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Winners of Sculpture Competition Announced

“Trickle” was selected as winner of the twelfth annual *River City Sculptures on Parade* “Best In Show” competition. The piece, entitled “Trickle”, is the creation of Mark Hall of Wasota, Minnesota. Mark will receive the cash award of \$2,000. “Trickle” is made of steel and glass.

The pedestal for “Trickle” is sponsored by Jane Fischer and Associates and is on display on the northeast corner of North Federal Avenue and East State Street. Mark Hall says, “one has to be very careful when working on a sculpture because everything you are thinking and feeling during creation is expressed in the sculpture.” Mark said this about his inspiration for creating “Trickle”, “I’ve had the good fortune of spending formative years in Minnesota’s Boundary Waters Canoeing Area or God’s Country as I called it. Lakes and portage trails are its highway where you drink the water you paddle in, reminiscing the life of the voyageur. We should not underestimate or take for granted the importance of good clean water we’re blessed with-which I’m so grateful for.”

The “Best In Show” competition was judged by an esteemed panel led by MacNider Museum Director Edith Blanchard, museum curator Mara Linskey at MacNider Museum and NIACC Art Instructor, Kong Ho. Each of the judges was impressed with the quality of the pieces that comprise the *Sculptures on Parade* exhibit. The judges considered beauty, skill and technique, inherent meaning, uniqueness, and fulfilled intent in their evaluation. According to *Sculptures on Parade* chairperson Mary Markwalter, each of the judges had a favorite, but the Hall piece was in everyone’s top three. “The judges were very intentional in their selection.”

This piece, along with many others in the exhibit has been sold. The purchase price of “Trickle” is \$11,000. Sculptures not purchased will be taken down in April 2025 and returned to the artists or sent to other public art programs. A new exhibit will open in early May 2025 incorporating the permanent sculptures into the display and adding new pieces on loan from the artists.

River City Sculptures on Parade, Inc. is a non-profit group with a vision to bring a significant display of public art to Mason City. The group is in partnership with SculptureOne which assists similar sculpture programs in, Mankato, Eau Claire, and Webster City.

The 81-piece exhibit follows a 1.7 mile walk designed to lead participants on a looping route to the Cultural Crescent and back to the Mason City central core. For more information about the program, contact River City Sculptures on Parade at 641.420-9641.

The public can still vote on their favorite sculpture for the “People’s Choice” award until the end of September.



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