

Alpena Bi-Path



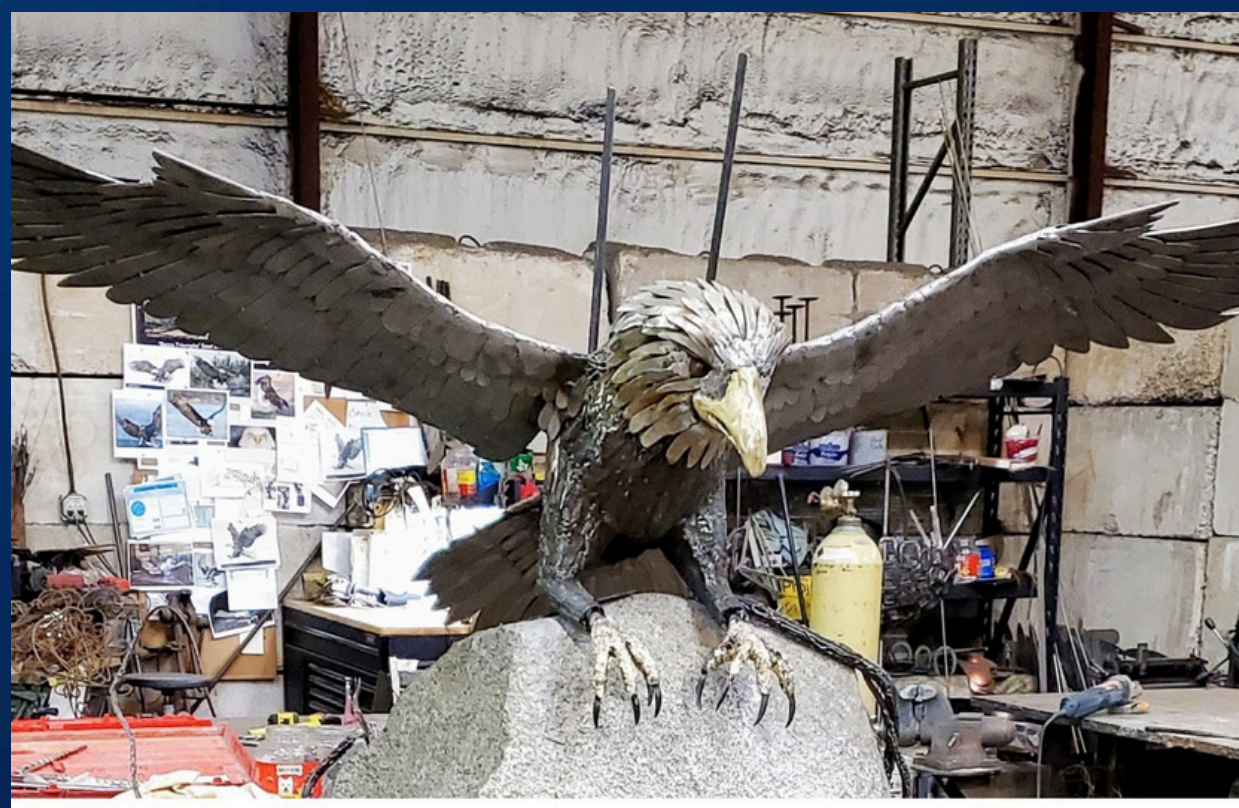
THUNDER BAY ARTS

Our Goal: \$15,000 of \$50,000

Donations of \$50, \$500, \$1,500, \$2,500, or \$5,000 would help cover the remaining cost of two new sculptures along the Alpena B-Path in celebration of two hallmark anniversaries!

Consider a gift, a memorial, or honor a loved one. Donors will be recognized in commemorative plaques at the sculpture sites.

Thank you to Besser Foundation, City of Alpena, Alpena County - Youth & Recreation Committee, and the First Federal Legacy Foundation for your support already!



50TH ANNIVERSARY SCULPTURES



In 2026, Alpena celebrates two remarkable milestones: the 50th anniversary of the Alpena Bi-Path and the 250th anniversary of the Declaration of Independence.

To honor this remarkable legacy, Thunder Bay Arts Council, Inc. (Thunder Bay Arts) is commissioning two new public sculptures along the Alpena Bi-Path—lasting works of art to mark these historic anniversaries and celebrate Alpena's enduring connection to art, nature, recreation, and civic pride.

The artists are Ann Gilder and Autumn Bildson, both noted local artists. Their collaborative work will capture powerful symbols of nature, local and national history, and themes of patriotism, collaboration, and reconciliation.

Fifty years ago, Alpena residents and community leaders laid the groundwork for a vibrant space where art and recreation thrive, fostering movement, creativity, and connection.

Let's come together to commemorate 50 years of the Alpena Bi-Path and 250 years of American independence with two new sculptures that celebrate the beauty, spirit, and resilience of Alpena. We have an exciting opportunity to build on an amazing legacy, celebrating our past while looking forward to a bright, shared future.

