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# NEWS RELEASE

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## **2012 Art on the River Sculptures Chosen**

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque, Iowa, announces the selection of 10 pieces of outdoor sculpture for the 2012 Art on the River Exhibition. In its seventh year, the temporary public art exhibit drew a record number of 118 entries from 66 artists in 20 different states. The works will be installed in front of the Grand River Center and along the Riverwalk at the Port of Dubuque in July 2012, with an opening event set for Thursday, July 12, at 5:00 p.m. at the Grand River Center. The public is welcome to attend.

The following sculptures were chosen for this highly competitive exhibit through a blind judging process:

- “Iowa,” by Zachary Bowman of Cedar Falls, Iowa, made of steel and cedar shingles to represent manufacturing and wind power generation in the state.
- “Selective Memory,” by Chris Wubbena of Jackson, Missouri, a representation of the link between geology, history and everyday life.
- “Agrarian Thinking Space,” by Greg Mueller of St. Peter, Minnesota, an interactive work with reference to the Corn Belt work ethic.
- “Metal Assisted Bramble Stack,” by V. Skip Willits of Camanche, Iowa, constructed of steel and found driftwood from Iowa floods.
- “Neried,” by John Cino of Patchogue, New York, carved from a single piece of cherry to depict an undersea organism.
- “Anchorlily 2,” by William Grant Turnbull of Madison, Wisconsin, a large steel structure to illustrate the overlap in the worlds of biology and engineering.

- “Ganzfeld 2,” by Jeff Harms of Chicago, Illinois, a wooded cornucopia-shaped structure of bent pine.
- “Stanchion,” by Dan Perry of Waterloo, Iowa, is a whimsical rendition of a portable landscape.
- “Powerless,” by Dean Kugler of Davenport, Iowa, is a figurative work of the human form.
- “Lullaby,” by Scott Wallace of Hendricks, Minnesota, a sheet bronze sculpture involving objects within our domestic culture.

Art on the River is part of the Dubuque City Council’s Arts and Culture initiative. Working in conjunction with the Arts and Cultural Affairs Advisory Commission, the Dubuque Museum of Art and a volunteer committee made up of artists, educators and city staff, the City has identified highly visible locations at the Port of Dubuque to display selected artwork. The Port of Dubuque is a 90-acre riverfront campus which features the National Mississippi River Museum and Aquariums, Grand River Center conference center, Grand Harbor Resort and WaterPark, Diamond Jo Casino, historic Dubuque Star Brewery, and Dubuque Shot Tower.

A panel of three credentialed jurors reviews the artist applications and makes a recommendation to the Commission and the City Council on the selection of artwork. Jurors for the 2012-2013 exhibit are:

- **Melinda Childs**, artist services director at Forecast Public Art, a non-profit arts organization based in St. Paul, Minnesota.
- **Graeme Reid**, assistant director of the Museum of Wisconsin Art, West Bend, Wisconsin.
- **Jessica Teckemeyer**, sculptor and assistant professor of art at Clarke University in Dubuque, Iowa.

The 2011-2012 Art on the River Exhibit, consisting of ten works of sculpture, will be on exhibit through June 30, 2012. All of the sculptures are for sale and can be installed in both indoor and outdoor areas. For additional information, please contact Jan Stoffel at [janstoff@cityofdubuque.org](mailto:janstoff@cityofdubuque.org) or call 563-690-6064. The exhibit is free, can be viewed sunrise to sunset year-round, and is accessible.

More information and the opportunity to vote for your favorite sculpture are available at [www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver](http://www.cityofdubuque.org/artontheriver).

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