

SKOKIE NORTHSORE SCULPTURE PARK

SCULPTURE-IN-THE-CLASSROOM

Sculpture-in-the-Classroom Mission

The Sculpture Park's educational outreach program, **Sculpture-in-the-Classroom**, aims to increase use of the park and to enhance the understanding of art by providing area schools with a comprehensive, hands-on arts experience both in the classroom and at the park itself. The program is provided *free of charge* to public and 501(c)(3) schools. Private, tuition-based schools are asked to make a modest donation to help cover the expenses of the program.

Sculpture-in-the-Classroom Goals

The **Sculpture-in-the-Classroom** program uses innovative and imaginative art projects to generate interest in publicly accessible art, to inspire creative thinking and self-expression while strengthening vital problem-solving and communication skills. Arts projects are tailored to meet the needs and goals of Illinois public school curriculum standards and to make valuable connections between various academic disciplines.

The **Sculpture-in-the-Classroom** artist-instructors bring meaningful direction to the experience of viewing, discussing and interacting with contemporary art. Students have the opportunity to take photographs, write about or sketch the works *in situ*. The projects are age-appropriate, engaging and geared toward broadening the student's understanding of art. The program also provides the student with a knowledge and appreciation of arts resources within her/his community. And, importantly, the program uses the philosophical underpinnings of the artistic experience to see academic subjects in fresh and innovative ways.

The overall effectiveness of the program is largely dependent on the objectives set by the SNSP instructor and the classroom teacher when planning the program. However, beyond those specifics, the students are expected to have gained technical information about art and art making, strengthened art making skills, increased knowledge through the curriculum tie-in and experienced the joy and discovery of creative endeavor.

Sculpture-in-the-Classroom Details:

A SNSP instructor talks with the classroom teacher to identify specific educational goals to be addressed, curriculum tie-ins and project outcomes. Once these objectives have been decided, the arts projects designed, and the dates have been agreed to, the SNSP instructor delivers a slide presentation to the students in their classroom. The students are shown some of the sculptures they will see and the goals of the project are outlined. Approximately one week after the slide lecture, the students tour a specific section of the park with a SNSP docent. The docent leads the students in an in-depth exploration and discussion of the sculptures as the students directly interact with them.

The **Sculpture in the Classroom** program has been offered for several years to over 500 students annually with extremely positive results and feedback. Three artist-instructors provide quality arts educational experiences for adults and children. Two instructors have a proven track record of over thirty years of experience teaching, lecturing and working as professional artists. Both are intimately acquainted with the artwork in the Sculpture Park, one in fact has a sculpture on view currently in the Park. The SNSP Director who has a MFA in Art and over twenty years of art teaching experience administers the program.

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Sculpture-in-the-Classroom Application

School, Address & Phone

501©(3) Yes No

Participating Teacher(s) Phone & Email

Grade Level(s)

Number of students

Requested theme or focus

Requested slide presentation, date & time

Requested field trip, date & time

Requested classroom project, date & time

A Photo Permission slip will be supplied to all participating teachers. Please make sure these are signed and returned to the school prior to the start of the program. The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park uses the photos to promote this program and the park in general. Your school will retain all signed and returned forms. Only verbal or electronic notice of approval will be passed to the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park. Neither your name, nor your student's name, address nor other information will be conveyed to the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park.

For quickest response please return this form to:

Chris Plummer, Director SNSP, 322 Concord Square Gurnee, IL 60031



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Name of student		Age
Street address	City, State, Zip	
Signature of parent or legal guardian		Date
Print name	Relationship	
Telephone Number	e-mail address	

Please return this form to your child's school

If you have any questions about this form, you may contact the photographer and board member, Gerry Holmes, at (847) 982-0572, or at gerryh@comcast.net.

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