



Town of  
Normal

# Sculpture Park

## Phase 1 Art

Oct. 20, 2025

# Public Art Working Group

Adam Fox

AJ Westley

Archana Shekara

Beth Whisman

Bob Broad

Brian Plath

Dave Bentlin

Dave Park

Denise Higgs

Doug Damery

Doug Johnson

Ezekiel Mendez

Gary Justis

Jack Ritter

Kari Sandhaas

Leah Rainey

Nicole Learned

Patsy Webber

Richa Shukla

Rick Lewis

Sarah Smelser

Tessa Ferraro

# Selection Process

## August 2025:

- Request for Qualifications posted
- 20 artists submitted work for consideration

## September 2025:

- Beth Whisman and Doug Johnson refined the list to 8 artists
- Group reviewed and rated each artist's portfolio
- Group met in-person to discuss and identify top art pieces
- Selections curated into groups according to budget, size and materials

## October 2025:

- Group rated and ranked collections to recommend art for Phase 1



## In and Out of the Blue

Dann Nardi, artist  
Normal, IL

Stained Concrete



## Whorled

Nicole Beck, artist  
Chicago, IL

Stainless steel, dichroic glass



## Happy, Happy, Happy

Jeremy Burdette, artist  
Bartonville, IL

Carbon steel



## American Kestrel

Shawn A. Hensley, artist  
Champaign, IL

Stained concrete, steel



## Sculpture Garden Map

Hitchcock Design Group

One Normal Plaza

# Next Steps

## Fall 2025

- Contracts secured with artists
- Demolition of existing sidewalks and landscaping
- Initial concrete and specialty paving

## Spring 2026

- Final sidewalks, benches, signs and landscaping
- Art installation and ribbon cutting

## Summer 2026

- Route 66 Centennial Celebration at One Normal Plaza (June 7)