



Local Colour

■ **IT BEGAN WITH A GARDEN.** JOE CLARE WANTED TO give patrons of Montgomery Legion Place in Edmonton's Strathearn neighbourhood another reason to get outside, and so he built a garden and set up a few picnic tables on some property he owns nearby at 92nd Street and 95th Avenue. But he wasn't done there. He went on to commission a mural, from artist James K-M, as well as a series of four sculptures

and seven masks that depict famous Canadians. Artist Deborah Alanna cut the shapes out of extruded polystyrene foam, working in space donated by Durabond Products. The results liven up the neighbourhood and provide a poignant reminder of what can happen when commerce and creativity are combined.

—Lewis Kelly



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