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COVID-19 has forced the closure of galleries and museums, but the opportunity to explore art remains, thanks to Sculpture Walk Springfield.

A total of 32 sculptures by artists from all over the United States are scattered at points throughout central Springfield. They provide an opportunity to explore art while taking in some in the form of a nice walk from one sculpture to another.

Tery O'Shell, executive director of the nonprofit group, says sculptures typically are switched out this time of year. But plans for that have been put on hold.

SweetHearts-CR Gray Sculptor

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"We have selected sculptures for the 2020-2021 rotation, but I don't know if we're going to use them," she says. "... We may keep the old ones. It's hard for us. Our sculptures come from all over the country. One artist is from Key West and he can't get out."

But, O'Shell says, that just leaves time for more people to explore what's already installed.

"Especially now, when it makes a perfect field trip for a parent, too," she says, adding that sculptures are great for learning. "Each sculpture has some kind of statement from the artist, so there are all kinds of ways you could teach your child."