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City of Columbia
Office of Cultural Affairs
PO Box 6015
Columbia, MO 65205

Dear Sarah,

Heartland Homes Remodeling & Roofing wishes to donate the five ladybugs sculptures created by artist Stephen Feilbach to the City of Columbia to be displayed in Clary-Shy Community Park. The value of the series of sculptures is \$6,500. Please see the attached details with information on the proposal that was presented to the Commission on Cultural Affairs for their approval.

Thank you for your assistance through the Office of Cultural Affairs for our business to make this donation to the City of Columbia.

Sincerely,

Austin Hall
Heartland Homes Remodeling & Roofing

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'Austin Hall', is written below the typed name and company information.

Heartland Homes Remodeling & Roofing
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Clary-Shy Community Park Sculpture

Ladybugs Donation

Summary

Clary-Shy Community Park is home to the Activity & Recreation Center (ARC), the MU Health Care Pavilion, utilized by the Columbia Farmers Market, and an agriculture park managed by the Columbia Center for Urban Agriculture (CCUA). The Columbia Parks and Recreation Department, in collaboration with CCUA, have proposed a series of insect sculptures to be integrated into the built environment of the park. The sculptures represent a variety of native insects as well as add artistic interest to the various buildings and structures throughout the park. The sculptures are designed and created by local artist, Stephen Feilbach.

The sculptures will come to the City of Columbia through its Accepting Gifts of Works of Art ordinance. The proposal for the ladybugs sculptures is below.

Artwork & Display Sites

Created by artist Stephen Feilbach, the sculptures represent a collection of five ladybugs. They are all constructed out of metal, industrial foam, Line-X bed liner material and automotive paint. The value of the ladybugs sculptures is \$6,500.

Dimensions are as follows:

Ladybugs: Each are 1.5' long, 1.5' wide, 2' tall



Overview of series of five ladybugs

The entire collection of bug sculptures (praying mantis, bee, butterfly, and ladybugs) are proposed to be displayed at various locations throughout the park (see overview below). All sculptures would be played up high on structures to protect them from interaction from the public, but still viewable for people to engage with.



Overview of sculpture locations in park

Installation & Maintenance

The series of five ladybugs are proposed to be installed in a grouping on the east-facing side of the pergola over the path on the west side connecting the parking lot to the MU Health Care Pavilion. City of Columbia Parks & Recreation staff plan to install the sculptures. Each of the ladybugs feet have loopholes that can accommodate hardware required to mount to the structure.

Since the sculptures have been created from very durable materials, there is no annual maintenance required.



Installation location

About the Artist

Stephen Feilbach is a local artist who has created a variety of works that have been commissioned and installed in outdoor settings across the Midwest. The artist uses many different media and has a passion for creating a wide variety of large and small custom projects for clients. Examples of some of the project include “Howler” (right) created for Howler Bike Park near Branson,



Missouri; Bigfoot broke the bench in Lake Leatherwood, Arkansas; and several trail giant bugs, lighted turtles, and a tunnel camera in northwest Arkansas. The artist currently resides in Columbia and has shops in both Eureka Springs, Arkansas and Columbia, Missouri, where he creates Nature’s Giant Realism for people to enjoy.