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Presenting Nankin Flight of Eagles--coming this spring

Brought to you by Westland Arts Foundation. Nankin Flight of Eagles is a community public art project designed to promote businesses, celebrate local artists, the history of Westland/Nankin Township and benefit the Arts and Culture pillar of Westland.

Here's how it works. Local businesses will sponsor the four-foot tall, and up to 14-foot wingspan, fiberglass eagles. Artists submit their design ideas to be matched with a sponsor. Then in October 2025, local artists begin creating their designs. In May 2026, the eagles--depicting images and designs celebrating Westland's businesses, history, notable people and other creative art--will debut prior to landing in time for the city's 60th anniversary celebration.

Finally, in October 2026, all eagles without a nest, will be sold at a live auction. The proceeds will benefit existing and future art organizations and opportunities, raising the placemaking and wellbeing of the City of Westland (from "The Impacts of Public Art", Other similar projects were Chicago Cows, Groundhogs in Punxsutawney, PA, and Rochester, New Yorks Horse on Parade.

Artists will receive an honorarium when their eagle has been completed (about April 2026) and will receive a percentage of the sale or auction of their eagle (after completion of auction about October 2026). Note, not all artists designs will be selected for an eagle.

If you would like to see the book of the Horses on Parade or help out in any other way, please reach out to Emily directly at 303-929-8124.





Inspiration:

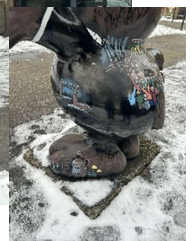
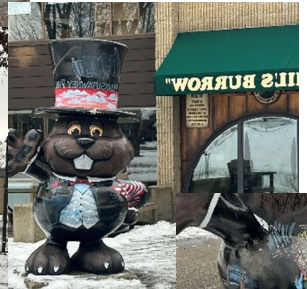
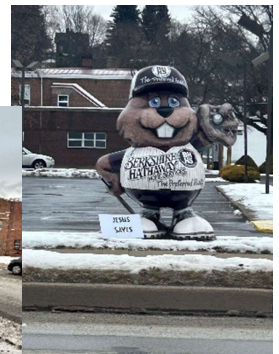
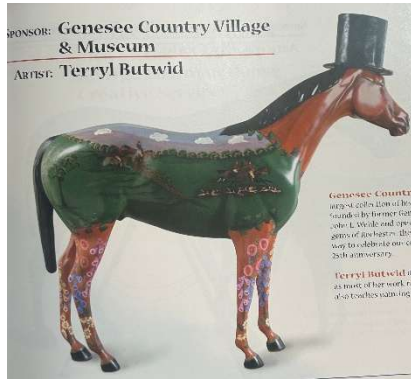


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