

WETUMPKA IMPACT CRATER COMMISSION

Request For Sculpture Proposals (RFP)

We are excited to issue a “Request For Proposals” from sculptors to design, create and install an outdoor or indoor sculpture relating to:

***The Wetumpka Impact Crater**

***The Meteor Impact that occurred in Wetumpka, Alabama 85 million years ago**

***or Cretaceous Life in Alabama at the time of impact.**



85 Million Years Ago

A shallow offshore area of the ancient Gulf of Mexico eventually became the land upon which downtown Wetumpka was built and through which today’s Coosa River flows. Our area also was the site of Alabama’s greatest natural disaster and the or “bull’s eye” of a great explosion caused by the impact of a huge object from outer space.

During the “age of dinosaurs in Alabama,” (Late Cretaceous or about 85 million years ago) a meteor the size of a large college football stadium blasted 2,000 feet deep into local bedrock and exploded under the shallow sea. At the time of impact, marine reptiles, fish, and turtles inhabited the sea, and dinosaurs lived on nearby lands. The meteor impact created a 2.6 billion-ton TNT explosion thousands of times larger than the largest atomic weapon ever developed, thus causing heavy damage and death, affecting both land and sea.

The Wetumpka Impact Crater (4.7 miles in diameter) is the only confirmed impact crater in Alabama and one of only about 200 other recognized craters. Its age is based on fossils found in the youngest disturbed deposits in the crater and atomic age-dating of impact-affected crystals. The arc of hills east of the Coosa River and downtown Wetumpka are the eroded remains of the Wetumpka Impact Crater’s rim.

For additional information & inspiration please visit our Art Impact Website at <https://www.wetumpkacraterart.org>

Cretaceous Alabama Sculpture Inspiration/Ideas

Pictured are examples of a variety of styles depicting dinosaurs and Cretaceous animal sculptures- just to kick off ideas. We are looking forward to the unique ideas that will be submitted!



RECYCLED METAL



FIBERGLASS, ETC.



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METEOR SCULPTURE INSPIRATION/IDEAS

Pictured are examples of a variety of styles depicting outdoor meteor sculptures- just to kick off ideas. We are looking forward to the unique ideas that will be submitted!



Falling Star: Series of Light Installations



Meteor Falling



Ceramic Meteor



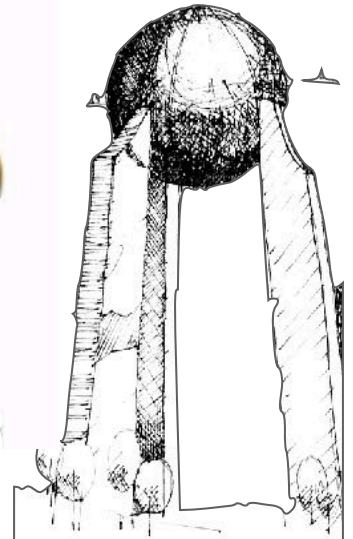
Site specific meteor installation



Fire, Water Earth: Installation



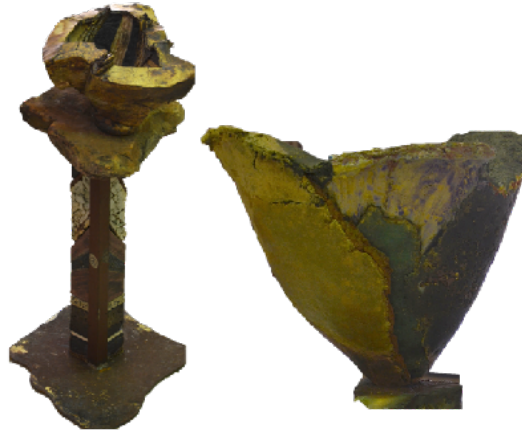
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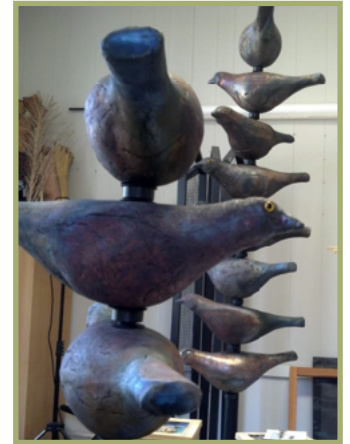
SCULPTURE INSPIRATION & IDEAS



BIG BUGS:
Cretaceous Insect Sculptures



LARRY PERCY
Troy, AL



SUE JENSEN
Montgomery, AL



WAYNE ATCHISON
Titus, AL



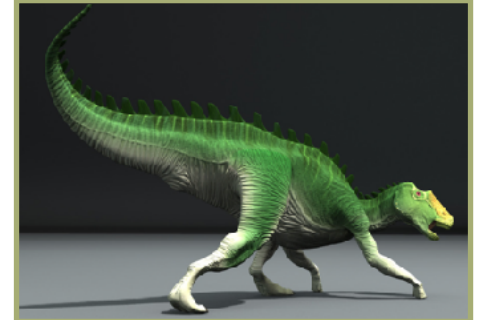
RICK SPEARS
Georgia



CHARLIE LUCAS
Prattville, AL



CINDY RAGGO



CARL ALBRECHT-BUEHLER



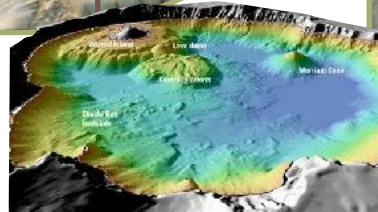
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STEFAN PRZYSTANSKI
Topiary Art Works and Greenhouses in Haysville, Kan.

WATER FEATURE INSPIRATION & IDEAS

GROUND ZERO-MARINE IMPACT:
Interactive Crater Water Feature
(12"x12" Ceramic Bas Relief Tiles &
Center Crater Topography)



SPINELESS:
Cretaceous
Marine
Invertebrate Wall
Fountain-
(Ceramic Bas
Relief Tiles)

