

The Donor Tree

One of The Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park's newest sculptures, the Donor Tree, created by sculptor and board member Joe Folise was installed and officially dedicated on June 28. Among the many guests attending the dedication ceremony were the President of the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District of Greater Chicago, Terrence J. O'Brien, Village of Skokie Mayor, George Van Dusen, and Illinois State Representative, Elizabeth Coulson.

The board and staff of the SNSP are very excited about this new sculpture because it not only looks great but it will allow people to actively support the park while honoring friends and loved ones, and grant recognition to individuals, organizations and businesses who are a huge part of the Sculpture Park's support system .



Donor Tree Dedication

Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park



Chris Plummer, Terrence J. O'Brien, Rep. Elizabeth Coulson, Lewis Weinberg, Sheila Oettinger & Ruth Buchanan



Mayor George Van Dusen



Lewis Weinberg & Joe Folise

New Sculptures



Left to right: *The Apprentice*, Ron Gard; *Clio*, Sharon Loper; *Wing*, Andrei Rabodzeenko; *Adam & Eve*, Miroslaw Struzik



Conservation and Creation

Joe Folise is someone you should know. In addition to his thoughtful and experienced voice on the board of directors, he is the Sculpture Park's conservator. He is responsible for the careful preservation of all the sculptures in the Park. He oversees the installation of new sculptures and the careful removal of sculptures that are returned to the artist at the end of their term in the Park.

Among many other projects, the sculptures *Dragon Tree of Maintenance*, by Bob Rivera, *Charger I & II*, by Ted Gall and *Dry Run*, by William Wareham were completely refurbished this last season.



Joe Folise creating the Donor Tree



Sculpture in the Classroom

In addition to the sculptures and amenities of the park itself, The Sculpture Park brings the experience of the sculptures to an expanded audience through educational programming. For the past four years, over two thousand public school children have participated in the Park's outreach program, *Sculpture in the Classroom*, completely free of charge. Typically, the program is presented in three parts. The first week, we visit the students at their school and show them slides of sculptures in the park, the second week the students tour a section of the Park and the third week we return to the school to lead the students in a hands-on art project. The projects are designed to fit into the curriculum such as geometry, poetry, nature and aesthetics.



A group of students enjoys the Ted Garner sculpture *Baile de Alacran* during a school tour at the Sculpture Park.

Richard Taylor Sculpture Sold

One of the goals of the sculpture park is to showcase wonderful sculpture, and we know our careful choice has paid off when one of the sculptures we have chosen to display attracts a buyer. Of course we are very happy for Richard Taylor, but we will miss his sculpture! It was one of the most popular and elegant sculptures in section I of the Park. We won't have to travel too far to visit Taylor's, *The*

Glowing of Such Fire; the Village of Skokie using their percent-for-the-Arts fund purchased it. It has found a permanent home between the Village Hall and the Library.

Pictured on the right, Village of Skokie Mayor George Van Dusen and sculptor Richard Taylor discuss the installation of *The Glowing of Such Fire*.



Docent News

The docents of the Sculpture Park are an indispensable and energetic group of volunteers who give tours, help present the Sculpture-in-the-Classroom programs and much, much more. This year, as part of the docent training program the docents visited two artists' studios and have been attending bi-monthly art

history slide presentations. This year four new volunteers joined the Sculpture Park docent team: Tom Hathaway, Mai Mark, May Tam-Moy and Susan Orum. The other active docents include: Connie Bezanis, Arlene Gianni, Valerie Krecjcie, Valerie Schiff, and Cathy Westphal. We are always looking to

add more docents to our program. The training is fun and educational with plenty of opportunity to participate in a wide variety of arts activities. Call Chris Plummer at 847-679-4265 and ask for information about joining our inquisitive and creative group.

Board News

The Sculpture Park recently added two new members to our board. Sonya Baysinger and David Putrus. Sonya Baysinger is an artist based in Chicago, Illinois. She is director of the Northbranch Gallery, a not for profit gallery and studio space in downtown Skokie, Illinois. After

receiving a Master of Art Degree from Washington State University and a Master of Fine Arts degree from Southern Illinois University, Baysinger began her teaching career. Presently she is an art Instructor at Columbia College of Art and Design in Chicago. David Putrus is the

Assistant Vice President at First Bank and Trust Skokie and a very active and supportive member of the Skokie community. We are excited to have both of these talented and energetic people on our board.

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Our Mission

The mission of the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park (SNSP) 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. Over the twenty years of the park's existence, the SNSP has experienced a sizable growth in the number of works on view and a dramatic improvement in their artistic quality. At the same time, the SNSP has significantly expanded and strengthened its educational offerings. The cultural impact of the Sculpture Park is immense—tens of thousands of visitors to the park 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 educational programs, lectures, tours, and by downloading and using the Self-Guided Tour and Children and Family Guide to the Park when visiting.



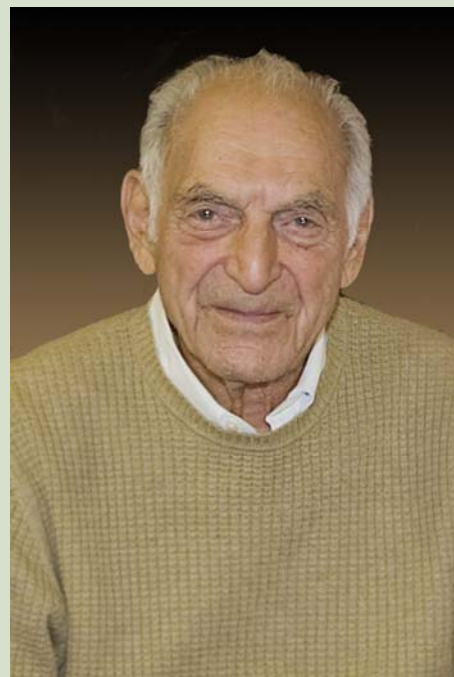
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In Memory: Lewis Weinberg

It is with great sadness that we report the death of Lewis Weinberg, the long time President of our Board of Directors.

Lewis began his association with the Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park in 1995 when he donated eight world class sculptures to our permanent collection. These wonderful pieces have become some of the most beloved sculptures in the Park.

Shortly after making this exceptional gift, Lewis was invited to join the Sculpture Park Board. Within a few years, he became its president, a position that he held until a month before his death. As President of the Board, Lewis inspired us all with his ongoing love of the Park and with his always wise and practical leadership.



Lewis C. Weinberg 1915-2008