

**New Art Proposal
Summer Jam Westgate**

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Summer Jam Westgate is proud to propose a request for permanent public art in Westgate Park.

This year the focus of Summer Jam will be awareness and education on the monarch butterfly. As part of our focus, we would like to install a metal statue depicting the three stages of the monarch butterfly.

Our artists is Rachel Pace of Steeling Copper Metal Studio and her technical support is Joe Lamothe, a long time, highly respected local contractor from the Westgate neighbourhood. Patti Von Niessen is the President of Summer Jam Westgate and initiated the project.

The statue will be made entirely of stainless steel and mirror stainless steel with a few small copper details. The statue will stand 8 feet above ground on a stainless steel pole representing the stalk of a milkweed plant. At the top of the pole, there will be metal milkweed flowers and a large monarch butterfly with a wingspan of approximately 4 feet. Reaching out from the sides of the pole will be two leaf stems, one with a metal caterpillar and the other with a chrysalis hanging from it. The statue will weigh approximately 200 lbs. It will be installed inside the rain garden, on the south side, and secured within an 18 inch cement form base with foundation grade cement. The pole will sit 32 inches into the cement with 3 "legs" to secure and stabilize it in place against wind or vandalism.

The budget for the statue is \$2200. The statue will be funded through grants as part of Summer Jam grant applications. Summer Jam is also directing any profits made through the sales of beverages and snow cones to go towards the statue.

The statue will be donated to the City of Columbus, within the rain garden at Westgate Park. We do not foresee any maintenance issues as stainless steel is rust proof and will remain unpainted, but will continue to watch for issues and fix them as they appear. We plan on washing and polishing the statue once a year to maintain it's beauty. We hope to install the statue during the month of July, 2015.

Although there is always the danger of vandalism, we are confident that the materials we're using to construct the statue, and the system of mounting, will deter most attempts of theft. The pole is ¼ inch thick stainless steel with a 2.5 inch diameter.

The statue is not climbable, as the nearest branches will be approximately 6 feet off the ground.

Summer Jam has contacted Friends of Westgate Park, Kristie Crissinger, Greater Hilltop Area Commission Friends of the Hilltop and Westgate Neighbors. We have heard back from Friends of Westgate Park, Friends of the Hilltop, Kristie Crissinger and Greater Hilltop Area Commission. We have been provided with letters of recommendation from all three groups and a vocal approval as well as volunteer support from Kristie Crissinger.

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Attached below is a photo of the prototype. The artist Rachel Pace, Joe Lamothe and myself, Patricia Von Niessen will be available for any meeting to discuss this installation.



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