

## About Torontoist

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When we first got a tip from Andrew Hunter that "someone has installed a new type of bike post along Yonge north of Lawrence," we were concerned that it might be the vanguard of the [Coordinated Street Furniture](#) onslaught of mass-produced uniformity. When we went down (yes, down) to visit the area, however, we were quite relieved to discover not [Kramer](#)-designed [brontosaurus ribs](#) but **elegant, artfully crafted flourishes of metallic whimsy**. Inspired by a similar project in which psychiatric survivors [designed bike stands](#) for the curb in front of the Parkdale Activity and Recreation Centre (PARC), the [Yonge Lawrence Village BIA commissioned](#) two of the artists behind that project, Phil Sarazen and Jack Gibney, to fashion sixteen pieces, each featuring "a different aspect of community living." Studded into each block on both sides of Yonge Street north from Lawrence to Yonge Boulevard, they succeed in being everything that [Astral's street furniture is not](#), and should serve as an inspiration to all neighbourhoods and BIAs as to what is possible when you're willing to invest in your community rather than sell it out.

*These kinds of attention-getting posts also remind passersby that people do bike around Yonge and Lawrence, and that they can bike there too.*

*These are really surprisingly gorgeous and look well-made. Thanks for pointing them out!*

*These are like 2 blocks from my house on a street that I walk down every single day and I never noticed them. In fact I think I may have tied my dog to one of them.*

*I really have to start paying attention; they're rather nice.*

*I really like the stylized cyclist riding over a larger wheel, that one is really iconic.*

*The best part is, according to Phil, the design specs show they're sturdier than ring and posts. Also, provide training and paid apprenticeship work for St. Christopher House clients. Win, win, and more win.*

*I like em! The stylized clef is like music to my eyes.*

*Very cool, hopefully we see some more interesting designs around Toronto.*

*Definitely a nice touch .... thoughtful, useful, and engaging the passerby.*

*What a great idea this bike art project was!!! The entire community is buzzing and so are all the kids at Bedford. Thank you so much for organizing this and what an addition to our neighbourhood. Please extend our thanks and appreciation to all involved.*