

# Delta Colorado City of Murals



#11. "The hardware Store"

This mural was created from an old photograph showing one of the earliest businesses in Delta. Slow down for this one because it's hard to tell if it's real or if it's a painting. **Artist: Richard Doherty, 1998**



#14. "Newsboy"

One can imagine hearing this young newsboy shouting out the week's news from the home of the, *The Delta County Independent (DCI)*. Although the name of Delta's paper has changed several times since the "Delta Chief" first rolled off the press in 1883, local news has remained a priority in Delta. **Artist: Seth Weber, 2007.**



#18. "Old No.17"

This mural depicts the coal trains which have played a vital part of Delta County's economic activity. Somerset shipped its first coal in 1903; Juanita opened its mine in 1902. The mine was re-named Bowie. The mural is a tribute to the coal trains that had long been a familiar sight. **Artist: Boyd and Anne Bruce, c. 2000.**



#15. "Ute Country"

Depicting an earlier time in Delta history. This mural honors a culture that is still active in our community - the Ute Indian Nation. **Artist: Connie Williams. 1988**



#19. "Gateway to the Canyons"

This mural is the second one to occupy this location. The first mural, "Delta County Ark," was painted by Dick Doherty in 1987. Doherty designed the present replacement mural which was painted in 2012 by Seth Weber, Paonia artist. This new mural depicts explorers, Escalante and Dominguez, on their 1776 expedition through western Colorado. **Artist: Seth Weber and Richard Doherty, 2012.**



#12. "Fruit Growers Labels"

World-class fruit also produced world-class folk art in the form of box labels for local growers. Some of these labels are still in use today. **Artist: Connie Williams. 1988**



#16. "Tribute to Agriculture"

A tribute to our rich agricultural heritage. River bottom lands, abundant irrigation, a temperate winter and a long growing season has allowed Delta to produce world class fruits and vegetables since the late 1890'S. Today's agriculture economy includes vineyards, orchards and farms. **Artist: Connie Williams. 1989**



#13. "Homage to Delta's Diversity"

This mural brings to life the progress of the Hispanic people, who have played an important role in the growth of the Delta community. **Artist: Emanuel Martinez. 1992**



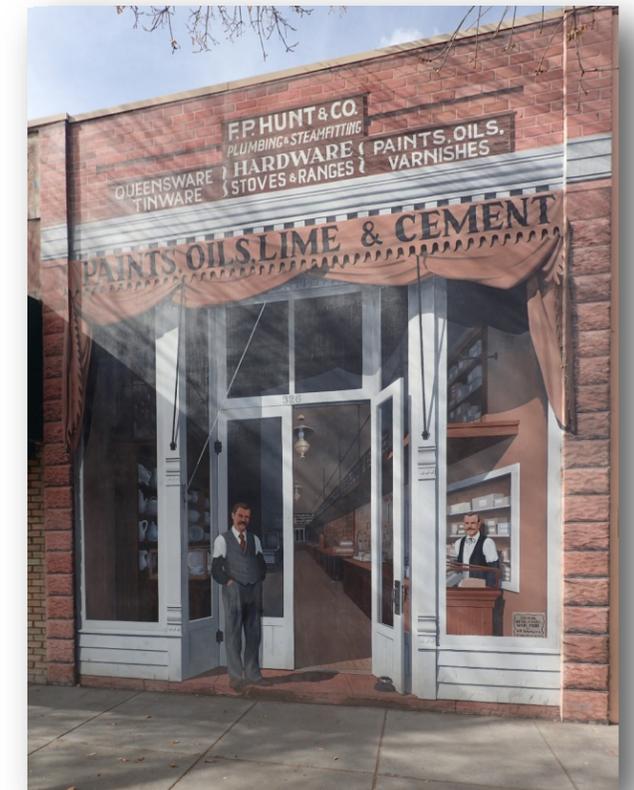
#17. Vintage

Appropriately, four classic cars sit poised in front of the four murals artist, Lee Bowerman painted between 2010 & 2012. The murals, on the wall of a former Texaco service station, call attention to Orval's Used Cars and are actual representations of Texaco stations from Delta's past. They, along with the people and cars, bring a touch of nostalgia of a by-gone time. **Artist: Lee Bowerman, 2010-12.**



#20. "After Remington"

The works of famous western artist & sculptor, Frederick Remington, inspired Richard Doherty, a local Delta artist, to paint this mural of a rough and rugged cowboy and his horse. One can almost feel the dust cloud as this man & his trusty steed ride the range together. **Artist: Richard Doherty, 1998.**

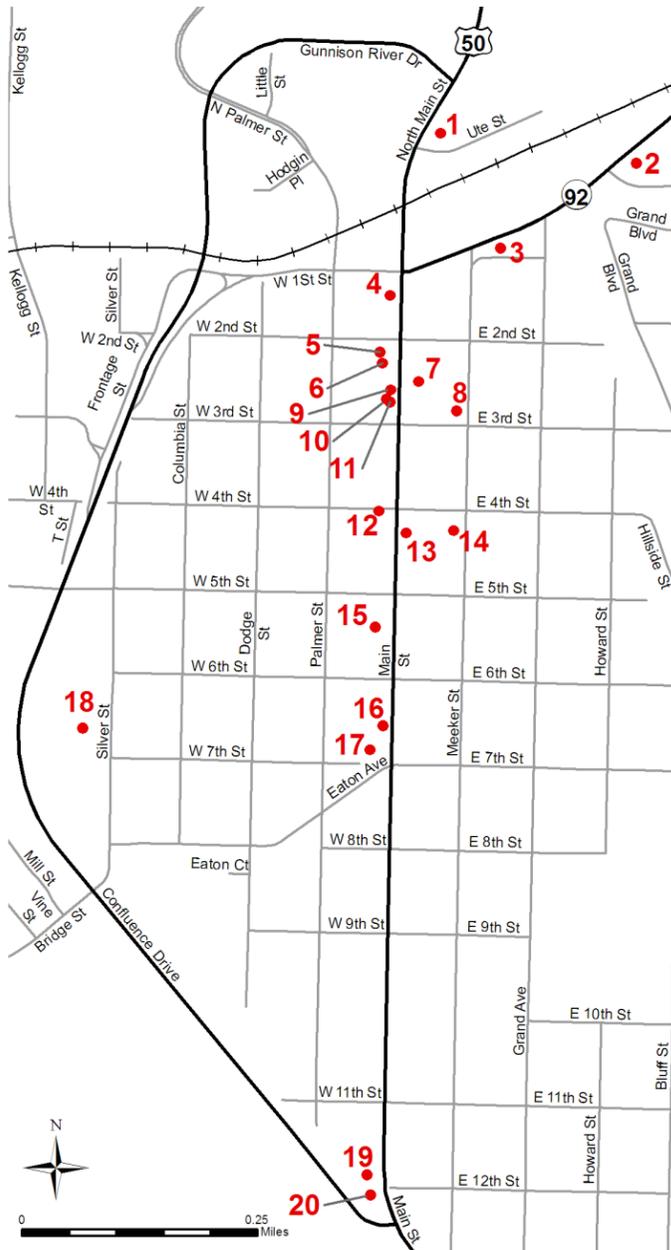


## HISTORIC DELTA

Highway 50 is Main Street in the community of Delta, Colorado.

Along Main Street you can find murals and sculptures created by local artists, that celebrate the heritage of this crossroads community.

The murals and sculptures may be viewed while on a relaxing stroll down Main Street or by stopping in your car at the various sites along Main Street.



**#1. "The City of Murals"**

The first mural a visitor to Delta sees when arriving from Grand Junction is "The City of Murals." This mural was painted at a time of urban renewal and celebrates the values Delta residents have placed on public art as well as the regional natural beauty of high country mountain scenes and the lower Gunnison Valley. **Artist: Ginny Allen, 1989.**



**#2. "Train"**

Train arrival depicts early day travel in Colorado. The first train (Denver and Rio Grande) arrived in Delta on September 17, 1882. In 1902 a narrow gauge route was built from Delta to Somerset to haul fruit to market. The passenger depot in Delta was completed in 1917 and was torn down 50 years later to make room for Skyland Foods. **Artist: Seth Weber and Phil Wassell, 2009**



**#3. "Moonshine"**

The mural "Moonshine" depicts a play-on-words, and is on the side of the Moonshine Liquor store on Highway 92 heading east out of Delta. The word Moonshine also refers to alcohol manufactured in contradiction to the 18th Amendment of the Constitution. The era of prohibition lasted from 1920 until 1933. **Artist: Boyd and Anne Bruce, 2000**



**#4. "Greetings From Delta Colorado"**

This postcard mural depicts a famous photograph of Main Street taken in 1914. By the middle of the second decade of the Twentieth Century, Delta County was known world over for its agricultural bounty, shipping millions of bushels of apples, peaches, and other fruit to the UK and other global markets. This scene is one of a glorious age, which would end with the onset of World War I. **Artist: Lee Bowerman, 2009.**



**#5. "Roundup"**

Since the removal of the Utes in September 1881, cattlemen have played a major role in the agricultural-economy of Delta County. The roundup depicts a classic ranching scene known to the early homesteaders and modern stock growers alike. **Artist: Boyd and Anne Bruce, c. 2000.**



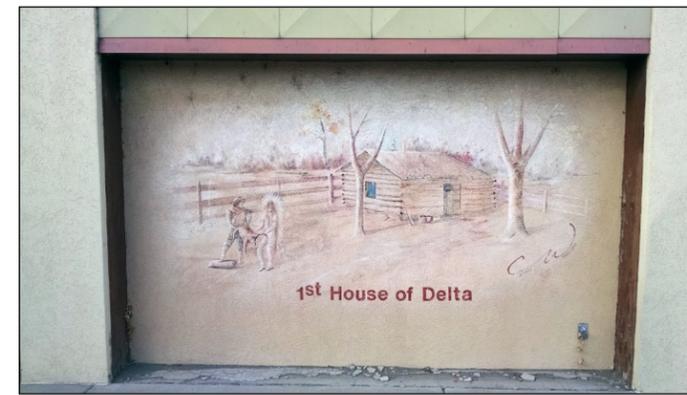
**#6. "West Elk Wilderness"**

Depicts the rich high country of the West Elk Wilderness Area located East of Delta. **Artist: Ginny Allen, 1991**



**#7. "Wild Flowers"**

This mural depicts the three primary Colorado ecosystems and their wildflowers. **Artist: Dennis Reynolds, 2002**



**#8. "1st House of Delta"**

As the Utes were escorted out of their ancestral homelands on September 3, 1881, settlers rushed into the Gunnison and Uncompahgre Valleys to stake their claims. George Moody's cabin is considered the first house in Delta; it was photographed in 1890 by Delta photographer Ben Laycock. Moody completed his cabin in late 1881 but abandoned it for the first winter and "sought refuge with the soldiers on California Mesa". **Artist: Connie Williams, 1990.**



**#9. "A Piece of Art"**

Art Briggs (1938-2009) was an iconic figure around town. Known for sweeping the sidewalks along Main Street; Art could often be seen drinking coffee, sitting on the park bench watching the cars go by. After his passing, the Delta House commissioned a mural to commemorate the citizen folks knew simply as Art. **Artist: Seth Weber, 2009.**



**#10. "Anna Dora Opera House"**

Around the corner from "the Hardware Store" mural, you'll find the new "Opera House" mural. Artist Richard Doherty has recreated the Opera House building that originally stood on this sight. **Artist: Dick Doherty**

Mural #	Title	Address/Building
1	The City of Murals	201 Ute St. - Well-Built Sheds
2	Train Arrival	420 Hwy 92 - Mocady Car Wash
3	Moonshine	268 Hwy 92 - Moonshine Liquor
4	Greetings From Delta Colorado	109 Main Street - Ocean Pearl
5	Roundup	201 Main St. - D&B Liquor
6	West Elk Wilderness	223 Main St. - Joy of Growing
7	Wildflowers	238 Main St. - Mostly Books
8	1st House of Delta	251 Meeker St. - Delta County Museum
9	A Piece of Art	233 Main St. - Delta House
10	Anna Dora Opera House	263 Main St. - Yost Dentistry
11	The Hardware Store	263 Main St. - Yost Dentistry
12	Fruit Growers Labels	401 Main St. - Davis Clothing Co.
13	Homage to Delta's Diversity	420 Main St. - The Chicken Roost
14	Newsboy	401 Meeker - Delta County, Independent
15	Ute Country	521 Main St. - Heirlooms for Hospice
16	Tribute to Agriculture	639 Main St. - Sisson's Feed & Seed
17	Vintage Cars	655 Main St. - Orval's Used Cars
18	Old No. 17	515 W.7th - Delta Potato Growers Bldg.
19	Gateway to the Canyons	South Main - Municipal Light and Power
20	After Remington	1205 Main St. - Stockyard Restaurant