

Sculptures in Sioux City

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This year marks the third Sioux City Growth Organization's (SCGO) Sculpt Siouxland exhibit on outdoor display in downtown Sioux City, Iowa.

The project's goal is to increase foot traffic through the downtown area as well as to educate and promote interactive art. There are 23 pieces along 4th Street from Pearl Street to Virginia Street, each with its own identity. If you witnessed the walk last year, you'll want to make sure you come again because the scenery has changed.

Artists have come from miles around to have their artwork selected for this event. The display features pieces ranging in inspiration from fantasy to reality, from wood to steel and from small to large. For example, the smallest piece entitled "Close-knit Family," by Allan Fisher of Madison, South Dakota, is made of bronze and has a width of 10 inches, a height of 6 inches and a depth of 9 inches. On the other end of the spectrum, "My Heart is Open," by Gene Piersa of Independence, Minnesota, is made of steel and stands over 12 feet tall!



The 2007 exhibit began on Saturday, May 12, when all of the artists delivered their sculpture(s) to a reserved site for display. Throughout the summer months, public and private tours are scheduled and the community is encouraged to vote for their favorite. In August the votes are tallied and the "People's Choice Award" and the "Children's Choice Award" winners are revealed during the city's ArtSplash gala. SCGO then purchases the "People's Choice Award" winner to remain on permanent display in downtown Sioux



City. Currently there are four permanent pieces already showcased along the sidewalks. So take the tour and cast your vote today to make sure your favorite sculpture remains here in Sioux City.

For more details on the exhibit, or to schedule a tour for your family or group, please contact Ragen Cote at sculptsiouxland@yahoo.com. Maps and voting ballots are available along the exhibit and at www.siouxcitygo.com. Online voting is also available at www.siouxcityjournal.com. ★

