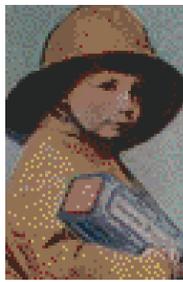


# Public Art for Brookline St. Improvement Project

## Sidewalk Mosaics by Mike Mandel



Nabisco 4' x 2.66'

Fig Newtons had been introduced in 1891 by the Kennedy Biscuit Company, one of a number of regional bakeries that merged in 1898 to form the National Biscuit Company, later known as Nabisco. In 1929 22 Brookline became part of this company. "The Kennedy Biscuit Company named all their products after surrounding communities, including cookies and crackers called 'Shrewsbury,' 'Harvard,' 'Beacon Hill,' and so on. There is no doubt (in our minds) whatsoever that the Fig Newton is named for Newton, Massachusetts."



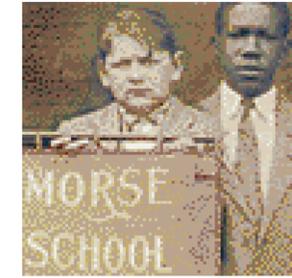
Community Garden  
3' x 4.8'

The Cambridgeport Community Garden, located at the corner of Brookline and Emily Street, was started in 1974. At the outset the garden was a vacant lot strewn with trash and garbage. Over the years the community has added a water source, a shed and three composters. Each year 12-14 families grow and harvest their vegetables and strawberries and raspberries.



Strafel Shoe Repair Shop  
3.37' x 4'

59 Brookline corner of Auburn St.  
Operated by Nick & T. Strafel.



Morse School 4' x 4'

249 Brookline (orig location) NW corner Allston  
Grammar school grades 1 - 8. Originally built in 1890 and opened in 1891. Fell into disrepair and moved to 40 Granite Street where it reopened in 1955.



Man Ray 2.33' x 4.45'

Man Ray Bar 21 Brookline Street NW corner of Green Street  
Originally Simeone's Restaurant, in 1983 the location was turned into a gay club called Campus. In 1985, a second part of the location was opened as Manra, named for Dada artist/photographer, Man Ray. Eventually the two places merged into the modern day Man Ray space. The club billed itself as an "art bar" and often featured gallery shows by local artists in its lounge area. The club catered to a variety of alternative lifestyles: gay, New Wave, Goth, Fetish. Alternating Friday night events would be geared to one, the other, or both subcultures, resulting in a local scene that was unique in its cross-pollination. Closed in 2005 to make way for apts.



New England Carbide  
4' x 4'

60 Brookline NE corner Auburn  
New England Carbide, Inc. was founded in 1941 to serve the country's war needs for precision carbide tooling. They produced the forms for metal parts like turning tools for lathes, machining tools, screw making and milling machines. For more than 65 years, they have specialized in the design and manufacture of precision carbide tooling and crush form rolls to meet the needs of various industries from around the world. After its formation in a barn in Acton, MA, New England Carbide moved to 60 Brookline Street, where it operated until 1956. It is now located in Topsfield, MA.



Geneva Malenfant  
3.33' x 2.41'

Geneva Malenfant 75 Henry (NE corner/Henry, Brookline)  
quote from her daughter in law, Janet Mallenfant:  
"She is one of those people who knows everyone, is passionate about things like affordable housing, education, programs for children and responsible development. She's served as president of the Cambridge Civic Association, and on the board of countless non-profits. In her hippie days she protested McDonalds in Central Square, worked at the original food co-op and fought the inner belt project. Her political gatherings at the corner of Brookline and Henry Street were legendary."



Simplex 1' x 3.5'

Large swath north Brookline St.  
Simplex Wire and Cable Company's first Cambridge building was built in 1886, and more than a dozen followed before World War 1. The company was known for its fabrication of steel-wire products, such as bird cages and fire screens. In 1888 the company took over a former bakery at 112 Franklin Street, the first step in an eventual occupation of most of the surrounding blocks. Most of the buildings were razed in the 1970s, leaving a large area of overgrown vacant lots that languished for many years while MIT tried to find a use for their 27-acre property. By the mid 1980's MIT built a mixed-use development, "University Park," a project that was the subject of protests by community activists who objected to the gentrification of the neighborhood, and wanted the development to include more affordable housing as well as to preserve the remaining businesses and historic buildings in the area.



Hastings Tree  
4.33' x 3.79'

West side of Brookline St.  
Bounded by Rockingham, Henry, Chestnut and Brookline Sts. Hastings Square originated as a gift of land from Edmund Trowbridge Hastings to the City of Cambridge in 1857. It is listed as part of the National Registry of Historic Places.



Tom & Joe Hughes  
5.29' x 3.12'

119 Brookline Street SW of Lopez  
Tom Hughes (on left) and Joe Hughes (on right) -- was taken in 1910. They are the sons of John and Mary Lennon Hughes who lived at this house.



Clark and Sons Telescopes  
4.58' x 4.58'

Clark & Sons telescopes at foot of Charles River  
Alvan Clark & Sons was an American maker of optics that became famous for crafting lenses for some of the largest refracting telescopes of the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. Founded in 1846 by Alvan Clark a descendant of Cape 'Cod whalers, who started out as a portrait painter. In the 19th century Clark and Sons manufactured telescopes for the University of Chicago, the US Naval Observatory, and the Lick Observatory.

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