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Merian Riverside Walk is opened

OLD TOWN Information boards along the River Pegnitz pay tribute to the ecologist and renowned artist Maria Sibylla Merian.

The Service for Public Spaces Nürnberg (Sör) has signposted a Merian-Riverside-Walk. Six information boards along the River Pegnitz present the life and work of Maria Sibylla Merian (1647–1717).

Mayor and First Director of Public Services Christian Vogel unveiled one of the plaques on the *Nägeleinsplatz* together with Margot and Dieter Lölhöffel on Tuesday 10 January. The Lölhöffels, who have been committed for many years to raising the profile of the memory of Maria Sibylla Merian, a botanist, entomologist and renowned artist who was active in Nuremberg for a long time, had suggested the installation of the information boards.

"This illustrated riverside walk was planned and created on the occasion of the 375th birthday of Maria Sibylla Merian. Thanks to the immense commitment of the Lölhöffels, the many talents of this extraordinary woman are now also on display for every visitor to our beautiful old town. Heartfelt thanks for this", said Mayor Christian Vogel.

The information boards are located along the newly designed banks of the River Pegnitz in the old town, between the *Hallertürlein* and *Karlstraße*. The path between the individual info-boards is marked by butterfly motifs in the paving stones. In addition to a variety of information, the boards also invite visitors to take a walk and visit other historic places of remembrance and interesting sites.

The area of the *Nägeleinsplatz* along the waterfront path will be closed off until late spring 2023, until the newly sown meadow there is sufficiently resistant to being stepped on. Along the river construction fences serve to secure the path until a new railing is installed. This will take place in the first half of 2023.

The illustrations on the information boards can be viewed in German and English at www.merianin.de/home/merianin-uferweg/. In addition, the website www.merianin.de contains much more information on the life and work of Maria Sibylla Merian, as well as her importance as the first ecologist.

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Photo caption: Mayor and Director of Public Services (Sör) Christian Vogel (right), together with Margot and Dieter Lölhöffel, unveiled one of the six information boards on the Merian Riverside Walk. (Photo: Kathrin Lehnerer / City of Nuremberg)

Note ML: The upper section are Merian information boards. The larger panels below contain the "10 golden rules" for park visitors; and at the very bottom are notes on construction work.