

## 6 Pirate Alley

This mural is as big a mystery in Conway as the elusive Pirates that once traveled the Waccamaw River. Believed to have been painted in 2008, a gentleman showed up one day & began to add some life to the dark alley. If you have information regarding the artist or date of painting please contact us.



Artist: Unknown  
Circa: 2008

## 7 Smile



The Smile Mural was designed through a collaboration between CCU student artist, Ava Starnes & the Conway Downtown Alive Design Committee. This billboard-style installation bolsters community pride & reflects the welcoming nature of Conwayites!

Artist: Ava Starnes  
Dedicated: October 13, 2022

## 8 Welcome to Conway

In 2021, the City of Conway executed a mural that also serves as a gateway sign at the foot of the Main Street bridge. The entirety of the creative process was undertaken by the 315 members of City staff. The mural is based on a photograph taken by retired Fire Chief Hendrick which was edited into an impressionist style by City Administrator, Adam Emrick & then converted to a paint by numbers by Deputy City Administrator, Mary Catherine Hyman. The image was projected onto the wall at night so that employees could trace, number & paint each section.



Artists: City of Conway Employees  
Dedicated: November 10, 2021

## 9 F.G. Burroughs Steamboat

The F.G. Burroughs sidewheeler steamboat was the flagship of the Burroughs & Collins Company. The Burroughs family operated a successful steamboat service between Conway & Georgetown in the late 1800s & early 1900s. The F.G. Burroughs steamboat joined the line in 1898 & was the largest of the steamboats constructed in Conway, measuring 125 feet in length & 20 feet across. It could carry 130 passengers & 150 tons of freight.



Original Mural: Jim Frisino  
Date: 1983

Restoration:  
Tommy Simpson  
Restored: Summer 2015

## 10 Caribbean Life



At the ribbon cutting & grand opening of Caribbean Jerk Cuisine's newly renovated location, owner Kamal Fraser celebrated the mural work of his wife Dorina Fraser. With a large crowd in attendance, Dorina signed & dedicated her artistic interpretation of island life.

Artist: Dorina Fraser  
Dedicated: February 9, 2023

## 11 CCU Laurel Street



Artists: Coastal Carolina University Student Artists led by Professor Yvette Arendt  
Unveiled: November 19, 2025

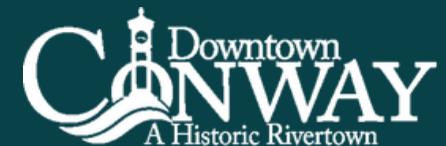
The CCU Laurel Street Mural is a collaboration between Coastal Carolina University, Conway Downtown Alive, the City of Conway, 329 Palermo LLC, & Kingston Junction LLC. Designed by CCU Professor Yvette Arendt, the mural introduces a fresh, modern palette inspired by the flora & fauna along the banks of the Waccamaw River. The artwork brings a burst of color to Laurel Street, reflecting both the natural beauty of the river & the spirit of the surrounding community.

# Discover Conway

## Downtown Mural Guide



Conway Downtown Alive aims to stimulate economic development, encourage historic preservation, and promote the vitality of Downtown Conway as a place.



## 1 Kingston Park Shoo-Fly



This mural depicts the Wilmington, Chadbourne & Conwayboro Railroad Engine No. 62, the Shoo-Fly, on Main Street in Downtown Conway, SC circa 1887. Originally, before entering Main Street, the train would veer off onto a side track then reverse & back into Downtown. The tracks merged with Main Street between 5th & 6th Avenues. At that time the tracks ended at the Waccamaw River near the train depot & the town wharf.

Artist: Tommy Simpson  
Dedicated: September 18, 2019

## 2 SC Wren & Painted Bunting

This mural depicts the South Carolina Wren & a colorful Painted Bunting. The artist & property owner easily agreed on a teal color palette featuring blooming magnolias, however their opinions varied on which bird to feature. Thusly a creative compromise was reached to highlight the artist's choice, the Wren, on one wall & the owner's choice, a Bunting, on the other.



Artist: Ava Starnes  
Revealed: September 2023

## 3 Trestle



Artist: Tommy Simpson  
Commissioned: 2021

This piece was commissioned in 2021 by the Trestle Café. Seeing the wonderful recent mural additions to the Downtown district, Mr. Smith wanted to capture Norman Rockwell's style of photo realism with an installation in the alley dining area. Incorporating the iconic trestle railroad bridge & a typical summer day fishing along the Waccamaw River, this image has become a Conway favorite.

## 4 Papa's General Store

The late Craig Smith, Papa's General Store founder, commissioned this mural in the summer of 2019 after viewing historic photos of the many murals that existed in Downtown Conway in the 1940's & 1950's. His vision was to peek inside an "old timey" general store while incorporating a vintage Coca-Cola painted ad sign. If you look closely at the image, you may just spy a few familiar faces, as Craig & his son, Chris, bear a striking resemblance to the general store cast of characters.



Artist: Tommy Simpson  
Commissioned: 2019

# DOWNTOWN MURALS



## 5 Teal Alley

In the midst of the Covid pandemic, CCU sought opportunities to engage students in creative & meaningful work. A collaboration between the City of Conway, Conway Alive & CCU sprung from the creativity of Mary Catherine Hyman to "bring a little piece of the CCU campus to Downtown Conway". Eleven student artists, led by Professor Yvette Arendt, painted Teal Alley during the spring semester of 2021. Although many Conway residents never set foot on the CCU campus as college students, this artwork embodies the pride Conway feels as the home of CCU. This installation has created a place for the whole of Teal Nation to come & Feel the Teal.



Artists: Coastal Carolina University Student  
Artists led by Professor Yvette Arendt  
Dedicated: May 5, 2021

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