Ink Drawings

The following ink drawings were created in the 1970s by beloved local artist Linda Doebbert. They depict scenes on the Art and Architecture Walking Tour, including the old Holmes School (now the Historic Holmes Theatre), The Northern Pacific Passenger Depot, The Detroit Lakes Public Library and the Detroit Lakes Pavilion.









The following sketches were created by local artist Matthew Kindy, specifically for this Art and Architecture Walking Tour. The drawings feature the Historic Holmes Theatre exterior, the theatre's stage, as well as downtown Detroit Lakes.





Sunfish Sculptures

The Sunny in DL project began in the fall of 2002, resulting in 50 fiberglass 4' x 2.5' sunfish. Seasoned and emerging artists were invited to submit designs that "imaginatively celebrated the nature of the Detroit Lakes area." Selected artists were paired with sponsoring corporations, small businesses, individuals and organizations. Some sunfish have found permanent homes in private places, but most will continue to brighten the community as publicly accessible outdoor art during the spring/summer/fall. For more information on the project and a complete list of sunnies, visit the Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce's website at visitdetroitlakes.com.

Artist Bios

Linda (Johanson) Doebbert was born, and grew up, in Detroit Lakes. She attended school in this building and during her senior year, her class moved to the "new" high school. It was from there, she graduated in 1959. Doebbert attended St. Cloud State University where she double majored in Art and Music and then received her master's in studio arts. After moving back to DL in 1968, with her family, Doebbert taught numerous adult education classes. She became well known for her watercolors and ink drawings of northwestern Minnesota. Before Doebbert passed away in April 2016, she donated these drawings to The Holmes Theatre.

Hans Gilsdorf is a Detroit Lakes artist and sculptor and a Fine Arts graduate of Arizona State University. His resume includes special effects for movies. including work with Jim Henson in the original Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtle movies. Gilsdorf has created sculptures in cement, fiberglass and bronze for zoos, museums and parks nationwide. His work can be found at the Phoenix Zoo, the Na Aina Kai Botanical Gardens in Kauai, and the Minnesota Science Museum. Special installations by Gilsdorf can also be found at regional hospitals such as Detroit Lakes' Essentia St. Mary's and Sanford Health Children's Hospitals in Fargo and Bismarck.

Matthew Kindy received his art training in figurative and portrait sculpture from the Minnesota River School of Fine Art. Kindy is also a classically trained wood carver specializing in architectural and decorative works. He worked under the tutelage of Konstantinos Papadakis, a Greek Master. Kindy moved his business to Detroit Lakes in 2013. He sculpts, carves, designs and makes furniture for private residences and offices and creates intricate ecclesiastical works for churches.

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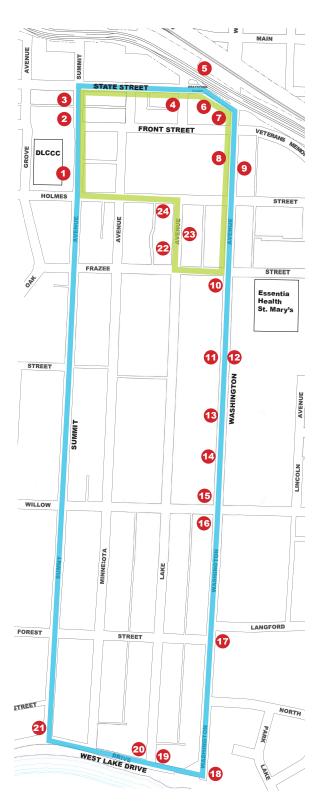




Thank You!

Historic Holmes Theatre Detroit Lakes Community and Cultural Center Essentia Health St. Mary's Becker County Historical Society Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce Washington Square Mall Norby's Department Store The Detroit Lakes Public Library **Precision Printing**

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1. Historic Holmes Theatre & Community Center - 806 Summit Avenue

The art deco style Holmes Theatre is an historic and inspirational landmark. Originally built in the 1930s as a high school, the building was shuttered in 1978, reopening in 2002 as a performing arts facility. It's named for Elon G. Holmes, a prominent businessman in Detroit Lakes' history. Adjacent is "The Center," a state of the art fitness facility that opened in 2001.

On the theatre's first floor, you'll find the art work of local artists Linda Doebbert, Matt Kindy and Hans Gilsdorf.
On the theatre's second floor, is one of the state's most unique art installations, a penny floor created out of over 630,000 donated pennies.

2. Becker County Historical Society - 714 Summit Avenue

Inside the BCHS you'll find several drawings by Becker County residents, as well as Native American beadwork.

3. Detroit Lakes Regional Chamber of Commerce - 700 Summit Avenue

Inside the Chamber, you'll find another sunfish. "Locator," was created by artist Paul Bridgeford.

4. Detroit Lakes Schools District Office - 702 Lake Avenue

Built in 1934, this modest brick building once served as the city's US post office.

5. Northern Pacific Passenger Depot* - 116 Pioneer Street (As viewed from across the street)

Across Highway 10, sits the Northern Pacific Passenger Depot. Built in 1908, the brick structure, replaced an earlier wood one that stood north of the tracks. At the turn of the century, thousands of vacationers came by train to DL to visit area resorts.

6. Graystone Building* - 119 Graystone Plaza

The Graystone, built between 1916-17, was designed to be fireproof. In its hey-day it boasted a restaurant, over 100 rooms and 65 bathrooms.

7. Holmes Block* - 710-718 Washington Avenue

The Holmes Block, a brick commercial building financed in 1892 by E.G. Holmes, was the former home of the Blanding-Norby Company.

8. Washington Square Mall - 808 Washington Avenue

When the mall was built, extra steps were taken to incorporate the space now housed by Glik's, into an existing 1910 building. Look way up high and you can see the Nunn building's name engraved in stone. Walk inside (64 strides or so) and you'll find Mally, a beloved sunfish designed by artist Howard Elijah. (Elijah also painted the well-photographed mural behind Mally).

9. Norby's Department Store - 823 Washington Avenue

Across the street is the 4th generation, family owned/operated Norby's Department Store. Since 1906, Norby's has occupied this structure, which was built in 1889.

10. Detroit Lakes Public Library* - 1000 Washington Avenue

The Detroit Lakes Public Library was built in 1913, in the Prairie School style. It's one of the few remaining Carnegie libraries, funded by Industrialist Andrew Carnegie. Of note, are the deep decorative frieze panels designed by famed architect Louis Sullivan. An addition, designed by MSR architects, was made to the library in 1988. To mark the library's 100th Anniversary Hans Gilsdorf created Once Upon a Time. The sculpture is constructed of steel and 16½ tons of concrete! It was coated in sculpting epoxy then painted to look bronze, to blend in with the library's architecture.

FOR 1 MILE WALK PLEASE SKIP TO #22

11. Holy Rosary Catholic Church

This Catholic Church, fashioned of "concrete, brick and quarry-tile" replaced an existing structure in 1967-68. The frugal and simple style, employing 5,000 tons of reinforced concrete, was based on a Marcel Breuer design. Breuer, a famed, modernist architect and designer was also responsible for the Abbey Church at St. John's University in Collegeville, Minnesota. A second story to the original 1939 school building was added in 1951.

12. Rotary Park Garden & Peace Pole

Across the street, you'll find the Peace Pole in the Essentia Health St. Mary's Rotary Park, celebrating the Rotarian ideal of "Peace through Service."

13. Cabinets Plus - 1100 Washington Avenue

This house, built at the turn of the century (the 20th century), is among the oldest houses in Detroit Lakes.

14. Action Realty - 1102 Washington Avenue

Here you'll find a sunfish with a catchy name. "Catch the Action," was created by Dana Emery.

15. Red Willow - 1160 Washington Avenue

Believe it or not, the southern-most part of this structure (the stuccoed house) once served DL as a gas station. Both McCarthy Brothers Service & Disse Service Station were located here.

16. Midwest Printing - 1204 Washington Avenue

The murals painted on the exterior of this building are the work of Aryn Lill, and depict animals typically seen in this region. Each mural represents a different season.

17. Washington Ballpark*

- Corner of Washington Ave. and Langford St.

Washington Ballpark, erected in 1897, was a Works Progress Administration project. The grandstands were built in the 1920s and can seat several hundred people. The park has been home to little league and American Legion baseball teams.

18. Detroit Lakes Pavilion* - 1361 Washington Avenue

The Pavilion was built in 1915. It was a popular dance hall in its day and has hosted innumerable public and private events. A.S. Randolph, who also built the ballpark, served as contractor. The sailboat sculpture welcoming visitors to Detroit Lakes' city beach was designed by Hans Gilsdorf to mark the 150th anniversary of Minnesota becoming a state. The sailboat and base stand just over 13½ feet tall. It's made of steel, coated with an epoxy bronze finish.

19. Lakeshirts Beach Shop - 110 West Lake Drive

Lakeshirts' sunfish, "Groovy," was designed by artist Mary Stram.

20. Lakeside Tavern - 200 West Lake Drive

Originally built in 1891, August Guethling's Lakeside Hotel, later Fred Weiss' Lakeside Lodge, served as one of the first main attractions "down" at the lake.

21. Zorbaz - 402 West Lake Drive

The sunfish here, dubbed "Fiesta Fish," was created by Jena Hanson.

TO FINISH 2.2 MILE WALK PLEASE RETURN VIA SUMMIT AVENUE

22. First Lutheran Church - 912 Lake Avenue

Organized as a congregation 100 years ago, First Lutheran Church has been worshiping at this site since 1923. Additions to the church include an education wing in 1954 and a sanctuary expansion in 2001.

23. Becker County Court House - 913 Lake Avenue

The Art Deco style court house was built between 1942-43 with funds from the Works Projects Administration.

24. Congregational Church - 900 Lake Avenue

One of the first organized churches in the city, the Congregational Church's present building was dedicated in 1873.

- *National Register of Historic Places
 (Washington Park and The Pavilion registered as part
 of Detroit Lakes City Park)
- **Some fish maybe in hibernation during the winter months