

How Art Thrives

The Arts Environment in the Capital Cities

A look at five very different capital cities and how they do it.



What does it take to have a thriving arts community?

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- ❖ Money
- ❖ Artists
- ❖ Volunteers
- ❖ Attitude
- ❖ And a whole lot of love, because it's not what you've got that counts –

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Writer, researcher and traveler Linda Burton spent two years living in our 50 capital cities, observing how each city “works” as a community. “Why do you live here?” was a question she asked of residents. In every case, the happiest and most enthusiastic people lived in a city that focused on the arts and the environment.

In this program Linda takes us from Santa Fe to Montpelier to Helena and points between for a look at five artistically unique capital cities, showing how the artists and the entire community work together, creating a vibrant and exciting place for people to live.

Inspiration and travel tips included.

Read about all 50 of our state capital cities at the Capital Cities USA website: www.capitalcitiesusa.org

Websites about our state capitol buildings:

Book Fifty State Capitols by Stembridge: www.fiftystatecapitols.com

Photos of fifty state capitols by Crim: www.edwardcrim.com/state_capitols.html

History and design of fifty state capitols: www.cupola.com/html/bldgstru/statecap/cap01.htm

Background

Linda L Burton was born in Jasper, Alabama and has traveled from the Arctic Circle to Antarctica. For the research project Capital Cities USA, she lived in each of our 50 states, interviewing and connecting with thousands of people. She recently moved to Arkadelphia to research ancestors who died in Clark County on an ill-fated attempt to emigrate from Alabama to Texas in 1849.

In past years Linda taught writing at the University of Tennessee, owned a publications business in Chattanooga, and worked on staff at the University of Washington in Seattle. Her writing includes business publications, marketing materials, newspaper columns, and travel guidebooks. Linda now heads Capital Cities USA, a non-profit organization dedicated to humanities education. She currently is writing a social studies book for children entitled “Bobby’s Absolutely Amazing Adventures in the Capital Cities,” and continues to develop a website for students, teachers, and the general public based on her two-year Journey Across America and her life in the 50 capital cities, www.capitalcitiesusa.org

Linda has three sons and eleven grandchildren who live in Seattle and Tampa. She sums up her view of life in three words: See the possibilities!

Santa Fe, New Mexico (Size of about 6 Arkadelphias!)

Population

67,947 – 49% HISPANIC, 46%

WHITE

Climate

TEMPS LOW 17 TO HIGH 86

ANNUAL RAINFALL 14 INCHES

Elevation

7,000 FEET – HIGHEST CAPITAL

CITY, PERCHED ON SANGRE DE

CRISTO MOUNTAINS

Median Home Value

\$310,900

Below Poverty Level

17%

Bachelor's Degree

43%

Miles from Arkadelphia

846 – & WORTH THE DRIVE!

State Capitol

Built 1966. Style Indian Roundhouse, shape of Zia Sun Symbol. 52 feet tall, no dome. Exhibits art works from over 600 New Mexico artists.

Check This Site To See The Capitol Art Collection From Your Own Computer

Capitol Art Collection www.nmcapitolart.org – and then click on the tab for The Collection. See photos of the 600 pieces of capitol art and read about the artists.

Websites to Browse As You Plan Your Trip

1. Allan Houser Sculpture Garden/Gallery, www.allanhouser.com
2. Canyon Road, www.visitcanyonroad.com
3. Capital Cities USA, Santa Fe, www.capitalcitiesusa.org/?page_id=1987
4. Capitol Art Collection, www.nmcapitolart.org
5. Georgia O'Keeffe Museum, www.okmuseum.org
6. Museum of Indian Arts & Culture, www.indianartsandculture.org
7. Museum of International Folk Art, www.InternationalFolkArt.org
8. Museum of Spanish Colonial Art, www.spanishcolonial.org
9. New Mexico History Museum/Palace of the Governors, www.NMHistoryMuseum.org
10. New Mexico Museum of Art, www.NMArtMuseum.org
11. New Mexico State Capitol, www.nmlegis.gov
12. New Mexico State Monuments, www.NMMonuments.org
13. New Mexico's Living History Museum, www.golondrinas.org
14. SEGA Santa Fe Gallery Association, www.santafegalleryassociation.org
15. Wheelwright Museum of the American Indian, www.wheelwright.org

Not to Miss When You Visit

Canyon Road

Nestled into the foothills of the Sangre de Cristo Mountains, Canyon Road is a magical half-mile in the Historic District of Santa Fe with more than a hundred galleries, jewelry stores, clothing boutiques, home furnishings shops, artist studios, and gourmet restaurants.

Canyon Road, www.visitcanyonroad.com

Montpelier, Vermont (Size of about ¾ of an Arkadelphia!)

Population

7,855 – 92% WHITE, 2% EACH

ASIAN & HISPANIC – SMALLEST

CAPITAL CITY

Climate

TEMPS LOW 10 TO HIGH 81

ANNUAL RAINFALL 37 INCHES

Elevation

525 FEET – NESTLED IN GREEN

MOUNTAINS ON WINOOSKI RIVER

Median Home Value

\$202,500

Below Poverty Level

9%

Bachelor's Degree

56%

Miles from Arkadelphia

1,534 – START PLANNING NOW

FOR AN AUTUMN VISIT

State Capitol

Built 1836, burned in 1857 except for Greek columns across front. Rebuilt 1859 behind existing columns. 136 feet tall with the Ceres statue atop. Gold-gilded dome not open from below.

Check This Site To Read About The Volunteers

The Friends of the Vermont State House www.vtstatehousefriends.org is an all-volunteer organization of more than 120 men and women who lead tours for tourists and foreign visitors, prepare events, newsletters, and educational materials, and organize and staff the gift shop.

Websites to Browse As You Plan Your Trip

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| <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Ben & Jerry's Ice Cream Factory Tours, www.benjerry.com/about-us/factory-tours2. Capital Cities USA, Montpelier, http://capitalcitiesusa.org/?page_id=63893. Green Mountain Coffee Tours and Cafe, www.keurig.com/content/greenmountain-coffee-store4. Montpelier Alive, www.MontpelierAlive.org5. Morse Farm Maple Sugarworks, www.morsefarm.com6. New England Culinary Institute, www.neci.edu7. Rock of Ages Quarry, www.tours.rockofages.com | <ol style="list-style-type: none">8. Shelburne Orchards, www.shelburneorchards.com9. Stowe Mountain Resort, www.stowe.com10. Trapp Family Lodge, www.trappfamily.com11. Vermont Arts Council, www.vermontartscouncil.org12. Vermont Chamber of Commerce, www.visitvt.com13. Vermont College of Fine Arts, www.vcfa.edu14. Vermont Department of Tourism, www.vermontvacation.com15. Vermont State House, www.vtstatehouse.org/tours.htm |
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Not to Miss When You Visit

Sunday Brunch at NECI on Main

NECI on Main is the exquisite restaurant operated by the New England Culinary Institute. The menu reflects the best that Vermont farmers and America's next generation of young chefs offer. NECI chefs also operate La Brioche for pastries, The Chef's Table for catering, and serve the Vermont College of Fine Arts Cafeteria.

New England Culinary Institute, www.neci.edu

Helena, Montana (Size of about 3 Arkadelphias!)

Population

28,190 – 92% WHITE, 2.5%

EACH HISPANIC & AMERICAN

INDIAN

Climate

TEMPS LOW 13 TO HIGH 86

ANNUAL RAINFALL 11 INCHES

Elevation

4,157 FEET – NEAR ROCKY

MOUNTAINS ON EAST SIDE OF

CONTINENTAL DIVIDE

Median Home Value

\$192,500

Below Poverty Level

13%

Bachelor's Degree

46%

Miles from Arkadelphia

1,732 – DON'T FORGET YOUR HAT

State Capitol

Built 1902. Style Greek/Italian Renaissance. 165 feet tall with “Montana” statue atop copper-clad dome. Inside is million-dollar painting by Charles M Russell entitled “Lewis & Clark Meet the Flathead Indians.”

Check This Site to See the Charles M Russell Art From Your Own Computer

Montana State Museum in Helena, <https://mhs.mt.gov/Museum/Collections> and click on tab for Online Collections, then to Charles M Russell. For a listing of all Charles M Russell collections and the C M Russell Museum in Great Falls, Montana, <http://www.charlesmarionrussell.com/museum.html>

Websites to Browse As You Plan Your Trip

1. Archie Bray Foundation, www.archiebray.org
2. Capital Cities USA, Helena, www.capitalcitiesusa.org/?page_id=1950
3. Downtown Helena, www.downtownhelena.com
4. Friends of the Montana Historical Society, www.montanahistoricalsociety.org
5. Gates of the Mountains Missouri River Tours, www.gatesofthemountains.com/
6. Helena Chamber of Commerce, www.helenachamber.com/
7. Helena Visitors Bureau, www.helenamt.com/
8. Holter Museum of Art, www.holtermuseum.org/
9. Montana Arts Council, www.art.mt.gov
10. Montana Fish, Wildlife and Parks, <http://fwp.mt.gov/>
11. Montana Historical Society Museum, www.mhs.mt.gov/Museum
12. Montana State Capitol, <http://visit-the-capitol.mt.gov/>
13. Myrna Loy Center for Performing Arts, www.myrnaloycenter.com/
14. Saint Helena Cathedral, www.sthelenas.org/
15. The Sleeping Giant Wilderness Area, www.visitmt.com/listings/general/b-l-m-recreation-area/sleeping-giant-wilderness-study-area.html

Not to Miss When You Visit

The Bray!

The Bray sells pottery and sculpture, and also offers classes, workshops and exhibitions for the community. Self-guided tours of traditional and contemporary pottery, ceramics and sculpture at this world-class facility for training in the ceramic arts.

Archie Bray Foundation, www.archiebray.org

Lincoln, Nebraska (Size of about 24 Arkadelphias!)

Population 258,379 – 83% WHITE, 6% HISPANIC, 4% EACH ASIAN & BLACK	Elevation 1,176 FEET – HIGH PLAINS & FLAT PRAIRIE	Bachelor’s Degree 36%
Climate TEMPS LOW 14 TO HIGH 87 ANNUAL RAINFALL 31 INCHES	Median Home Value \$141,200	Miles from Arkadelphia 683 – JUST A TWO-DAY DRIVE
	Below Poverty Level 16%	

State Capitol

Built 1932. Style Art Deco. The Capitol Design Team consisted of an architect, an artist, a sculptor, and a philosopher. Skyscraper of the Plains is 400 feet tall with a statue of “The Sower” atop a gold-gilded dome. It’s the only highrise capitol with a dome, and Nebraska is the only state with a unicameral legislature – 49 senators, no partisanship.

Check This Site To See the Capitol Art From Your Own Computer

Nebraska State Capitol <http://capitol.nebraska.gov/building/rooms> -- then click on the tabs for the various rooms to see photos of the art in each room.

Websites to Browse As You Plan Your Trip

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| 1. Capital Cities USA, Lincoln,
www.capitalcitiesusa.org/?page_id=6371 | 8. Lincoln Chamber of Commerce,
www.lcoc.com |
| 2. Discover Lincoln, www.lincoln.org | 9. Lincoln Visitors Bureau, www.lincoln.org |
| 3. Great Plains Art Collection, University of
Nebraska, www.unl.edu/plains/great-plains-art-museum | 10. Lux Center for the Arts,
www.luxcenter.org |
| 4. International Quilt Study Center &
Museum, University of Nebraska,
www.quiltstudy.org/ | 11. Mary Riepma Ross Media Arts Center,
www.theross.org |
| 5. Lentz Collection for Asian Culture,
http://www.unl.edu/lentz/welcome-lentz-collection-asian-culture | 12. Natural History Museum, University of
Nebraska, www.museum.unl.edu |
| 6. Lied Center for Performing Arts,
www.liedcenter.org | 13. Nebraska History Museum,
www.nebraskahistory.org/sites |
| 7. Lincoln Artists’ Guild,
www.lincolnartistsguild.org/ | 14. Nebraska State Capitol,
www.capitol.nebraska.gov/visit |
| | 15. Sheldon Museum of Art,
www.sheldonartmuseum.org/ |

Not To Miss When You Visit

The International Quilt Study Center & Museum

See more than 4,500 quilts and quilt-related objects representing 50 countries and four centuries of quilting in a 50,000 square foot building with 3 exhibition galleries and state of the art climate controlled textile storage.

IQSCM is within the University of Nebraska-Lincoln and offers a masters degree in Textile History with a quilt studies emphasis, the only program of its kind in the world.

International Quilt Study Center & Museum, www.quiltstudy.org/

Indianapolis, Indiana (Size of about 77 Arkadelphias!)

Population <u>820,445 – 59% WHITE, 28% BLACK, 9% HISPANIC</u>	Elevation <u>717 FEET & WITHIN 8 HOURS OF 50% OF THE US POPULATION!</u>	Bachelor's Degree <u>27%</u>
Climate <u>TEMPS LOW 21 TO HIGH 85</u> <u>ANNUAL RAINFALL 42 INCHES</u>	Median Home Value <u>\$120,600</u> Below Poverty Level <u>19%</u>	Miles from Arkadelphia <u>650 – A MERE OVERNIGHT DRIVE</u>

State Capitol

Built 1888. Style Greek/Italian Renaissance. 235 feet tall with flag atop dome. Central downtown location.

Check This Site To See The Public Art From Your Own Computer

Arts Council of Indianapolis www.indyarts.org/ -- and then click on the tab for the Public Art Directory. See photos of the 400 pieces of public art and read about the artists.

Websites to Browse As You Plan Your Trip

1. Artspark, www.indplsartcenter.org/about/artspark/
2. Benjamin Harrison Presidential Site, www.presidentbenjaminharrison.org/
3. Capital Cities USA, Indianapolis, www.capitalcitiesusa.org/?page_id=6381/
4. Central Canal & Walk, www.downtownindy.org/explore-downtown/cultural-districts/the-canal-and-white-river-state-park/
5. Children's Museum of Indianapolis, www.childrensmuseum.org/
6. Eiteljorg Museum of American Indians and Western Arts, www.eiteljorg.org/
7. Indiana History Center, www.indianahistory.org/
8. Indiana State Capitol, www.in.gov/idoa/2371.htm
9. Indiana State Museum, www.indianamuseum.org/
10. Indianapolis Motor Speedway Hall of Fame Museum, www.indianapolismotorspeedway.com/at-the-track/museum
11. Indianapolis Museum of Art, www.imamuseum.org
12. James Whitcomb Riley Museum Home, www.rileykids.org/about/riley-museum-home/
13. Kurt Vonnegut Memorial Library, www.vonnegutlibrary.org/
14. Soldiers & Sailors Monument/Monument Circle & Colonel Eli Lilly Civil War Museum, www.in.gov/iwm/2335.htm
15. White River State Park www.inwhiteriver.com/

Not to Miss When You Visit

Indiana Central Canal & Canal Walk

The Canal Walk is part of the Indiana Central Canal, which was dug in the early 1800s, in an effort to facilitate interstate commerce. Today, the refurbished Canal Walk (stretching north through White River State Park to 11th Street) serves the downtown community as a waterside promenade for walkers, runners, bikers and sightseers, while the canal itself includes a steady stream of pedal boats and singing gondoliers.

www.downtownindy.org/explore-downtown/cultural-districts/the-canal-and-white-river-state-park/

Arkadelphia, Arkansas

Population

10,716 – 66% WHITE, 30% BLACK

Climate

TEMPS LOW 29 TO HIGH 92

ANNUAL RAINFALL 54 INCHES

Elevation

194 FEET – ON THE OUACHITA RIVER

IN THE FOOTHILLS OF THE OUACHITA
MOUNTAINS

Median Home Value

\$114,800

Below Poverty Level

33%

Bachelor's Degree

35%

Home of Arkadelphia Arts
Center

625 MAIN STREET



...it's how much you
love what you've got.

