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Mark Barry discusses his artwork at BMAC

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Artist Mark Barry will lead a walking tour and discussion of his outdoor exhibition, "Petals to Metal and Other Stories," at the Brattleboro Museum & Art Center (BMAC) Saturday, Jan. 24, at 3 p.m.

The event begins outside the museum, with a tour of Barry's large metal sculptures, and then moves indoors for a presentation and further conversation.

11 "Petals to Metal and Other Stories" showcases the North  
12 Bennington-based artist's dual practice as both a painter and  
13 sculptor, a dynamic approach that allows each medium to inform  
14 the other. Barry's work often draws from everyday imagery, such  
15 as potted plants, ice cream cones, cows, and dancing figures.

16 "Through bold shapes and exaggerated proportions,  
17 Barry transforms the ordinary into vivid contemporary vignettes,"  
18 organizers wrote in a news release. Among the works on view  
19 outside BMAC are Barry's towering 12-foot potted flower  
20 sculptures. "Drawing on a long tradition of silhouette imagery,  
21 Barry uses simplified forms to distill fleeting moments into  
22 emotionally resonant scenes, inviting viewers to look beyond  
23 surface appearances and find deeper meaning in the everyday,"  
24 organizers wrote.

25 "I'm interested in those small, everyday moments that  
26 often go unnoticed, and in how simple forms can hold  
27 movement, humor, and memory," said Barry. "I try to find the  
28 extraordinary in the ordinary."

29 "Petals to Metal and Other Stories" is on view at BMAC  
30 through April 26, 2026.

31 Admission to the walking tour and discussion is free.  
32 Walk-ins are welcome, and advance registration is not necessary.  
33 Learn more at [brattleboromuseum.org](http://brattleboromuseum.org) or by calling 802-257-  
34 0124, ext. 101.

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