

# St. Bede's Scavenger Hunt

## Playa Vista

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### 1. Audubon Warbler Topiaries and Giant Bird Houses

**Location:** [33°58'13.5"N 118°25'36.0"W](#), 6201 Playa Vista Dr

- **Parking:** Free street parking along Playa Vista Drive. Park between Pacific Promenade and Bay Park Dr.
- **Tips:** It is a pleasant, short walk between this and artwork #2.
- **Artist:** Jennifer and Charles Coburn
- **About the artwork:** Forty-eight-foot trucks were used to transport the topiaries to Playa Vista from the Coburns' factory in San Diego. Audubon warblers are migratory birds that live in the Ballona Freshwater Marsh next door to Playa Vista. More than 180 species of birds have reportedly been observed at the Ballona Freshwater Marsh.
- **Riddle:** What kind of bird might roll a double six here?

### 2. Ballona Sea Change

- **Location:** [33°58'15.7"N 118°25'26.7"W](#), 13070 Kiyot Way
- **Parking:** Free street parking along Discovery Creek either side of Kiyot Way.
- **Tips:** It is a pleasant, short walk between this and artwork #1.
- **Artist:** Marlo Bartels
- **About the artwork:** Consists of 4 mosaic ceramic tile benches and 4 mosaic ceramic tile urns.
- **Riddle:** She corners the market on invertebrate exoskeletons at the littoral locale

### 3. Sculptures mounted on ground/rocks

- **Location:** [33°58'28.2"N 118°25'10.3"W](#), 12857 Pacific Promenade Millennium, Los Angeles, CA 90094
- **Parking:** Free street parking on Pacific Promenade Millennium and surrounding streets.
- **Tips:** Walk through the archway into the park area and look to your left.
- **Artist:** Unknown
- **About the artwork:**
- **Riddle:** What part of this art installation might be a tribute to a Robert Redford movie?

### 4. Playa Vista Bandshell

- **Location:** [33°58'55.8"N 118°24'17.3"W](#), 12405 E Waterfront Dr, Los Angeles, CA 90045
- **Parking:** Free street parking along Waterfront Dr.
- **Tips:** Check out the landscaped hills on the east side of the park. Due to COVID, the park is only open for walking/jogging on the paths, but you can clearly see the inside of the bandshell from the wide paths on either side.

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- **Architect:** Michael Maltzan, **Structural Engineer:** Arup
- **About the structure:** Beyond the courts, a large amphitheater slopes to the north, shaping sight lines to a Bandshell at the Park's center. Rising above the park, the Bandshell's circular iconography is defined by three rings that arc above the pedestrian paths, extending trajectories of movement from the adjacent landscape into its dynamic form. The three steel hoops structure the shell's envelope, a pleated membrane that floats above the landscape, its glowing form visible throughout the Park and beyond as day gives way to night. The Bandshell incorporates a flexible lighting grid and an expansive stage which can support a wide range of performances, including theatrical productions, outdoor movies, and concert events.
- **Riddle:** Inside, attempt a cute shape

### Hillside Memorial Park

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#### 5. Al Jolson Memorial

- **Location:** [33°58'47.1"N 118°23'21.9"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/33°58'47.1\), Hillside Memorial Park (entrance at 6001 W Centinela Ave)
- **Parking:** Free street parking along roads throughout cemetery. Just keep an eye out for any memorials underway and avoid those areas. Recommended parking is at the top of the hill just above the waterfall.
- **Tips:** Closed for the Sabbath (Friday evening-Saturday). Stop at the guard gate and the guard will scan your wrist for temperature (COVID precaution) and give you a wristband. The Al Jolson memorial is at the top of the large waterfall you see on the hill to right of the entrance gate. If you are a Star Trek fan, you may want to visit the grave of Leonard Nimoy beside a lovely artificial stream in the area behind the mausoleum (<https://goo.gl/maps/nDyh4pX7gnbMiedW9>).
- **Artist:** Paul R. Williams
- **About the artwork:** David Gebhard in *An Architectural Guidebook to Los Angeles* describes the Williams' monument as "an abstracted version of an open classical temple that is oriented toward a water cascade." Situated on a plot, almost 40 by 80 feet, the six-pillar structure of 16 different types of imported Italian marble is 75 feet tall and topped by a dome with hand-set tiles depicting Moses holding the Ten Commandments. Lit at night it can be seen for miles. Nearby is Carl Romanella's bronze statue of the singer on one knee in his famous *Jazz Singer* pose. The 120-foot, five-tier cascading water feature with extensive landscaping was added at the cemetery's expense
- **Riddle:** A diminutive Moses meets an archaic end

#### 6. Canaan

- **Location:** [33°58'54.9"N 118°23'17.4"W](https://www.google.com/maps/place/33°58'54.9\), Hillside Memorial Park (entrance at 6001 W Centinela Ave)

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- **Parking:** Free street parking along roads throughout cemetery. Just keep an eye out for any memorials underway and avoid those areas. Recommended parking is along the northernmost road in the cemetery.
- **Tips:** Closed for the Sabbath (Friday evening-Saturday). Stop at the guard gate and the guard will scan your wrist for temperature (COVID precaution) and give you a wristband.
- **Artist:** Mary Ann DeVine
- **About the artwork:** In 1992, sculptor Mary Ann DeVine was commissioned to create four panels on the theme of Canaan in the Torah. Each panel consists of a bronze sculpture against a mosaic background of granite and marble.
- **Riddle:** What part of Aaron's garment might be a piece of digital technology?

### Culver City

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#### 7. Film Strip USA

- **Location:** [34°00'48.0"N 118°24'09.0"W](#), Veterans Memorial Park, 4117 Overland Ave, Culver City, CA 90230
- **Parking:** Free parking at Veterans Memorial Park off of Culver Blvd.
- **Tips:** Park once and visit artworks #7 and #8. Use the crosswalk at Overland and Culver Blvd.
- **Artist:** Natalie Krol
- **About the artwork:** Natalie Krol's *Film Strip U.S.A.*, a monumental stainless steel sculpture, is rendered in the form of three film strips. The sculpture was dedicated on November 11, 1981 as part of a week long "Salute to the Film Industry." Natalie Krol has completed public art sculptures for the City of Los Angeles (*Origami Horse*), the City of Brea (*Kim-Olympic Rhythms*), and for the City of Kaizuka, Japan (*Friendship Tie*), one of Culver City's Sister Cities.
- **Riddle:** What's missing is a big job with many steps, or something like that

#### 8. Path of Life

- **Location:** [34°00'50.1"N 118°24'10.5"W](#), Culver City Senior Center, 4095 Culver Blvd, Culver City, CA 90230
- **Parking:** Free parking at Veterans Memorial Park off of Culver Blvd.
- **Tips:** Park once and visit artworks #7 and #8.
- **Artist:** De L'Esprie
- **About the artwork:** *Path of Life* is a representation of joy, youth, maturity, innocence, and wisdom conveyed through five figures in different stages of life. The baby represents the beginning of life and innocence, the drummer boy and flute girl symbolize rhythm, and the adults serve as symbols of wisdom and maturity. The physical features of these figures are intended to represent the diversity of the Culver City community.
- **Riddle:** Look for the car, without limits

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- **Bonus Riddle:** A classic print ad left a note to see you

### 9. Tree of Life

- **Location:** [34°00'49.3"N 118°23'52.7"W](#), Carlson Park, 4231 Motor Ave, Culver City, CA 90232
- **Parking:** Free parking on streets surrounding park.
- **Tips:** A nice spot for a picnic. We highly recommend the sandwiches from nearby Jackson Market, 4065 Jackson Ave.
- **Artist:** Dora De Larios
- **About the artwork:** The artist used the natural setting of Carlson Park as a departure point for this design. *Tree of Life* is a three-sided sculpture that incorporates images of plants, flowers, and various animals into each of the panels.
- **Riddle:** According to the cats, what kind of fruit grows on this tree?

### 10. Homage to La Ballona Creek

- **Location:** [34°00'56.2"N 118°23'10.5"W](#), Culver City Park, 9910 Jefferson Blvd, Culver City, CA 90232
- **Parking:** Free parking in park lot up the hill near Bill Botts field.
- **Tips:** Go on a clear day and enjoy the view!
- **Artist:** Lucy Blake-Elahi
- **About the artwork:** *Homage to La Ballona Creek* is a large sundial positioned at 32 degrees, the latitude at which Culver City is located. Artist Lucy Blake-Elahi, (assisted by 6th grade students from Echo Horizon School), created colorful tiles that include references to animals and vegetation that once inhabited the area. These tiles are incorporated in the artwork around the base of the sundial. Quotations representing the diverse languages spoken in Culver City also surround the base of the sculpture. The sundial can be read from the south side in the winter and the north side in the summer. Lucy Blake-Elahi is an arts educator and Culver City resident. She was a collaborator on two mural projects along Ballona Creek, *Postcards from Ballona* (1997) and *Rivers of the World* (1996).
- **Riddle:** What radio program knows what time it is?
- **Bonus Riddle:** What's that other thing we see from here? It's somewhere over there, mixed up in a bow (without that last bit of elegance)

### 11. King Kong Gone

- **Location:** [34°01'18.2"N 118°22'58.2"W](#), 8620 Hayden Pl, Culver City, CA 90232
- **Parking:** Free parking along Hayden Place (observe posted signs). Park here and walk to Artwork #12 and Buildings #13 and #14.
- **Tips:** If you are a liquor connoisseur, check out the LA Distillery Whiskey Store a few doors down. After COVID, consider coming back for a tour and a tasting.
- **Artist:** Jim Heimann

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- **About the artwork:** Jim Heimann conceived of this artwork as a seemingly familiar object that is intended to attract the attention of the passerby. The sculpture resembles a gate resting on a post with the title "King Kong Gone" boldly incorporated within its frame. The obscurity of the title within the context of the artwork's location is intended to stop passersby and draw them in for a closer examination.
- **Riddle:** In the end, one breakfast item was sent back

### 12. Love Mural

- **Location:** [34°01'24.5"N 118°22'54.3"W](#), 8538 Hayden Ave, Culver City, CA 90232
- **Parking:** Free parking along Warner Dr (observe posted signs).
- **Tips:** The school one building east on Warner has an art installation hanging on the façade. See if you can find the smiley faces in it.
- **Artist:** Curtis Kulig
- **About the artwork:** An Instagrammers dream, snap some photos and post them online!
- **Riddle:** If Ed Cobb had a tattoo, he might have written this song instead. Don't think too hard, this clue is a soft sell.

### 13. Waffle Building

- **Location:** [34°01'27.0"N 118°22'54.4"W](#), 3599 Hayden Ave, Culver City, CA 90232
- **Parking:** Free parking along Warner Dr (observe posted signs).
- **Tips:** This building houses Vespertine, an outrageously expensive, experience restaurant. I have heard it is worth it, though!
- **Architect:** Eric Owen Moss, **Structural Engineer:** NAST Enterprises
- **About the structure:** The Waffle Building, located in Culver City, CA is an undulating four-story building that grew out of a collaborative vision between architect Eric Owen Moss and chef Jordan Kahn, whose restaurant, Vespertine currently occupies the building. The structure, which only occupies a space that is 33 ft x 33 ft, turns along its height and is enveloped in horizontal and vertical steel fins which make up the "waffle" grid and support the glass enclosure. The program of the space includes a ground floor lobby, a mezzanine level that serves as the main dining floor and an open-air roof deck that is connected via elevator and internal stairs.
- **Riddle:** Wise tries form a heavy metal band with a standard abbreviation

### 14. Samitaur Tower

- **Location:** [34°01'36.7"N 118°22'50.1"W](#), Corner of Hayden Ave and National Blvd.
- **Parking:** Free parking along Hayden Ave (observe posted signs).
- **Tips:** Sadly, you can't climb the tower, but you can walk all around the base.
- **Architect:** Eric Owen Moss, **Structural Engineer:** Arup

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- **About the structure:** The Samitaur Tower, a 72 feet high steel tower, has translucent acrylic that can turn into a screen for light works and video. The tower is a form of architectural punctuation, located at the intersection of Hayden and National, next to the new light rail tracks, and at the main entry point for the Tract. Just as Harry Culver built his sales office where the trolley tracks of Venice Boulevard met his new Main Street, and drew people in with spotlights on the roof, the multimedia Samitaur Tower is intended to draw people in to this new high-tech creative artistic industrial district, a new kind of Culver City, in the future.
- **Riddle:** This structure is really under stress today.

### West Los Angeles

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#### 15. Higher Ground

- **Location:** [33°59'51.5"N 118°25'26.8"W](#), 12101 W Washington Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90066
- **Parking:** Free parking along Washington Blvd (observe posted signs).
- **Tips:** Artwork is tucked into the area between the driveway for 12095 and the school property. Look for the circular building extension. Artwork is on the property, but can be seen from the sidewalk (look up slightly).
- **Artist:** Robert Toll
- **About the artwork:** Robert Toll's figurative sculpture, *Higher Ground*, is a noticeable feature of the H.E.L.P. Group's property on Washington Boulevard. The sculpture comprises two androgynous children sitting on the steps of a wall. One of the figures is reading and the other writing in a notebook. The artist constructed the figures from steel strips in order to create the appearance of motion.
- **Riddle:** Change one word in the title of a classic children's tale to get a new title for this sculpture

#### 16. Donald Wills Douglas and his dog Wunderbar

- **Location:** [34°00'54.5"N 118°26'50.7"W](#), 3100 Airport Ave, Santa Monica, CA 90405
- **Parking:** Free parking in museum lot. Additional free parking at the park just down the street.
- **Tips:** If you have young kids (or grandkids), there is a "hidden" park area nearby that used to be part of the airport. It's a large paved area perfect for learning to bike or skate. <http://www.santamonicaparks.org/interim-open-space>
- **Artist:** Yossi Govrin-Yehudain

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- **About the artwork:** Part of the 'Douglas DC-3 Monument.' Donald Wills Douglas, Sr. (6 April 1892 – 1 February 1981) was an influential American aircraft industrialist and engineer. He founded the Douglas Aircraft Company in 1921 (the company later merged into McDonnell Douglas Corporation).
- **Riddle:** Hidden in plane sight is the answer to a very big question (this one may require deep thought).