

## Veterans Mural Project

This project is one of a kind in America!

Manteca is a very patriotic city. A total of five murals is planned for this special wall located at the epicenter of Manteca at the corner of Main Street & Yosemite Avenue! The Manteca Mural Society wishes to thank all of the men & women both military and civilian who have served our country over the last 100 years. To date 3 murals have been completed. Next up is the salute to Viet Nam vets. Then, on Manteca's centennial on May 28, 2018, the thank you to those who served in World War 1 will be dedicated. All of these murals are 16' x 20'.



15) "Spirit of America" \* Colleen Mitchell-Veyna \* July 4th 2015 \* Like small towns across America, Manteca's participation & support during World War II was astounding! All of the people pictured were heroes from our town. They represent the Army Air Corp, women in munitions factories, Merchant Marines, Army, Marines, WAVE, Navy, Army Nurse, and Coast Guard.

18) "EagleHearts" \* Jessie Marinas \* November 11, 2013 \* This mural depicts a group of grieving soldiers supporting each other as they mourn the loss of a comrade in the War on Terror. These men & women demonstrate solidarity and resolve. They pray for strength & peace.



16) "The Forgotten War" \* Art Mortimer \* May 21, 2016 \* The Korean War was declared June 25, 1950 but it was never finalized. That feeling still persists for those who fought and those who lived through this conflict. Alvin Mendes pictured in the lower right photo is the only Mantecan still listed as MIA...but he is not forgotten ....

### OUR MISSION STATEMENT:

To build community pride, to promote tourism, to build a cultural bridge between the past, present, and future through our geographical and historical past.

# Manteca Mural Society

Public Art for a Better Community  
P.O. Box 1666 \* Manteca, CA 95336

The Manteca Mural Society (MMS) was established in 2002 and is a 501(c)3 non-profit, community based organization. The MMS is dedicated to bringing large scale public art to the community, has created 29 murals, and is currently working on it's 30th mural; a salute to the service and sacrifice of to the men and women who served during the Vietnam war.

## Mural Walking Tour

A suggested route is located on the map, but start where you wish. Downtown is easy to walk and there are many fine businesses you may want to stop by and visit. We hope you enjoy your mural tour.

Find out more information & details about each mural at:

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



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21) "Cruising Manteca" \* D.S. Gordon \* 136 N. Main St. \* 14' x 135' \* March 2, 2008 \* This picture shows only a fraction of this huge mural. It's a true "people pleaser" that was designed with input from many of the original Manteca Cruisers. The street scene comes to life with the cars and the people that were Manteca. You can feel the excitement of the young people as they enjoy the interaction of other teens after school, homework, and chores were all completed. Cruising was an important part of the local entertainment. With a tank full of gas and a few friends in the car, you were set for the evening. Dave Gordon painted this mural with help from his friends, Ella Yates (who painted many of the faces) and Pete Evaristo, as well as Dave's son, Ben Gordon.



14) "Crossroads" \* D.S. Gordon \* 110 W Yosemite Av \* 20' x 78' \* June 1, 2003 \* Our first mural depicts the intersection of Main St & Yosemite Av in 1918. It shows a crossroads of Manteca as well as the Central Valley. This was a time of transition from horse power & seasonal rains for crops to automobiles, trains, and irrigation. It was dedicated in conjunction with a celebration of Manteca's 85th Anniversary.

19) "Pumpkin Harvest" \* D.S. Gordon & Community Volunteers \* 145 N Main St \* 14' x 54' \* October 3, 2004 \* Pitching those pumpkins is hard work! Let 'em fly!



18) "Cow-munity Mural" \* D.S. Gordon \* 234 W. Yosemite Ave \* 13.5' x 95' \* October 2, 2005 \* Dairy plays an important part of our history. Families worked hard to produce the milk that was a foundation to the success of our town.



22) "Sierra's Crown" \* Dan Petersen \* 226 E. Yosemite Ave. \* 13' x 17' \* February 19, 2005 \* The city of Manteca partnered with the MMS to also create Veterans Plaza at the American Legion Post #249 of Manteca.



11) "Free for All" \* D.S. Gordon \* 120 S. Maple St \* 17' x 50' \* October 8, 2006 \* The Kiwanas Clubs of Manteca support and sponsor many programs designed for children. Boys and girls are just having fun for fun's sake!



22-29) **Senior Center Murals - Mural Showdown**- As part of the 2007 Public Art & Mural Symposium held in Manteca, we had an invitational mural competition. Eight North American artists were asked to paint 5' x 8' murals that depicted the bounty of the Central Valley.



**"The Harvest Continues"** by Jessie Marinas - First Place

Clockwise: **"Spoils of Nature"** Colleen Mitchell-Venya of Tulare, CA - Second Place; **"Peaches"** Ella Yates of Colorado - Third Place; **"Valley Abundance"** Roger Cook of Sandy River, OR; **"Veggies, Fruits & Nuts, Oh My!"** Colleen Goodwin-Chronister of Salem, OR; **"History of Agriculture in Manteca"** Guillermo Kelly of Manteca; **"Bounty in a Basket"** Brian Romagnoli of Ontario, Canada; **"Backyard Harvest"** June Sand of Ripon, Ca



8) **"Manteca Snow"** \* D.S. Gordon & Ella Yates \* 114 Manteca Ave \* 20' x 36' \* October 4, 2009 \* The community came out to help paint the annual event of the drifting almond blossoms. Feel the joy of playing in the orchards.



9) **"Our Bountiful Valley"** \* Art Mortimer \* 110 N. Sycamore Ave. \* 16' x 30' \* October 21, 2007 \* Muralists from all over the world and community volunteers came out to paint this mural in a single day.

1-5) **Library Park Murals** – These five murals were commissioned by the City of Manteca as part of the Library Park expansion. The first four are a History Walk of this land. They are each 32' x 7.5' and were dedicated on April 14, 2012. The final mural memorializes the baseball sand lot that was on this site and is 95' x 7.5' dedicated on October 7, 2012.  
**"Beginnings"** \* Terri Pasquini \* This is the story of the Creation of Man according to Yokut Indian tradition.  
**"Pioneer Spirit"** \* Jessie Marinas \* tells of the struggles and rewards of life in this great valley for the early pioneers.  
**"Water Brings Abundance"** \* Colleen Mitchell-Veyna \* shows the plentiful harvests that the rich soil, hard work and water produce.  
**"Early Industry"** \* Brain Romagnoli \* Agriculture was the foundation of Manteca's earliest industries.  
**"Last at Bat"** \* D S Gordon \* The home team leads by a run, there are 2 outs, and the batter has a 3-2 count...



6 & 7) **"Summer Vision" & "Local Motion"** \* Terri Pasquini \* 4' x 8' each \* July 11, 2006 & August 14, 2007 \* are displayed in Library Park. Designed by the artist and painted by the children of Manteca as part of the annual event "Art in the Park." Truly, art is for all age groups.



12) **"Golden Gateway to Manteca"** \* Ron Pecchenino \* 213 W. Yosemite Ave \* 10' x 20' \* Our community is at a crossroads to every part of California, including the city by the bay. This mural was painted at ground level and placed on the building's second story.



13) **"Service Above Self"** \* Don Gray \* 158 N. Maple St. \* 14' x 40' \* May 31, 2005 \* The Rotary Clubs of Manteca sponsored this mural in recognition of Rotary International's 100th anniversary.



20) **"Our Family City"** \* Art Mortimer \* 259 N. Main St. \* 11' x 76' \* October 3, 2010. Manteca calls itself the Family City and this whimsical mural depicts our community focus on the family.

We invite you to join the Manteca Mural Society. Donations and artist inquiries are always welcome. Visit us on the web at [www.MantecaMurals.com](http://www.MantecaMurals.com) or at [Facebook.com\MantecaMurals](https://www.facebook.com/MantecaMurals)