

February 25, 2021

To Whom It May Concern,

Craig Berube Gray has a sculpture titled *Popsicles* currently on display in the Northeast corner of the Augusta Common, as part of the 2021-2023 Augusta Sculpture Trail. *Popsicles* is one of ten works temporarily on display in downtown Augusta, and has proven to be one of the most widely appreciated. Everyone loves the bright colors and whimsy of the piece.

Craig arrived perfectly on time to install his piece, in the week set aside for all pieces to go in. When the piece being installed right before his took a little longer to set up than expected, he cheerfully waited, and when it was his time, he brought his piece directly to the designated site, and assisted our professional installer with the work of setting it in place.

Popsicles required an extra flourish of plaster and paint to be properly installed after being secured to the concrete base. Craig brought the extra supplies and stayed to ensure his piece was in perfect form, even though it was cold and drizzling that afternoon.

The City's reception of his piece has been phenomenal, both through social media praise and people directly telling Arts Council staff how much they enjoy *Popsicles*.

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We feel very lucky to have one of Craig's pieces on display for two years, and hope that he will return to us many times as we further the Augusta Sculpture Trail over the years to come.

Sincerely,

Pax Bobrow

Project Manager