

FRANC PALAIA discussing details on his Main Street mural



NESTOR MADALENGOITIA – Aegean Mural 2005



"Great tour!! For too long the good things in our area for some strange reason have been kept a secret. With this tour, Franc has made an appealing opportunity, perhaps even the responsibility, to begin the local journey to find and enjoy our treasures."

Bill Keating, Board member, Walkway Over the Hudson



Poughkeepsie Journal Atrium Rotunda mural, 1942

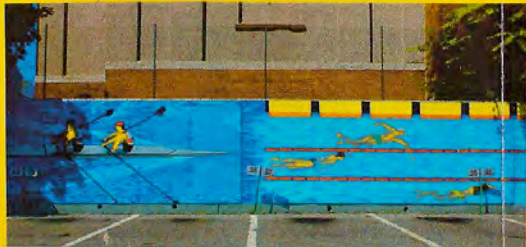
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BURT GOLD Sculpture Park, Main St.



FRANC PALAIA - "Swimmers & Rowers" 2005-09



Testamonal on Franc Palaia's Guided Walking Tour of Public Art in Poughkeepsie, NY – Nov. 2009

"Franc created a delightful afternoon outing for our group. Many of the people on the tour were Poughkeepsienatives or long-term residents, yet he showed us a side of the city we have never embraced. I am amazed at the amount of public art in Poughkeepsie.

It was Franc's artistic insight, historical context and knowledge of both the artists and the patrons that really brought each piece to life. This tour should be on the short list for everyone who lives in or visits Poughkeepsie. It is a nice outing for all ages."

Karen Abramson, Dutchess Heritage Quilt Show Co-Chair



STAINED GLASS- "HENRY HUDSON- HALF MOON" BY NICOLA D'ASCENZO, 1911 15'X16'

NESTOR MADALENGOITIA, "HUDSON RIVE SCHOOL-THEN & NOW" 2003



Guided Walking Tours of Public Art in Poughkeepsie



Franc discussing a mural with a tour group

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DICK & MARGARET CRENSON, "Kipsey The Hudson River Serpent," 12'x70', 1965

Register by phone or email
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NESTOR MADALENGOITIA, "PARIS, 1800S" 2003



New York delegates meet in 1789 on ratifying the U.S. Constitution, from a mural in the lobby of the Poughkeepsie Post Office.

THE GUIDED WALKING TOUR

Poughkeepsie is unique in the Hudson Valley. It proudly contains over 100 works of public art. The Guided Walking Tour is a leisurely 2 hour Stroll where participants can view over 30 colorful murals, contemporary sculptures and historical monuments.

Artist, muralist and guide, FRANC PALAIA will discuss the artists' styles and techniques as well as their significance in the history of art adding fun anecdotal tidbits along the way. You will see up close the five famous FDR new -Deal era murals in the main Post Office that depict three centuries of American history, from the native Americans, Dutch colonialists and the ratification of the U.S. Constitution in 1788. The tour also includes a visit to the colossal 30 foot atrium mural in the Poughkeepsie Journal building that displays a 360 degree visual history of printing and journalism also commissioned by FDR in 1942. You will also see indoor and outdoor murals like Palaia's 130 feet long Main St. and some as high as 50 feet.

Tours are scheduled weekdays from 9 - 3pm and Saturdays 9- 12 am. Reservations are required. Tours are formed as requests come in. Adults- 21-64 yrs, \$20. Students & Seniors -\$10. Children under 12 are free. Special discounts for groups 10 and more.

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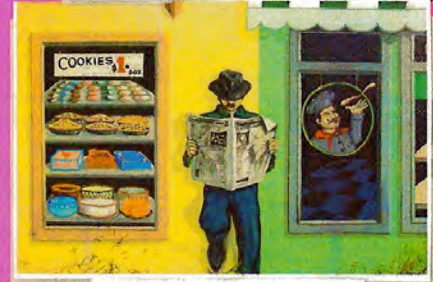
JOHAN BJURMAN, "GARDEN STREET MURAL", 100'X 40'

MURALS

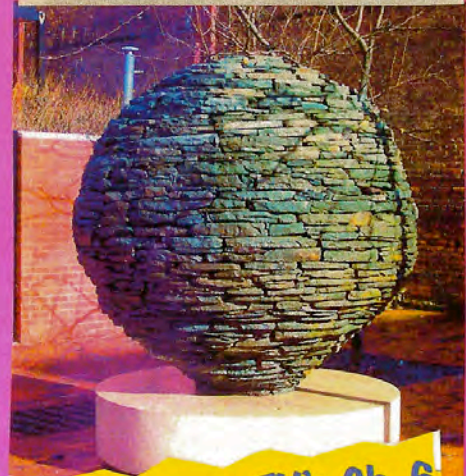
As seen on TV Ch. 6 and featured in Hudson Valley Mag., Pok. Journal and Mercantile Magazine



FRANC PALAIA- "Olde Main Street mural, 2002



Detail of Olde Main Street mural



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