

# Tour the Arts of Ely



End of an Era Mural on Central Avenue by Bill Defenbaugh - EGPA

The arts and artists of Ely welcome you to enjoy the tradition of art within the city. Since 1998 Ely Greenstone Public Art has been advocating for sculpture and murals to enhance the city.

The Ely art movement is flourishing with galleries and a variety of arts organizations working in concert.

We invite you to tour the Murals and visit Ely Arts & Heritage Center at historic Pioneer Mine.



401 North Pioneer Road  
Ely MN 55731

## Ely Greenstone purpose

The Ely Greenstone Public Art Committee is organized for charitable, scientific and educational purposes, more specifically to:

1. Enhance the quality of life in the Ely area through its heritage and the creation of public works of art.
2. Participate in the creation of an environment which encourages the community of artists to utilize their talents to the fullest.
3. Provide educational opportunities in arts and heritage for the benefit of the general public.
4. Seek support from foundations, philanthropic organizations, or individuals for specific heritage projects or activities germane to the purposes of the Committee.
5. Administer funds contributed in order to finance classes, symposia, studies, exhibitions and heritage-related activities.

Greenstone's first art project, carved greenstone by Mike Sinesio, is mounted in Whiteside Park.

Ely Greenstone Public Art receives funding from its members and many generous public and private sources.

### GREENSTONE 2015 SCHEDULE:

Author! Author! June 6  
Children's Art Camp - June 15-17  
Juried Art Exhibit - July 11-19  
Captured - Photo show - TBA  
Adult Art Camp - TBA

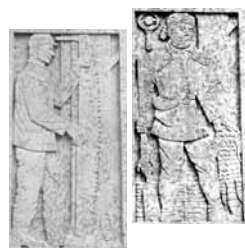
For class info: 218-235-1912 or  
218-235-1721

## Art interests

The Ely School District has 12 murals done in the 1930s by David Tice Workman depicting 12 historic figures. The murals include Charles Lindberg and Robert Burns. Workman studied with Howard Pyle who studied with N.C. Wyeth, well known illustrators. Workman also studied in Europe and England.



The Ely Post Office has lobby murals by New Deal/WPA artist Elsa Laubach Jemne. Her "Wilderness" and "Iron Ore Miners" murals are in tempera.



The Ely Community Center, built in the mid-1930, has stone carvings on its exterior depicting former and present local occupations and interests.

Ely Public Library and area churches have stained glass windows including First Presbyterian Church where four panels include wildlife in the passing seasons.

### Visual arts organizations in Ely:

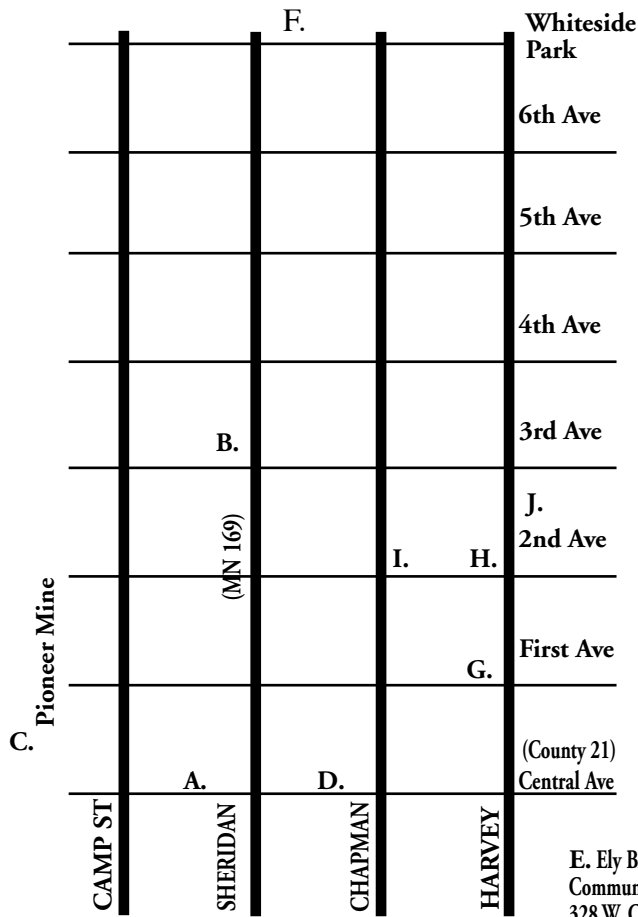
Ely ArtWalk, Ely Greenstone Public Arts, Ely Potters Guild, Ely Watercolor Club, Northern Lakes Arts Association, Snow Sculptors Symposium (part of Ely Winter Festival).

### Art galleries include:

Brandenburg Gallery, Kess Gallery  
Ely Greenstone Art Gallery in Miners Dry House, Pioneer Mine



# Take the Tour



## Where to find Greenstone Murals

- A. The End of An Era by Bill Defenbaugh is at Central and Sheridan, Conoco Station
- B. Shore Lunch by Bob Cary, Third Avenue and Sheridan, adjacent to Zup's Foods
- C. Summer Blueberries by Sharon Anderson, Pioneer Road at Grand Ely Lodge
- D. Fishing By Canoe by Ellen Sauer, Central and Chapman, Klun's Law Office
- E. Rushing Water by Sharon Anderson, lobby of Ely Bloomenson Hospital

## Where to find Sculpture, Art

- F. Greenstone Sculpture by Mike Sinesio, funded by grant from Forecast Public Art
- G. Community Center - Bas Relief sculptures
- H. Ely Post Office, WPA artist Elsa Laubach Jenne art
- I. & J. Ely Public Library, contemporary art work, stained glass windows, also First Presbyterian Church

### Contribute to:

*Ely Greenstone Public Art*  
 401 North Pioneer Road,  
 Ely MN 55731

E. Ely Bloomenson  
 Community Hospital  
 328 W. Conan St



Stone Carver Mike Sinesio at work - EGPA

### Of special interest to visitors

Pioneer Mine complex, 401 North Pioneer Road across from the Grand Ely Lodge. Iron ore was discovered in Ely in 1885. This site is on the National Register of Historic Places.

The underground mine closed on April 1, 1967 after producing 42 million tons of Bessemer grade iron, especially vital during world wars.

It is now the Ely Arts & Heritage Center, managed by Ely Greenstone Public Art



### Contribute to Ely Greenstone Public Art

- Greenstone has many more projects in mind for Ely.
- Among the projects being discussed is a memorial to the men who died in Ely's underground mines.
- Whether it is exhibits, murals, classes or honoring Ely's mining heritage, every tax deductible donation received is put to good use.

Visit web site at [www.boundarywatersartists.org](http://www.boundarywatersartists.org)