IT'S OFFICIAL - Artwalk 2017 has begun. Sponsors, Friends of Artwalk, and other supporters gathered today for an official ribbon cutting with Mayor Steve Thorson doing the honors.

Welcome to Artwalk 2017!

Artwalk came about in 2015 from an idea that came out of the H20-20 community visioning process. The support has been phenomenal.

The Joy Fund at the Foundation, Reliabank and the Watertown Area Community Foundation got the ball rolling. Special thanks to the City, Artwalk Coordinator Greg Blow, the sponsors, and Friends of Artwalk, as well as Sculpturewalk in Sioux Falls and Gray Construction for their support. The South Dakota Arts Council also supported Artwalk with a grant this year.

The Convention and Visitors Bureau, as well as the local hoteliers association, deserve a big thank you as well. Due to their efforts and monetary support, Artwalk is featured as one of the community’s on the South Dakota Sculpture Trail.

That, along with the ongoing efforts of Artwalk, will help continue to put Watertown on the map as a destination for visitors and contribute to improving our downtown area.

At right is the sculpture, Ascension of the Beggar by Leroy Transfield.

For more information on Artwalk or to become a Friend of Artwalk, please contact the Foundation at 882-3731 or email us.

YOSEMITE - Artist Tim James and Greg Blow, Artwalk coordinator, unload Yosemite this week. The sculpture will be among those in Artwalk 2017 that the public can enjoy through early spring 2018.