A game of creative hide-and-seek and a social studies lesson all in one is at your fingertips here in Lanesboro. The Discover Sculpture Explore Lanesboro Medallion Walking Tour features 20 iron medallions found throughout town, portraying different facets of the rich character of Lanesboro on each medallion.

This self-guided tour begins at the Lanesboro Visitor Center and will take you up Church Hill, through Sylvan Park, to the historic dam and its hidden scenic overlook, across the Root River State Trail bike bridge to the Poetry Parking Lot at Bass Pond, along the pedestrian underpass of the County Rd. 8 bridge, over the historic walking bridge, and back through the rest of downtown.

The medallions were created beginning in 2001, led by Coral Lambert, originally from England, and assisted by Karl Unnasch, a local sculptor, with community input on the designs and donations of small items to be cast into iron. The five large anchor medallions, and a majority of the 9” marker medallions, were created at this iron pour. The 2001 project was made possible by Lanesboro Arts, Forecast Public Artworks, SEMAC, & the City of Lanesboro.

In 2011, Unnasch assumed the role of lead sculptor for another iron pour to create several new 9” marker medallions with input and contributions from the community. The 2011 project was made possible by Lanesboro Arts, the City of Lanesboro and the voters of MN through a grant provided by the MN State Arts Board, thanks to a legislative appropriation from the arts & cultural heritage fund.