

# The Linden Mural

*Gemma Amendola, Linden High School students, and various other community volunteers got together in the summer of 2014 to paint a large, colorful mural in the center of downtown Linden. The mural was a collaborative effort by the city and school to bring more art and culture to the community. There were several businesses and individuals that contributed to the effort. The 22'x56' mural that now dominates the center of downtown Linden is a depiction of the various aspects of living in Linden and Michigan including images that represent the lakes and water sports, the orchards, the car industry, plants and wildlife indigenous of the region along with several other elements. The dominant figure in the image is a teapot representing the friendliness and hospitality of its residents.*





## How to Paint a Mural the Linden way

*Steps 1, 2, and 3.  
Start with a blank wall.  
Sketch on that blank wall.  
Paint on that blank wall.*







*...Then, invite everyone to help paint.*







*...And paint some more.*



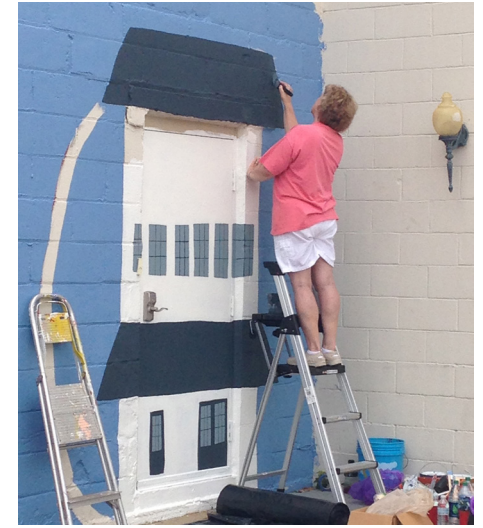
*...And teach them how to slack off and eat pizza.*







*...And recuite tall kids to paint the high places.*



*...And professionals to paint clean edges.*



*...And flexible kids to paint the low places.*



*...And spunky kids to paint on top of stuff.*



*...And just like that, you have a beautiful mural that is of the people,  
by the people, and for the people of Linden, Michigan.*

