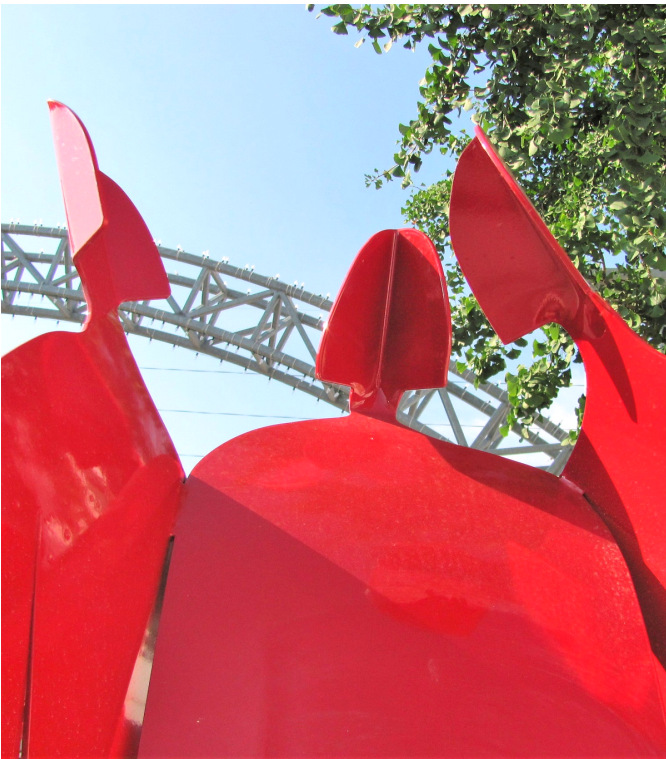
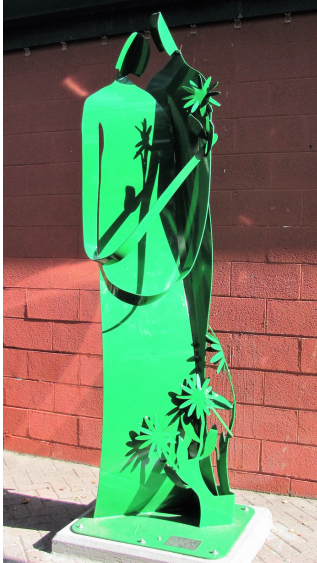




"Lovers"



Our Main Street
PUBLIC ART
 City of West Des Moines



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Public Input



A high level of community engagement was incorporated into the development of a final proposal by the artist, Gail Chavenelle.

"Our Main Street" Art Statement

Historic Valley Junction is the gathering place that is the heart and soul of West Des Moines – a delightful mix of old and new, bridging generations with unique shops, vibrant events and a walkable hometown feel. Historic Valley Junction is West Des Moines' original main street.

In 2017, Historic Valley Junction celebrated its 30th year as a Main Street Iowa community. The Historic West Des Moines Public Art Work Group wanted to commemorate this occasion and celebrate this unique place through public art. The Work Group wanted every person who experiences the artwork to gain an appreciation of Historic Valley Junction's special anniversary, while experiencing togetherness on "Our Main Street". The Work Group wanted residents and visitors to feel a sense of belonging, grounded in West Des Moines' pride and heritage.

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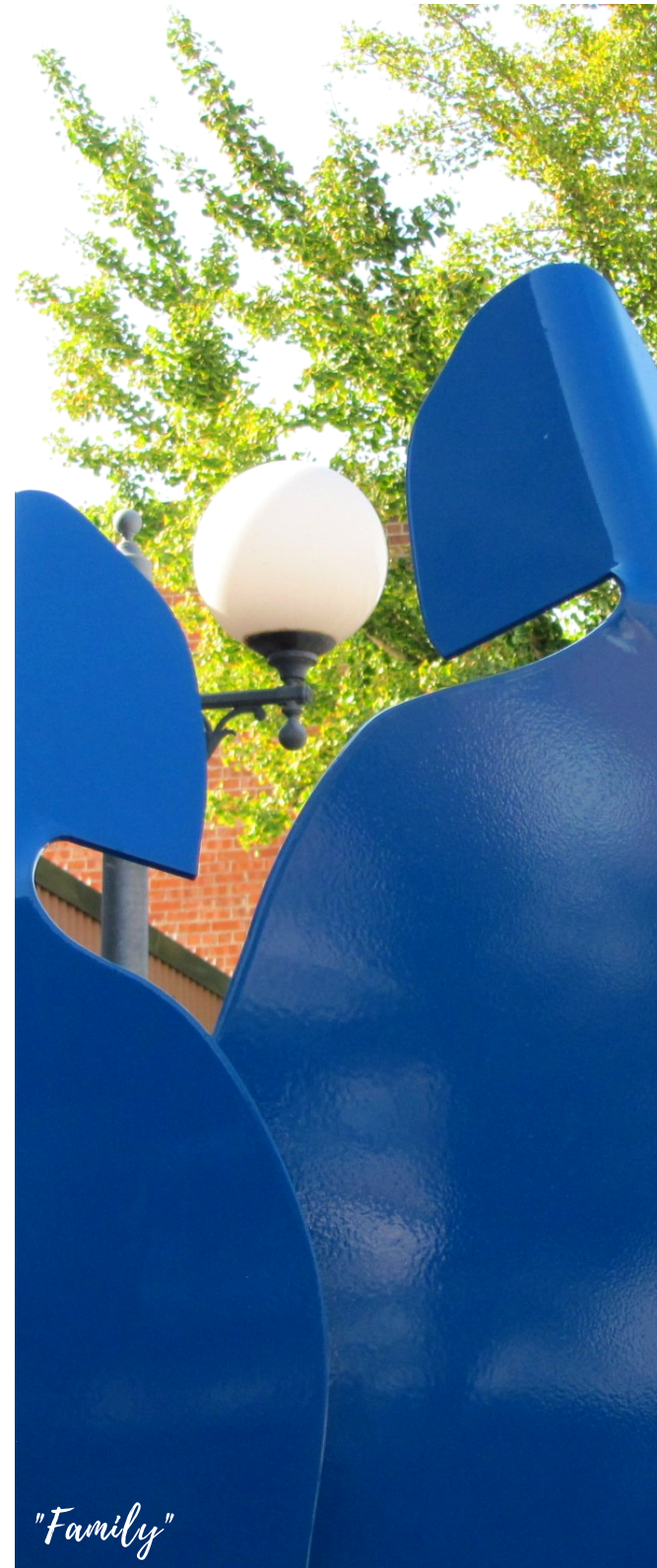
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