

This project brought the sculptor Carol Hummel the the Quad Cities to work with our communities to create crocheted, site-specific, community-based public art on trees in three locations: Augustana College, the Figge Art Museum, and Longfellow Liberal Arts School. This project, like much of the art by Hummel, draws diverse sectors of communities together in a positive, celebratory way to help create major pieces of art for the people, by the people.

Well over 100 community members participated by creating crocheted circles, which the artist and her assistants stitched together and installed on the trees. Participants included students from Augustana College, the Creative Arts Academy, Longfellow Liberal Arts, Western Illinois University, and St. Ambrose University, as well as community members ranging from age 8 to 80+.

Carol Hummel's collaborative public art installations can be found throughout the world, including Switzerland, Norway, India, Mexico, and at multiple venues across the United States: her hometown of Cleveland, Ohio; Long Island, New York; Morgantown, West Virginia; and now the Quad Cities.





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Locations:



Longfellow Liberal Arts School 4198 7th Ave, Rock Island, Illinois The completed #YarnBombQC tree at Longfellow Liberal Arts school. Photographer: Claire Kovacs



Augustana College
Northeast corner of 7th Ave. and
35th St., Rock Island, Illinois
Carol Hummel installs circles on the
#YarnBombQC tree at
Augustana College.
Photographer: Claire Kovacs



Figge Art Museum
225 W 2nd St, Davenport, Iowa
Carol Hummel's assistant, Julie Loxterman installs
circles on one of the #YarnBombQC trees at the Figge
Art Museum. Photographer: Claire Kovacs