The Gift of Art

Nate and Frank: connections of Art and Architecture

The Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Wright in Kankakee have worked together to arrange for the sculptures of artist Mike Baur to be on display at the B. Harley Bradley House through the end of the year.

Two sculptures are on view outside the house on the beautiful lawn and garden area, and one smaller work has been placed inside the house as they welcome visitors for socially distanced, masked, limited tours of the house. (go to http://www.wrightinkankakee.org for up-to-date protocols)

Mike Baur's use of materials, shape, and form make connections to the esthetics of Frank Lloyd Wright and visitors can consider color, scale, repetition of form, and line while viewing the art and architecture.



Wright in Kankakee, B. Harley Bradley House 701 S. Harrison Ave Kankakee IL 60901

We believe that when we no longer have words, we turn to art; our gift to our friends in Kankakee is an additional opportunity to experience excellent, thought provoking art during this challenging time.







Baur (*picturea above)* says,

"Weight, stability and permanence are important to me; this must be why industrial components, architectural forms and landscapes have always influenced my work. Combining steel and concrete has become a lifelong approach to building form; while often bringing into the mix plastics, wood and stone to expand on this foundational dialogue. I intentionally leverage the implied utility that industrial materials possess while avoiding the literal. My current sculpture continues the visual themes I have been developing for over 40 years. My work begins with the considerations that all construction requires, but my goal is to arrive beyond formalistic concerns where the common materials I use transcend their origins. The unique power of the three-dimensional object is always paramount."

For more information:

https://www.mikebaursculpture.com

And remember, the Nate is a refuge offering 100 acres of prairie lands with 30 monumental outdoor sculptures to feed your art needs. Find out more and plan your visit: https://www.govst.edu/sculpture/

Another piece of Mike Baur sculpture has been placed outdoors at **Gretchen Charlton Gallery**, 901 N. Entrance Ave – check it out: https://www.facebook.com/gretchencharltonartgallery/



