

New Hampshire's Percent for Art Program

A Public Process for Public Buildings

Merrimack Courthouse, Merrimack

A New Building Project 2010 – 2011*

*Approved in FY2007 Capital Budget

About the Merrimack Courthouse

The Merrimack Court was completed and began providing services to the citizens of Merrimack, Bedford and Litchfield in May of 2010. It contains the Merrimack District Court and the Merrimack Family Division.

Desired Themes for Artwork

The Site Selection Committee identified these themes, metaphors and tone for the artwork.

- Natural environment of local area
- Rivers
- Soothing
- Calm & tranquil
- Local history
 - Four villages of Merrimack
 - Notable citizens (such as Matthew Thornton, Passaconaway, etc.)

- Native Americans
- Town seal
- Justice
- Families
- Educational
- Interactive



Souhegan River by Gordon Carlisle. An acrylic painting exploring the natural landscape in the town of Merrimack.



Souhegan River is located in the 2nd floor lobby.



Paradise by Laura Morrison. This fiber and beaded artwork uses abstract shapes to form a NH autumnal scene.



Paradise brings color to the Clerk's Reception Area where both public visitors and the staff can have access to it.



Built to Last by Robert Giggi. This pen and watercolor depicts a familiar barn in the town of Merrimack valued as a historic landmark by many in the area.



Part of the Past by Robert Giggi. This pen and watercolor depicts a colonial-style house and barn that once existed in the town of Merrimack.



Reflections of Autumn by Peter Lemiska.

Color photograph of a northern NH landscape in autumn.



The Falls of Hillsborough by Peter Lemiska. Color photograph of Beard's Brook.



Hillsborough Stone Bridge. Color photograph of one of many historic Hillsborough stone bridges.



Falls of Hillsborough and Hillsborough Stone Bridge are installed within sight of Gordon Carlisle's painting in the 2nd floor lobby.



Reflections of Autumn is also installed in the 2nd floor lobby



Evening Skies by Dale Partiss Greene. This oil painting reflects calm waters and stormy skies.



Evening Skies is located in the waiting area of the lower floor courtroom



Skating on Frog Pond by Alison Vernon. This acrylic painting depicts a winter scene with families enjoying time together on the ice.



Skating on Frog Pond is installed in the Counseling Room where families seek assistance from the court.



A series of four acrylic paintings by Joy Steinberg installed in the Juvenile Waiting Area



From top left: Sun & Moon, Tree Time, Music Time, Hands.



Merrimack Wildlife, a painting by Matt Patterson, is located in the Juvenile Waiting Area and displays some of the native wildlife to be found locally



Coyotes of the Souhegan is another acrylic on masonite painting by Matt Patterson, also located in the Juvenile Waiting Area

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