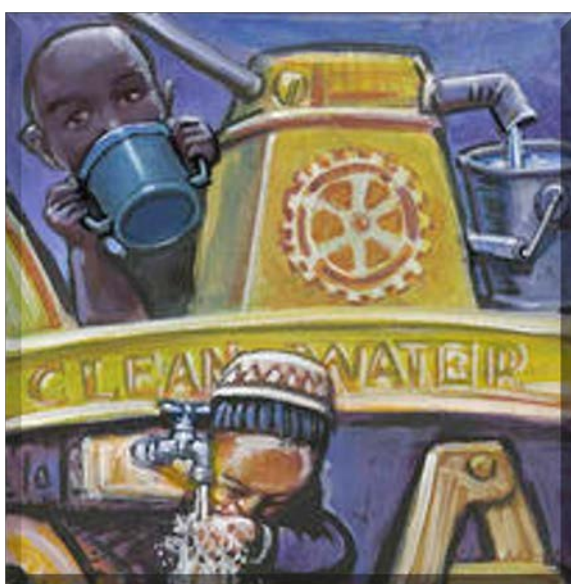
Title: "Little helpers"

Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:

"I looked at some photos from the Habitat for Humanity website and noticed one family had their children helping out. I thought this would be a great focal point for this painting."

Habitat for Humanity. Rotary Clubs sponsor thousands of houses to be built.



Tile #3

Title: "clean water"

Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:

"Although water is used for a variety of things, I wanted to show people drinking water."

Community water wells.



Tile #4

Title: "announcement"

Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

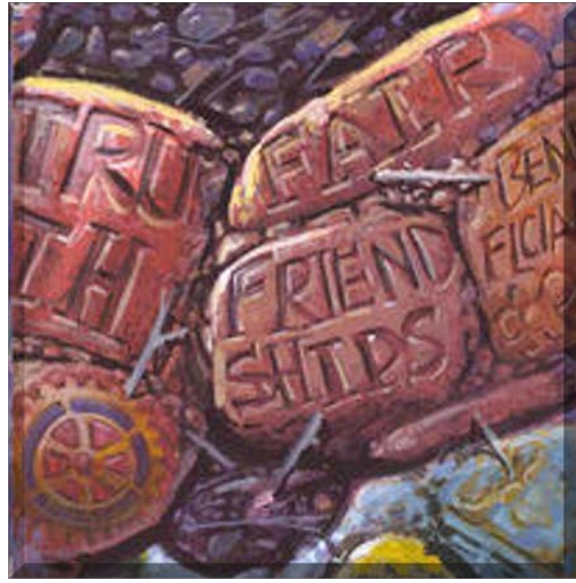
Artist's statement:

"Banners and flags play a big part of morning breakfast."

Morning breakfast meeting. Rotary symbols.



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Tile #5
Title: "stones "
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I love the idea of stones and rocks being laid as the foundation."

Four-way test word



Tile #6
Title: "sewing machine"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"The sewing machine is such a big part of a person's independence."

Microloans.



Tile #7
Title: "big lake"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I personally go out to big Lake often just to watch the sunset."

Big lake conservation program.



Tile #8
Title: "sports"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"Being a dad, I do a lot of kids sports with my kids."

Kids sports programs equipment.



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Tile #9
Title: "community"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"Just wanted to show a healthy, vibrant, and active community."

Rotary is communities.



Tile #10
Title: "LED lamps"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I love the story of how once solar lighting came to Nepal literacy increased because people can read at night."

Solar lighting in Nepal.



Tile #11
Title: "light in our communities"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard

Rotary brings light into darkness



Tile #12
Title: "train station"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Train station heritage site Club centennial project.



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Tile #13
Title: "nest"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I love the idea of a nest - it reminds me of safety and home."

St. Albert botanical Park



Tile #14
Title: "reader"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"There used to be a time before videogames and Netflix that we used to read books."

Youth literacy projects with public literacy and author tours



Tile #15
Title: "Santa's helper"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"Besides donating money and raising funds Rotarians are often the best volunteers"

Annual Christmas kenneled projects with the Salvation Army.



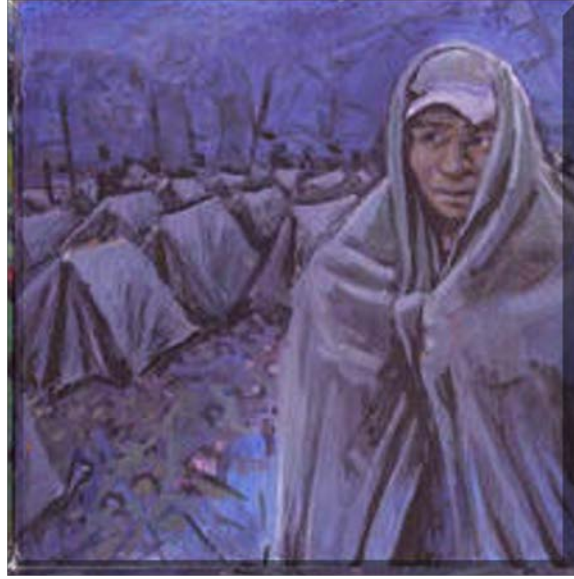
Tile #16
Title: "Sammy's spaceship"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"Playgrounds are more important now than ever. Thanks to Rotary they offset the cost."

Playground constructions.



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Tile #17
Title: "cover me"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I wanted to focus on two points a man covering himself up and tents that are set up in the background."

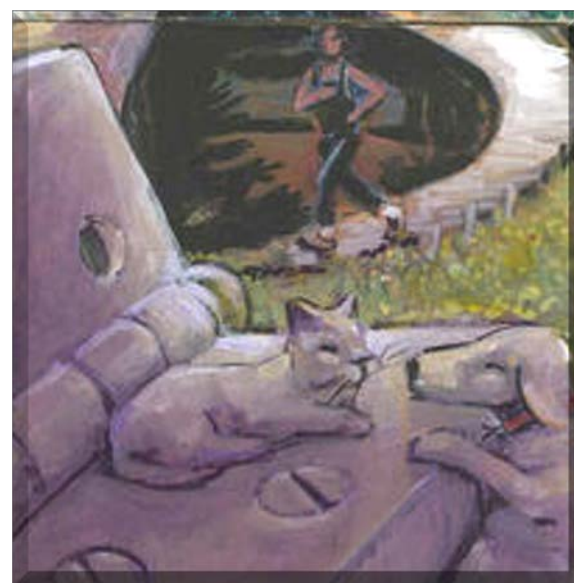
Refugee disaster camps shelters and supplies



Tile #18
Title: "Hamper"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"My focus here is the fact that there's a forklift in the background and I hamper in the foreground."

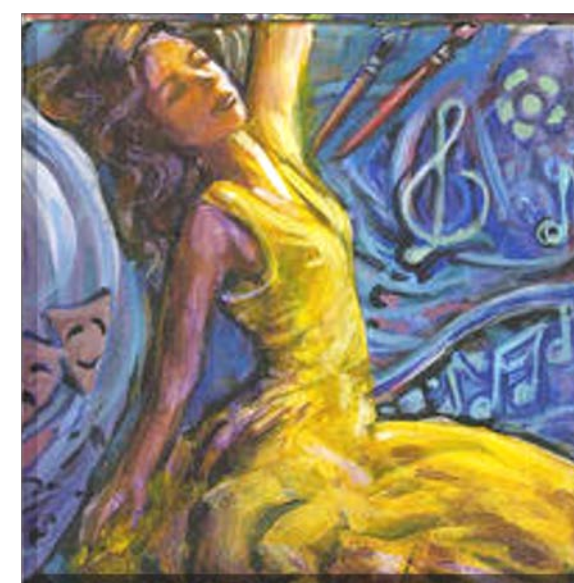
Food bank Rotary supplied the shelving and the forklift.



Tile #19
Title: "butt hinge bench"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"The butt hinge bench in St. Albert is not only a beautiful piece of artwork but it is practical as well."

Art in public places (butt hinge bench)



Tile #20
Title: "the arts"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"This painting is a little bit more generic, but I wanted to show life in laughter and happiness."

Art in public places / the music festival

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Tile #21
Title: "girls' school"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I feel this painting is full of hope and optimism for the future."

Malawi Girls' School



Tile #22
Title: "surgical teams"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"A collage of nurses and doctors."

Support for international surgeon teams.



Tile #23
Title: "painted face"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"At the time I did this painting, the exchange student was from South America so I wanted the map to show South America on his face."

International student exchange.

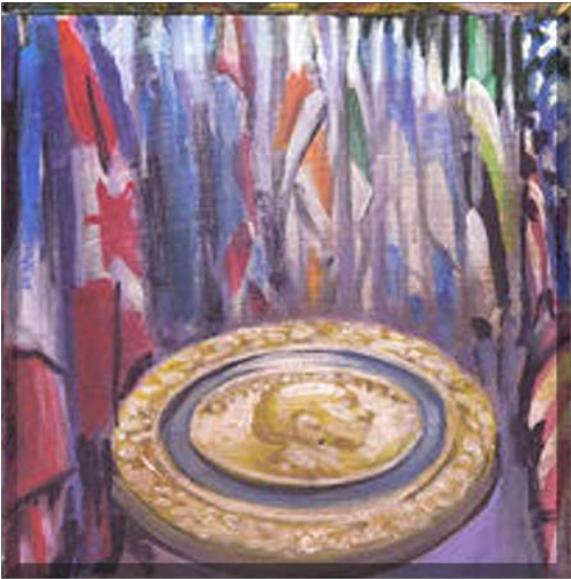
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Tile #24
Title: "story time"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"I've always thought the reading bus at the St. Albert Library looks a bit more like a fire truck."

More literacy programs. The Rotary Club of St. Albert reading bus in the library.



Tile #25
Title: "flags and pin"
Medium: acrylic on hardboard.

Artist's statement:
"We wanted to show Paul Harris, the founder of Rotary, somewhere in this mural. I thought the pin would be a good way slip him in."

Flag program / Paul Harris pin.

