

# APPLE JAM

## STREET ART REVUE SPARTA, MICHIGAN

## Apple Jam Art Sculptures Auction

The Village of Sparta would like to invite you to bid on the Apple Jam Art Sculptures created by local artists that have been on display throughout downtown Sparta throughout the summer of 2011. The art pieces will be auctioned through an online auction site called [www.OrbitbidCharity.com](http://www.OrbitbidCharity.com), a Mediema Company and is scheduled for Wednesday, December 7, 2011. For details on the to register for the online auction please visit [www.orbitbidcharity.com](http://www.orbitbidcharity.com). Twelve apple sculptures will be auctioned off online with all raised money proceeds going to fund the 2012 Art Project in downtown Sparta.

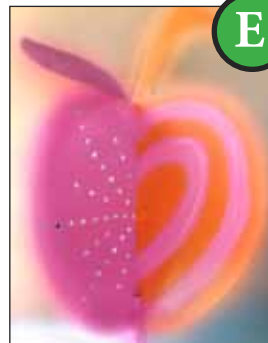
During the online auction dates, the art sculptures will be on display at The DeVos Place in Grand Rapids during the Great Lakes Expo December 6-8, 2011. Items will be ready for payment by check or cash and for pick up on Friday, December 9 at Sparta Village Hall in downtown Sparta.



### A YOU MAKE IT GROW

Artist: The Tim Harkema Family

Our family thought the idea of creating something with a living aspect would be enjoyable to see. I enjoy gardening, and seeing growth, and wanted to share this with 2 of my boys. We decided on using flowering plants that were very hardy and tolerant of heat. The title plays on the theme of a growing piece, but also on the people of Sparta that make the village grow. They all play a part in growing a larger, better, beautiful community. This is our first experience in creating an art piece to put on display. We simply hope people enjoy it



### E SPARKLE HEART

Artist: Sabine LeDieu

Material: Vibrant Color Combinations of Paint

Being passionate about our environment, Sabine creates art to help increase awareness & inspire thoughtful reflection about environmental issues and concerns. Consistent to this central theme, she uses alternative materials and found objects in combination with re-used or recycled materials in many of her sculptures.

[www.SabineLeDieu.com](http://www.SabineLeDieu.com)



### B WHOLE APPLE... FULL CIRCLE

Artist: Sharon Miller

After seeing the steel art media, Sharon knew she wanted it to represent a whole red apple with a story to tell. With this art piece I wanted to show the journey the apple tree takes each year, making the full circle. For each season has a purpose and is important in the growth of a great tasting apple.



### G MOSAIC APPLE

Artist: David Vail

Art gives life true meaning. David entered the Art Jam because of his friends and family who live and worked in Sparta. The piece is created out of Mosaic tiles which give a lasting quality to the apple.

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### D APPLE PIE

Artist: Joe Krajkwicz

Material: Steel Sheet & Rod

Joe envisioned a row of elevated apples lining Mainstreet much like a row of flags may be hung outside buildings. At that point, the idea became, "What if the apples were the flags?" Joe created this piece to symbolize our community both locally and nationally.



### H COUNTRYSIDE SWEETNESS

Artist: Kristin Huyck

Material: Steel, J B Weld, Paint, Copper wire

As an artist, I wanted to make the apple 3-D. After a brainstorming session at the kitchen table with my Dad and sister, I came up with my design of creating apple peels to create the illusion of space but still being able to see the seeds inside.

As a daughter of a grower, I feel that my role is to keep our traditions alive by spreading knowledge about my family's livelihood - apples. What better way then to create a piece of artwork that is my favorite apple, the Honey crisp, for others to enjoy.



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### LEGO IN PARADISE

Artist: First Lego League Team (ages 9-14 years)  
Material: Lego Type Building Blocks

The Lego League Team entered the Apple Jam as a project for the team to get creative and have some fun. The team works with LEGO elements regularly. Using their techniques, the team shows what the team does in a unique way.

[www.paradiseteams.org](http://www.paradiseteams.org)



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### SEASONS

Artist: Mona Tompkins  
Material: Bottle Caps

Every season has its own feeling. Mona believes people need to stop and notice the smells, the colors, the sparkle of the snow and ice or the "fruit" of fall. Born in Sparta, Mona has participated in community art events and window painting at local businesses. Art is inspiring to Mona because of the instant benefit of using her creative energies in a constructive manner.

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### REMINISCING SPARTA

Artist: Sparta Senior Neighbors, the Sparta DDA and local artist Mona Tompkins

Mona Tompkins met with seniors to create a collage of memories. Through their discussions of their favorite places and events from years past in Sparta, the Senior Neighbors added one important part to the art design: "Getting old isn't for sissies."



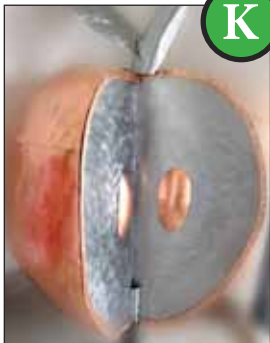
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### SPARTA'S HISTORY

Artist: Sparta Township Historic Commission  
Material: Historic Artifacts

The Sparta Township Historical Commission strives to preserve and keep our history alive for future generations. This apple represents the passage of history in Sparta through old photos, newspaper articles, and images of our community.

[www.spartahistory.org](http://www.spartahistory.org)



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### THE OTHER BIG APPLE

Artist: Charles Meek  
Material: Oil Based Paints

The Other Big Apple was created as a creative metal representation of an apple. The piece represents the growth of an individual artist and community.

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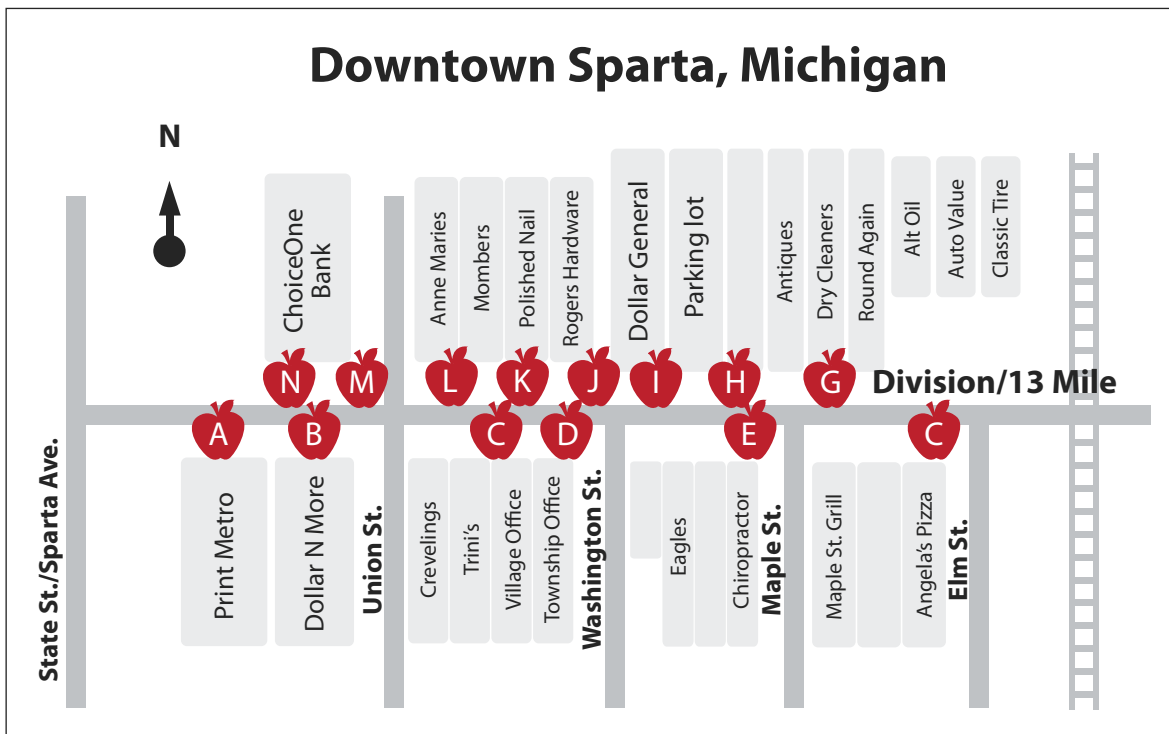
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### ORCHARD MARKET

Artist: Joe Krajkiecz  
Material: Sheel Sheet & Rod

Joe is a sculptor, artist, and native of West Michigan. The natural world is the primary source of inspiration. Joe explained the how the apple is a very important piece of the local economy, as well as something that goes beyond our state borders. The piece was something that Joe considered a reminder of how one's existence can be measured globally in today's world. Joe has been creating metal sculptures for public and private display since 2008.

[www.JoeKrajkiecz.com](http://www.JoeKrajkiecz.com)



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