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## MISSOURI STATE CAPITOL RANKS HIGH AMONG CAPITALS

Jefferson City's capitol building was recently ranked as the "most beautiful capitol on the inside" on Sue Parks' 10 cool capitols list published in the April 28 issue of USA Today.

Parks, of WalkStyles Inc., just completed the We Who Walk Tour, a 50-week, 50-state tour of capital cities. She toured Jefferson City on November 29, 2007.

During her first visit to the Missouri State Capitol, Parks said she was most impressed with the Capitol's stunning dome, marble staircase and murals along with other artwork. She also said the civic pride she encountered from the group of walkers was impressive.

Missourians approved the issuance of \$3.5 million in state bonds to finance the construction of the Capitol. As it was nearing completion, it became apparent that there would be excess funds, slightly more than \$1 million. A Capitol Decoration Committee was founded to decide how this money should be put to use. The majority of the artwork on the interior and exterior of the Capitol was acquired by this commission.

Artwork in the Missouri State Capitol includes pieces by such notable artists including Thomas Hart Benton and Sir Frank Brangwyn. The three point perspective paintings scattered throughout the hallways are a very popular attraction within the Capitol walls.

The WeWhoWalk Tour is the idea of Parks, whose company WalkStyles is dedicated to helping people live a healthier, more balanced lifestyle that includes walking.

For more information about the Missouri State Capitol, visit [www.mocapitoltours.com](http://www.mocapitoltours.com) or call (573) 751-3854, or contact the Convention and Visitors Bureau at (573) 632-2820.

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