

Austin Art Yard Tour 2010: The List (version 4/14/10) **April 17 & 18, 10am to 5pm**

stop in = stop in and peruse the property, chat with yardist
drive by = observe from street/sidewalk, do not enter property

locations listed from north to south

the sharon smith: 1204 choquette drive **stop in**

Sharon is an artist that works with ceramics and found objects, so it's no surprise that her yard is adorned with ceramics and found objects. And a tree full of bird cages!

jim hates work: 208 w north loop **stop in**

Yardist Jim Mansour may hate work, but he loves his giant lollipop (soon to be bear head) in his front yard. His back yard features various assemblages and a good time. As seen in "Humble Trash" and written up by John Kelso.

alleycat: 1401 corona drive **drive by**

Where do bowling balls go when they've lost their (rock and) roll? LuCretia Sisk's front yard seems to be the place. Several hundred bowling balls tastefully arranged in this yard featured by John Kelso and Texas Monthly.

goldie's toys: 1613 cloverleaf drive **drive by**

Goldie, with the help of her neighbors, has turned her front yard into a delightful menagerie of native stone and whimsy.

dixon's art hut: 4202 bellvue avenue **stop in**

Dixon is a pal of ours who died several years ago. Besides leaving behind good memories of a good friend, he also left his art hut. One of the earlier yardists in town, Dixon made his hut portable which has allowed it to be here in his brother's back yard. Brother Dan also frankenstein's bikes.

a touch of red: 4405 avenue D **drive by**

This quirky Hyde Park yard lovingly tended by Arlinda Abbott brings a smile to strollerbys (and art yard enthusiasts) with her bowling balls, bottle trees, and recycled materials. Be sure to also stroll up the alley as well.

jill nokes: 4200 avenue F **drive by**

Jill Nokes' back yard features a whimsical stone-and-stuff fence. Jill is co-author of the book "Yard Art and Handmade Places" published by UT Press.

the tree of tooth: 3404 kirby lane **drive by**

Overheard at a dentists' convention: "The tooth? THE TOOTH?!?!?! YOU CAN'T HANDLE THE TOOTH?!?!?!?"

bloo plate special: 3208 king street **stop in**

This yard in Central Austin features several hundred blue bottles and several hundred license plates as well as highway signs and repurposed junk. Yardist Robert Mace was inspired by a landlady's bottle tree in New Mexico in creating this bottle prairie.

sparky park: 3701 grooms street **stop in**

A cool little pocket park nestled into a fold of Hyde Park. Features a karstic grotto wall fused about the structure of a electric sub-station.

museum of natural and artificial ephemera:

1808 singleton avenue **stop in**

As might be expected, a museum of natural and artificial ephemera also has a yard of natural and artificial ephemera. Perhaps the museum itself will be open for tours...

ira poole's classic: 2400 mlk **drive by**

This front yard is a classic of Austin art yards. This stalwart of an art yard has been here since 1972 meeting and greeting visitors to this fine city from the East.

super bonn bonn: 1004 olive street **stop in**

A champion of found materials and castings, Bonnie Ramsey has turned her neighborhood into a much better place.

by george: 204 attayac street **drive by**

Barry George sculpts with steel and found objects with amazing detail. The yard and fence about his studio and abode also features his inventive imagination.

mano poderosa: 2405 east 2nd street **stop in**

Mano Poderosa means "helping hand", and this bottle-lined labryinth, in the stylized shape of a hand, is meant to protect and bless. Yardist Mary Kraemer has also artfully planted citrus, roses, crysanthemums, and various types of hibiscus. Take a deep breath, find your center, and slowly walk the path.

sea yard: 1815 dywer avenue **stop in**

Lois Goodman's yard features a sea theme with a mosaic mermaid on the gate and a fence of sea critters. If you're lucky, her art car will be anchored in the carport.

flat fork studios: 709 w gibson street **stop in**

Faith Schexnayder is the mastermind behind Flat Fork Studios and this art yard in 78704. Adorned with a giant chicken and various mosaics.

abandoned holiness: just south of 1500 pleasant valley
stop in (tell the lot watchers you are there to see the golf course)

Not a yard, per se, but an abandoned miniature golf course where the Holiness is a hole in one. You can "generally" get in from Pleasant Valley. Just tell the guys at the front "campo de golf" and they should let you in...

yellowball: 2212 alta vista **drive by**

YellowBall says it all: A collection of spherical objects in the hue of Big Bird.

flamingos du jour: 1705 redd street **drive by**

A parade of pink flamingos decorated to reflect the nearest season greets pedestrians along Redd.

black & white: 4605 philco drive **stop in**

Clinton Hofmeister, who's involved with an art program for teens at the Dougherty Art Center, has populated his front yard with large, abstract, Picasso-esque sculptures made out of cardboard.

flower power: 4715 philco drive **drive by**

PJ Liles takes scrap metal and turns into art, often flowers and hearts. His front yards is blooming with giant metal fan blades and gears.

smut putt heaven: 509 gate tree lane **stop in**

There's no smut and there's no putt, but there is art yard heaven here. Bottle cap snakes, mannequin heads, doll heads, and crutches galore! Another must-see, this back yard is chock full of yardist Scott Stevens' serial fixations. The latest? Ironing boards! A locale described in several local, national, and international documentaries.