

Art-in-the-Park



On August 1st the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park hosted the first "Art in the Park" event. This program was presented to local children in Skokie and the surrounding communities absolutely free. We were thrilled to see over one hundred children and their families take advantage of this creative and fun sculpture making event. In addition to the sculpture-making, we were joined by the Music Institute of Chicago who provided a musical instrument petting zoo.



Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park
Since 1988



A tent was erected in Section 1 of the Park and families were invited to make sculptures using a wood block for a base, coat hangers for an armature, and multiple art media to embellish their piece.

Refreshments were donated by the Evanston Dominick's and lunch coupons were provided by Dengeos Restaurant.

At the conclusion of the event, a tour of the park was given by the Sculpture Park docents.

Our objective was to provide the community with an opportunity to engage in artistic activities in the presence of the sculptures.



Docent News

The Docents had another busy year. They conducted public and private tours, helped present the Sculpture-in-the-Classroom programs, helped host the first annual Art-in-the-Park event, greeted visitors to the Park in the Welcome Tent and much more.

One of the perks of being a docent at the Sculpture Park is attending the bi-monthly art history slide lectures during the winter months.

The Park docents are an indispensable and energetic group of people who volunteer their time and expertise to conduct tours, present Park lectures and help with the Sculpture-in-the-Classroom programs.

New and continuing docent training for the 2011 season starts on January 13, 2011. For information on joining the docent team, contact Chris Plummer at 847-679-4265

Sculpture Park Docents

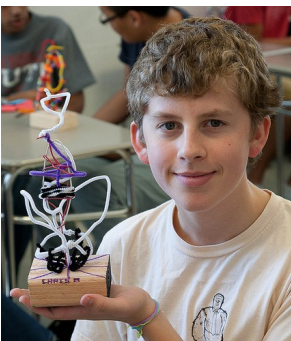
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Sculpture-in-the-Classroom

From its earliest days, the Sculpture Park has had a dual mission: displaying an outstanding group of contemporary sculpture and presenting a series of exceptional art-education outreach programs.

The centerpiece of our education programming is called “Sculpture in the Classroom”. This three-part program is typically spread out over a three week period. The first week we present a lecture at the school with digital images of some of the sculptures, the next week, the children visit the Park for an “up-close and personal” tour, and finally, we return to the school to present a hands-on sculpture making project tailored to the subjects the children are studying and inspired by the artworks they have recently seen. In order to conduct these programs effectively, the Park works closely with the classroom teachers to enhance and compliment the current curriculum.

During the past school year, we provided Sculpture in the Classroom lectures, tours and projects to over 800 children. Sculpture in the Classroom is offered free of charge to area K-12 schools. The funding for our educational outreach programs has been greatly enhanced this year by a generous grant from the Beck Foundation.



Niles North High School art project



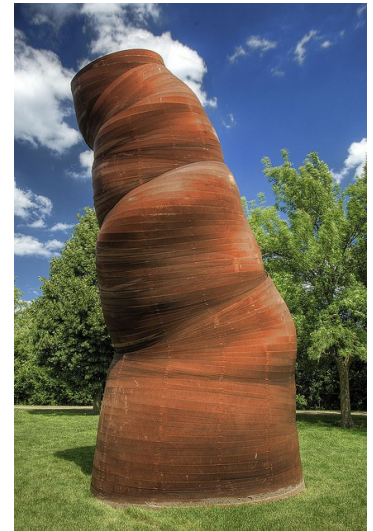
St. Paul Academy students touring and experiencing the sculptures *Aria* and *Groundbreaker*.



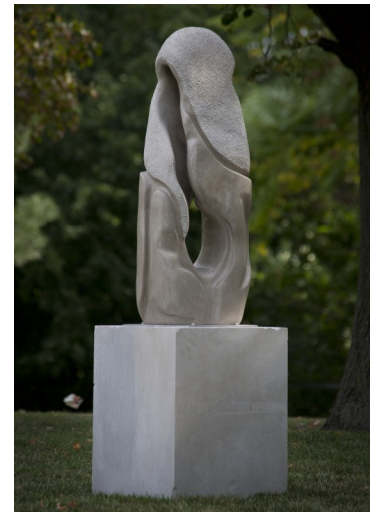
New Sculptures



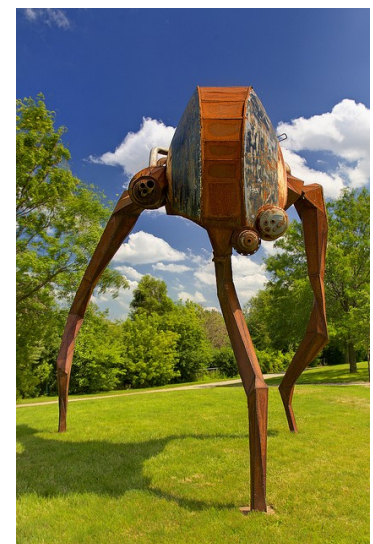
**Keri Reardon installing *Metalmatic*
June 30, 2010**



**Carl Wright installing *Aria*
Sept. 23, 2010**



**Jamie Barber installing *Reaper*
June 30, 2010**



For more details and pictures visit our web site at www.sculpture.org

Mission Statement

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The mission of the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park is to coordinate, facilitate and fund the development and maintenance of the Sculpture Park; to display the highest quality professional sculpture; and to offer educational programs to promote the appreciation and understanding of contemporary art. Now in its twenty-second year, the Sculpture Park has significantly expanded and strengthened its educational offerings. The cultural impact of the Sculpture Park is immense, tens of thousands of visitors each year enjoy and are educated by their exposure to the changing works on view. Several thousand more experience the park through their participation in one of the Sculpture Park's education programs, lectures, tours, and by downloading and using the Self-Guided Tour and Children and Family Guide to the Park.

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You Can Help

Each year, individuals, local businesses, social and civic groups, foundations, and corporations contribute much needed funds to help support the Park. The cost of acquiring new sculptures, maintaining the existing sculptures and presenting tours, lectures, and the Sculpture-in-the-Classroom programs is substantial. Please take a few minutes to visit our web site to find out how easy it is to become a member of the Park or to honor a friend or family member by purchasing a plaque for the Donor Tree.

The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park is a private non-profit corporation founded in 1988



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Donor Spotlight

In this edition of our newsletter, we are shining the spotlight on a special, long time donor to the Sculpture Park, Ms. Bette Slutsky. Ms. Slutsky has been a loyal friend and generous donor to the Sculpture Park for many years. Her late husband, Irving B. Slutsky (1918-1999) was the Sculpture Park's very first secretary and served in this capacity until his passing in 1999. We are forever grateful to them for their hard work and support over these many years.

We'd also like to acknowledge the Village of Skokie for their generous financial and in-kind donations as well as Niles Township Government who have contributed to the success of the Park.

Public Tours



Director, Chris Plummer leads a group discussion about the sculpture *Metamorphosis* by sculptor Ray Katz during the October free public tour.