



COMMUNITY

Michelle Turner

DATE

Artist Commissioned February 2017

Installed March 2020

LOCATION

14008 Holbrooks Road
Huntersville, NC 28078

DESCRIPTION

The David B. Waymer Gymnasium is part of the historic Torrence-Lytle School, established in 1937, as the first high school for African American students in northern Mecklenburg County. The school was the center of life in the community for more than 50 years. In 1957, the school expanded to add classrooms, a science lab, home economics and shop, and a gymnasium. Mecklenburg County has renovated and restored the gym to become a community center, providing services for youth and seniors.

Neighborhood residents inspired the artwork's design by sharing information with Turner regarding the community and its history. In Community, laser cut steel panels portray historic neighborhood homes, Torrence-Lytle High School, and iconic images that represent Pottstown. Turner added rhythm and continuity to the design by inserting a repeating design of cotton leaves, surrounded by a circle, on every other panel. The cotton leaves represent farmer, Otha Potts, for whom Pottstown was named. Community celebrates a time period from the past, which became the foundation for the community's impact on future generations.

SELECTION PANEL

Mecklenburg County Park and Recreation requested ASC public art staff directly select Michele Turner as the sole source for the public art opportunity.

FUNDING PARTNER

This project is funded through Mecklenburg County's 1% for the Arts Ordinance. ASC administers the public art program for the City of Charlotte and Mecklenburg County. Artist Selection and designs are approved by the appointed Public Art Commission.

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