



# GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE YEAR IN REVIEW 2010

Highlights from our 10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Year!

## EXHIBITIONS

This year Grounds For Sculpture added 17 sculptures in the park and mounted 12 diverse exhibitions in our major galleries. These featured Albert Paley, Keith Haring, Deborah Butterfield, Jacobo de la Serna, Flo Perkins, Chakaia Booker, the ISC Outstanding Student Achievement show, and the Lopez family. Our new Education Gallery showcased art created by our members, our staff, our students, and the Methany school.



Yuyu Yang, *Lunar Brilliance*, 1979, stainless steel; 64" x 59" x 23"; Courtesy of the Sculpture Foundation Inc. Photo by David Steele

## PARK ATTENDANCE –

### *OUR BEST YEAR EVER!*

150,000 people visited this year – 45,000 more than last year. On September 11, to honor the families and victims of 9/11, GFS provided free admission for 10,000 people.

Images: Top: Background left: Deborah Butterfield, *Bramble*, 2010, cast bronze; Background center: Deborah Butterfield, Hawaii (Big Island), 2001, unique cast bronze. Courtesy of the Artist; Foreground right: Deborah Butterfield, *Palma*, 1997, found steel, All Works Courtesy of the Artist, Art © Deborah Butterfield/Licensed by VAGA, New York, NY. Photo by John Robson; Below left: Keith Haring, *Ringed Figure*, 1987, painted aluminum, 96" x 63" x 59.5". Courtesy of the Keith Haring Foundation, © Keith Haring Foundation



Movement Workshop for Kids

## SCHOOL GROUPS

9,791 students in 281 school groups visited GFS and participated in discussions and activities to further their education through understanding of contemporary sculpture, an 18% increase over last year.

## EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL AGES

This year our programs and workshops served 6,000 youth and 1,500 adults.

## TOTS ON TOUR

This popular monthly program of interactive activities for toddlers grew from 1 tour per day to 2, and was so well-attended that starting in January 2011 we will offer it twice per month.

## YOUNG ARTIST WORKSHOPS

We sponsored 6 days of workshops in a wide variety of arts disciplines for students ages 6-14.



Adult Workshop

## ADULT WORKSHOPS

We held 27 workshops in a variety of artistic topics for adults, including casting, clay, photography, mixed media, and stone carving.

## LECTURES

Artists and art professionals gave 10 lectures, providing insight and opportunities to share and explore ideas about sculpture and contemporary arts.



Eric Schultz

## ARTIST-IN-RESIDENCE ERIC SCHULTZ OCTOBER 2010

The public generously donated discarded objects (aka trash), then assisted artist Eric Schultz in creating "Sleeping Giant," a sculpture of repurposed items.

## NEW ON THE GROUNDS

A sand tower no longer used by the Johnson Atelier was made into an observation tower. With a garden at the top to come, it gives a spectacular view of the park.



Music in Motion II



Mike Gyampo Artist in Action;  
Photo by: John Robson

## ARTIST SPOTLIGHTS

Special presentations were made by Dana Stewart, Elizabeth Strong-Cuevas, and Seward Johnson.

## SPECIAL TOURS

New in 2010 were 4 Tours of the Digital Atelier to learn about their sculpture-making process and 9 docent-led Full Moon tours in addition to 2 Curator's Walks.



David Allen Devishian, Untitled, c. 1980, steel, glass, 101" x 60" x 39"; Courtesy of The Sculpture Foundation, Inc.

## VOLUNTEERISM

GFS is supported by a dedicated group of 90 volunteers who lead tours, help with special events, help in the museum shop, and greet guests at the visitor's center. This year, they donated more than 557 hours and led 400 park tours for adult and student groups.



Groundhog Day

## FAMILY FUN

Every year GFS invites you and your family to join in the fun with us.

**Groundhog Day** – to find the first signs of spring

**Day at the Fair** – to commemorate our NJ State Fairgrounds roots

**Anniversary Arts Party** – to celebrate our founding

**Summer Social** – to bring you back 50's style

**Lights On!** – to create memories during the winter holidays

## MEMBERSHIP

GFS members give life to our organization and park. This year we expanded membership categories and welcomed 200 new members, bringing the number to 1,858.

## COOPERATIVE PROGRAMMING

GFS works cooperatively with many art and community-focused organizations to create new ways for people to connect with and access arts programs.

Guild for Early Music  
 Habitat for Humanity and City Works  
 International Sculpture Center  
 Library for the Blind  
 MM2 Modern Dance  
 NJ Storytelling Festival  
 Opera NJ  
 Outlet Dance Project  
 Pushcart Players  
 Springpoint Foundation  
 Trenton Education Dance Institute (TEDI)  
 Terracycle  
 Trenton Area Festival of Electronic Arts



## AWARDS PROUDLY ACCEPTED

Hamilton Township Economic Development Advisory Commission, Mayor's Beautification Award

Springpoint Foundation, Award for Outstanding Commitment to Making a Difference in the Lives of Older Adults

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY ACTIVITIES

This year, GFS celebrated its 10th anniversary of being a nonprofit with free admission days in January, giveaways and discounts on the 10<sup>th</sup> of every month, workshops, and special events.

## 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION WORKSHOPS:

We offered 10 hands-on adult workshops focusing on the life and work of artists in the park.

## ART TEN WAYS:

A celebration of ten different art activities was held on 10/10/10, including a founder's lecture by Seward Johnson.

## SOLD OUT THE 10<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL EPICUREAN PALETTE FUNDRAISER

More than 1,000 guests sampled gourmet food and spirits from 30 of the areas finest restaurants and beverage purveyors. New this year were a silent auction and a special VIP ticket option. Proceeds support GFS' educational programs and activities.



Chef Kevin Sbraga, Epicurean Palette

## CULINARY ARTISTRY

We all caught Top Chef fever watching Kevin Sbraga, executive chef of Rat's, compete for and win the national title! Rat's had its best year ever and patrons enjoyed a host of special dinners and cooking classes. We welcomed Shane Cash as the new executive chef.



Trenton Area Electronic Arts Festival: Josh Kirsch, *Coincidentally 96*, 2008, 38 x 37 x 8 inches, aluminum, stainless steel, acrylic, magnet, electronic components

## THE WHOLE ARTS EXPERIENCE

Our Courtyard Concert Series attracted new audiences on six summer evenings with the pairing of music and food of diverse cultures: Latin, Reggae, and Celtic. In addition, visitors participated in yoga classes, walks and talks for seniors, dance performances and classes, and poetry readings.

## ACCESSIBILITY

GFS placed into service a multi-person, wheelchair-carrying vehicle to transport people who have mobility impairments. In addition, listening devices for programs, lectures and outdoor tours for the hearing impaired, touch tours and Brailled exhibitions for the sight impaired were provided.



Touch Tours

## NEW MEDIA

An exciting new GFS iphone application, featuring tours of the park, exhibitions, and information on events and artists is now available at the Apple Store. We now have over 4,500 Facebook fans (and counting!), 400 followers on twitter, and over 2,000 website visits per day. We installed the first GFS billboard on Rt. 295 and created a new GFS coloring book.



Thank you to all our members, volunteers, artists, donors and visitors for making Grounds For Sculpture a truly extraordinary community arts organization for all.