

Parking Spots Swapped for Parks Today



(Jackson, Wyo.) - Today, several artists, businesses and non-profits took over the parking spots in downtown Jackson and filled them with cool art, fun games and quirky activities.

Jackson Hole Public Art organized this for national PARK(ing) Day, an global event where activists and citizens transform metered parking spaces into temporary public parks and other social spaces. Invented in 2005 by Rebar, a San Francisco-based art and design studio, PARK(ing) Day invites people to rethink the way streets are used and promotes discussion around the need for broad-band changes to urban infrastructure.

In downtown Jackson, our town's amazing artists and creative residents put together some really fun mini parks.

Jackson Hole Land Trust set up a tiny Karns Meadow, including a small fishing pond for kids, the Center of Wonder constructed a giant game of scrabble, E/YE Design set up a virtual disco in front of Stio, Spark set up an outdoor co-working space on the Square, Pierson Land Works set up a JackZen Garden, and KJ Morris even constructed a tiny home on the street corner. Artists Bland Hoke and David Dahlin set up a red couch in front of the Jackson Hole Town Square Webcam, where they entertained the thousands of viewers around the world with puppets, fake skeleton hands and ghosts.

The event runs from 9 a.m. - 3 p.m. today (although some said that they would stay set up later), so head downtown to try to catch some of the fun!