

# The Berkshire Eagle

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## SIGNS OF CREATIVITY

**Artscape:** Project from Connecticut artist depicts local, regional wildlife, plants



BEN GARVER — THE BERKSHIRE EAGLE

Joe Cimini hangs an art installation by artist June Bisantz called "Nature & the City" that includes seven signs Tuesday along the North and South streets corridor in Pittsfield. The signs reference local plants and wildlife, Becky Manship, the city's recreation activities coordinator, said.

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**PITTSFIELD** » Signs depicting the chickadee, American elm and black swallow tail butterfly comprise the city's latest downtown artscape.

Created by June Bisantz, of Willimantic, Conn., the seven circular pieces of artwork were installed Tuesday in various locations along the North and South streets corridor, according to Becky Manship, Pittsfield's recreation activities coordinator.

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gional wildlife [and plants] and encourage pride, growth and creativity," Manship said.

Titled "Nature & the City" the exhibit is the third of five public sculptures the Pittsfield Artscape Committee has commissioned for 2015-16. Swinging II at Park Square and Tip of the Hat near the Colonial Theatre were recently installed; the other two are pending.

Bisantz has been a regular contributor to the local Artscape program in recent years, including Signs of Life, Stop and Think and Art Here, Art There, Art Everywhere.

The seven signs of "Nature & the City" are:

- Chickadee, with the caption "SING"
- American elm, "GROW"
- Honeybee, "BE"
- Ladybug, "FLY"
- Mayflower, "FLOWER"
- Berkshire Mountains, "CLIMB"
- Black swallowtail butterfly, "EMERGE"
- The signs are located outside the Colonial Theatre, in Dunham Mall, Persip Park and four other downtown locations.

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