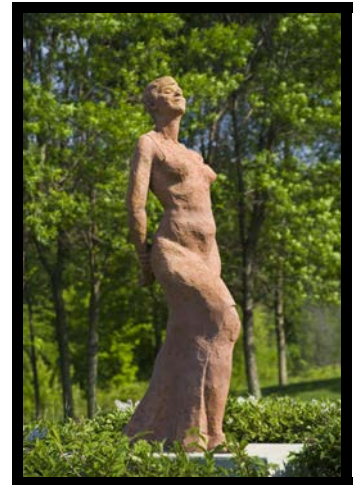




## Sculpture on the Move

Children and Family Guide  
for the  
Skokie Northshore Sculpture Park



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## **Children and Family Guide — Orientation**

What makes sculpture so unique? You can move all around it! All sculpture involves one or more types of movement. Look for the following types of movement in the sculptures throughout this guide:

- Sculpture that shows movement
- Sculpture that actually moves
- Sculpture that encourages you to move around or through it so you can look at it from different angles.

### **Are there any rules?**

You are welcome to touch the sculptures in the Park, but please do not climb on them.

Now YOU'RE ready to move...just follow the clues!

HINT: You will find the first sculpture closest to Dempster Street.  
The guide then leads you south to Main Street.

Clue 1: Part insect, part dinosaur, part exotic flower,  
I'm a creature normally found on a church bell tower.

Have you found Gargoyle by Pennsylvania sculptor John W. Parker?

Circle around this steel sculpture. The artist who created it is very interested in studying insects, dinosaurs, and flowers from faraway places.



Which parts of this sculpture look like an insect, a dinosaur, a flower? Draw lines from the words below to the parts of the sculpture that look like them.

INSECT

DINOSAUR

FLOWER

Gargoyles are usually found up high on church roofs or bell towers. These carved creatures serve as rain spouts and also "look" down at all the passersby below. How does this gargoyle appear to look down on you?

As it looks down at you, how does it make you feel? \_\_\_\_\_

The artist wanted this Gargoyle to be like a gatekeeper so it could guard the Sculpture Park. What kind of gatekeeper did he create?

☐ kind      ☐ mean      ☐ welcoming      ☐ watchful      ☐ playful



AT HOME

Create your own gargoyle at home!  
Draw a creature that is part insect,  
part dinosaur, and part flower. Would  
your gargoyle make a good gatekeeper  
for your home?



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Clue 2: With a long, pointed tail and a body you can see through,

This large gray sculpture has antennae and pincers too!

Have you found Baile de Alacrán by Native American artist Ted Garner?

What lines has the artist used to create this artwork?

☐ curvy

☐ straight

☐ zigzag

☐ broken

☐ diagonal

What shapes has the sculptor used to create this artwork?

☐ crescent

☐ rectangle

☐ triangle

☐ circle

☐ semi-circle

The artist says that this sculpture looks a little like *cursive* (joined together) writing. How do you think it looks like *cursive* writing?

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The title of this sculpture is Spanish for Dance of the Scorpion. How does this sculpture look like a scorpion (a large, poisonous insect)?

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Do you think this scorpion looks like it's dancing? ☐ yes ☐ no

If it could dance, what kind of music do you think it would dance to?

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Pretend you are the scorpion. Move your body to show how you would dance to the music. How would you move your tail? How would you move your neck? How would you move your pincers?

Dance like a scorpion over to the next sculpture!

Clue 3: Upward and outward the steel leaves grow;  
Imagine them dancing when storm winds blow.

Have you found Inside Plant by Massachusetts artist  
Andy Zimmermann?

List 2 ways that this sculpture is like a plant:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

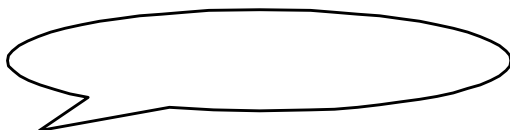
List 2 ways that it is not like a plant:

1. \_\_\_\_\_
2. \_\_\_\_\_

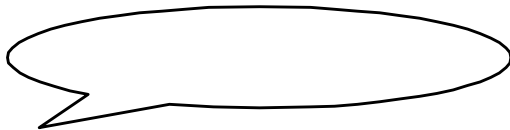
The artist wants you to walk around Inside Plant and weave in and out of its leaves. He wants you to see not only the sculpture itself but also the spaces between and around it.

Give it a try! Take a tour of the sculpture and be sure to look up, down, and all around. Stop 4 different times and complete this sentence:

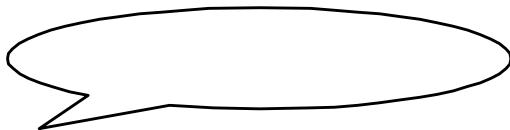
I see



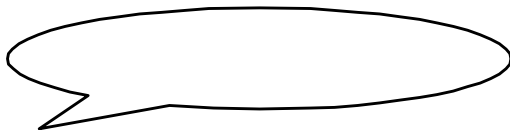
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I see



I see



Now pretend that you are one of the leaves of the plant. Bend your body to copy its shape. Imagine that a gentle breeze blows across the Sculpture Park. How will you move? Uh-oh...here comes a heavy gust of wind!





Clue 6: **With two steel chairs and a spiral swirl,**  
**This artist made a sculpture that seems to tip and whirl.**

Have you found Pater Familias by Chicago artist Lincoln Schatz?

This sculpture is called Pater Familias. The title is Latin for Father of the Family. The artist says this sculpture reminds him of the times he and his father work together while sitting at a desk.

Which chair do you think the artist would sit on? ☐larger chair ☐smaller chair

What made you choose that chair? \_\_\_\_\_

Which chair do you think the artist's father would sit on?

☐larger chair ☐smaller chair

What made you choose that chair? \_\_\_\_\_

What does the spiral shape remind you of? \_\_\_\_\_

What is the spiral shape doing to the chairs? \_\_\_\_\_

If this sculpture could come to life, what would happen next? \_\_\_\_\_

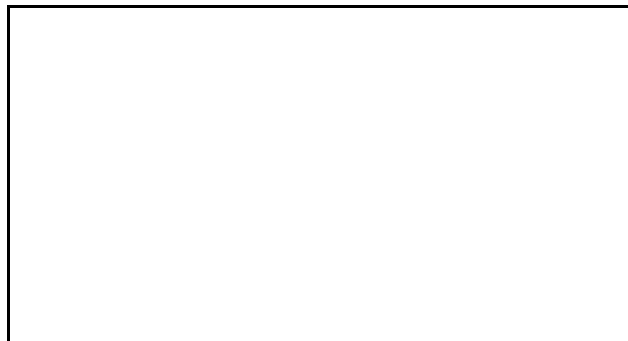
Imagine that this sculpture could make noise. Stand close to the spiral shape and look inside it (from either end). What sound do you think the spiral shape would make? \_\_\_\_\_

Now, look carefully at the chairs. What sound would they make?

What if you could redesign the sculpture? What object would you add above the chairs? \_\_\_\_\_ Or, what objects

would you put below the spiral shape? \_\_\_\_\_

Draw a sketch of your redesigned sculpture.





Clue 7: Painted the same color as tractors used on the farm,  
This sculpture is called Hero and will protect all from harm!

Have you found Hero by Minnesota sculptor Charles Fuller  
Cowles?

What do you think this green and yellow sculpture looks like?

☐ a person

☐ a machine

☐ an animal

☐ a robot

☐ an alien

Anything else?

This sculpture is painted the same color as John Deere tractors. Does anything  
else about it remind you of a tractor?

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The artist wants this sculpture to look like it's busily working in the fields on a  
farm in the Midwest. Can you imagine it on a farm? ☐ yes ☐ no

If you said yes, what task would it be doing?

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This sculpture looks like it's moving. Bend your body to copy its shape and the  
movement it seems to be making. What if it could come to life? Imitate its next  
movement with your body.

This sculpture is called Hero. What is a hero?

Why do you think the artist called this sculpture Hero?

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Do you have any heroes that you admire?  
Draw a picture of a hero in your life.



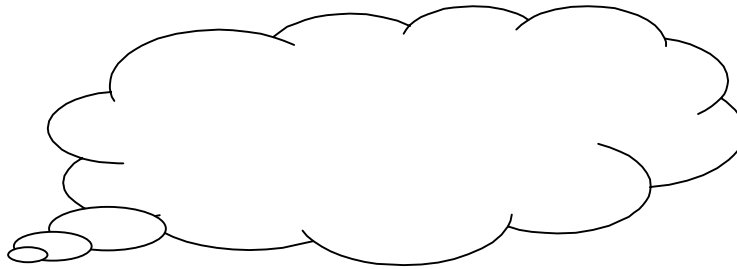


Clue 8: Find a lady dreaming during the day,  
With eyes closed she looks up and away.

Have you found Reverie by Skokie sculptor Sheila Oettinger?  
This woman stands with one leg forward, hands behind her  
back, and her neck arched towards the sky. Can you stand like  
this woman for 10 seconds?

Was that easy or difficult to do? ☐easy ☐difficult  
What two words best describe this woman's expression?  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_

This sculpture is called Reverie. Reverie means daydream.  
What do you think this woman is thinking about? Write her thought in the  
thought bubble below:



What do you have daydreams about? \_\_\_\_\_

The artist made this sculpture out of clay. Clay comes from the earth. It is one  
of the oldest materials used by sculptors. Can you find at least three marks in  
the clay where the sculptor used her tools? (Name parts of the sculpture on  
which you see a mark).

1. \_\_\_\_\_ 2. \_\_\_\_\_ 3. \_\_\_\_\_

### AT HOME

At home, create your own sculpture out of clay, Playdoh, wet sand, mud, or Model  
Magic. Make a simple shape, an animal, building, or person. Look at your finished  
sculpture. Did you leave any fingerprints, thumbprints, and/or tool marks?





Clue 9: It turns, it spirals, it winds its way;  
It's a bridge that leads from the past to today.

Have you found Bridge to the New Millennium by  
Canadian sculptor Jack Holme?

What does this bridge look like?

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> xylophone     | <input type="checkbox"/> accordion    |
| <input type="checkbox"/> rollercoaster | <input type="checkbox"/> train tracks |
| <input type="checkbox"/> ladder        | <input type="checkbox"/> slide        |

What else does it look like to you?

Describe what it would be like to walk on this bridge:

Walk next to this spiraling, sideways bridge, pretending that you are actually walking on it. (Be sure not to walk on it!) What do you have to do to keep your balance?

The artist says that this bridge is like a passage from the year 1999 to the year 2000. Do you think it looks like an easy or difficult passage? ☐ easy ☐ difficult  
What makes it easy or difficult?

Name two things the artist has done to create a bridge that looks difficult to cross:

1. 2.

Design your own bridge to the new millennium:

1999

2000

How does your bridge compare to Mr. Holme's bridge?