

Inspirational Works of Art at the United Nations

Inspirational Works of Art at the United Nations is a slide presentation developed by the Human Rights Special Interest Group (HR-SIG) to showcase the beautiful sculptures and wall art located on the UN property in New York City. The presentation features photographs and descriptions of over two dozen works of art, selected to highlight the theme of *universal human rights and peace*. Many pieces have been created by renowned artists and have been gifted to the United Nations by its Member States.

All photos were taken by members of HR-SIG. Our members came together a few years ago while serving as delegates of the League of Women Voters to the UN Commission on the Status of Women. Subsequently, we organized HR-SIG to expand our outreach to local Leagues and other civic groups. Please email us to arrange a free showing of the 30-minute presentation: humanrights.sig@gmail.com.

Feedback about our presentation: "FANTASTIC!" "We loved your awesome presentation!" "I had no idea the UN facilities had such a rich collection of meaningful artifacts. You did a great job introducing each piece."

GOLDEN RULE, a mosaic of Murano glass tile, is a representation of the Norman Rockwell illustration by the same name that was featured on the cover of the *Saturday Evening Post* on April 1, 1961. The text on the lower half of the mosaic reads "Do Unto Others as You Would Have Them Do Unto You." The United States gifted the mosaic to the UN in 1985 on the 40th anniversary of the UN.

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NON-VIOLENCE or KNOTTED GUN

Internationally renowned Swedish artist Carl Fredrik Reuterswärd created this work after learning of the death of his friend John Lennon. The sculpture, a gift from Luxembourg to the UN in 1989, has come to symbolize World Peace. It was initially installed in Central Park's Strawberry Fields Memorial and later moved to the UN Visitors Plaza.

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