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Art goes Big in Murals on Walls of Downtown St. Petersburg - Tampa Bay Times

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Let’s take a walk. Let’s put away our phones, pads and earbuds. Let’s take our time and enjoy a delightful hour or so roaming through the Central Arts District discovering its murals. You can go it alone or join a tour every Saturday, organized by Florida CraftArt, with a docent, often the organization’s executive director, Diane Shelly.
Ten mural seekers, plus Times photographer Monica Herndon and I, joined her on a recent Saturday morning to check out the 32 (and counting) examples lining the businesses along Central Avenue and First Avenue N between Fifth and Ninth streets. The walking tour lasts between 60 and 90 minutes most Saturdays. This was an unusual Saturday because, as we launched ourselves onto the sidewalk, the skies opened and poured down rain.

Did we falter? No, we did not.

Shelly popped on her foul-weather gear, we popped our umbrellas. Not a single person peeled off and headed for cover.

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