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This year, summertime visitors to St. Joseph, Mich., will discover a treasure trove of art dotting the streets of the downtown area, including one particularly diverse sculpture, "Swimming in a Sea of Diversity," sponsored by Andrews University. On Friday, May 18, the city of St. Joseph hosted an unveiling of "Beached Pirates Arrrt in St. Joseph" featuring a total of 27 sculptures including sea turtles, dolphins, pelicans, sea horses, pirates and treasure chests. Artist Nicholas J. Jones (BFA '02), current staff member in the Andrews University Bookstore, was provided with a white fiberglass dolphin in February of this year.

He chose flags as a theme and collage was his method. It took Jones approximately 75–80 hours and about 3,500 flag stickers to collage the dolphin. From there, he gave it several layers of protective coating to protect the piece from the elements. Jones holds a Master of Fine Arts from Wayne State University in Detroit, Mich.

For more information and a map of where the sculptures are located, visit www.stjosephpublicart.com.

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