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### **Liberty's Rotating Sculpture Program Introduces Two New Installations**

**LIBERTY, Mo.** – The Liberty Arts Commission has introduced two new art installations to its Rotating Sculpture Program and updated its app for self-guided tours.

The new installations, titled “Growing Wings” and “Rusted Spire” join a roster of five returning sculptures installed in 2019. These seven sculptures are located around the Historic Downtown Business District in Liberty and provide a great opportunity for a safe, socially-distanced activity.

Art viewers can download the Otocast app for personalized audio descriptions of the pieces from the artists themselves, and can even vote for their favorite sculpture. The pieces are as follows:

- Growing Wings by Hilde DeBruyne of Des Moines, Iowa
- Rusted Spire by Christopher Knight of Chicago, Illinois
- Oak Leaf Arch by Jim Gallucci of Greensboro, North Carolina
- Prairie Ship by Greg Mueller of Lutsen, Minnesota
- NeitherNorEitherOr by Steven Maeck of Decorah, Iowa
- Tangerine Daydream by Jaci Willis of Peoria, Illinois
- The Stellas by Joe Sackett of Albuquerque, New Mexico

The Otocast app is available in your smartphone's app store. Or visit

[www.libertymissouri.gov/sculptures](http://www.libertymissouri.gov/sculptures) to download a PDF of the Liberty Sculpture Walk.

The Rotating Sculpture Program, started in 2017, showcases outdoor art of a variety of styles and

materials and is free for public viewing. Despite the obstacles and budget cuts that have come with COVID-19, the City of Liberty remains dedicated to public art.

Every year, the Liberty Arts Commission has the option to purchase a sculpture from the program to add to the City's permanent public art collection. In 2020 the Commission purchased *Prairie Ship* by Greg Mueller. In the process of finalizing the acquisition, Mueller said, "The COVID crisis has been hard on the arts, and for the City of Liberty to step forward and invest in the spirit of the community with public art is admirable, respected and appreciated."

These seven sculptures will be on display through September 2021.

Funding for the Rotating Sculpture Program comes from the Transient Guest Tax, which was approved by voters in 2014 to provide funding for marketing and promoting the City of Liberty to increase tourism and the economic benefits that brings to local businesses. One facet of the voter approved plan was funding for public art. In addition to the purchase of *Prairie Ship* in 2020, the Liberty Arts Commission purchased three sculptures for the City's permanent collection:

- *Plumb Twisted* by Jacob Burmood, installed in front of the Liberty Community Center
- *The Other Extreme* by Tim Adams, installed at Fire Station 3 on Lightburne.
- *Open Heart* by Matthew Duffy, installed at the Withers Road entrance to Westboro/Canterbury Park

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