



Photos of sculptures give 'a different viewpoint'

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UTICA — With a hand to her face and a keen eye, Utica resident Sandra De Visser admired the photographic work depicting prominent sculptures throughout the area.

As part of Sculpture Space's 35th anniversary, the Utica Public Library hosted the first-ever Celebrating Sculpture in the Community exhibition Tuesday evening.

Artistically done photographs showed sculptures spanning from the 19th Century to the modern day that are scattered about the area, from Rome to Utica.

"I think it's very informative," De Visser said. "There are more public sculptures in Utica than I knew."

As part of a collaboration with the Landmarks Society, Sculpture Space Executive Director Sydney Waller said they wanted to give back to the community as well as celebrate great sculptures in the city.

De Visser's husband Val De Visser displayed three matted and framed photos at the exhibit, depicting war monuments from the Civil War as well as World War II memorial, all in Rome.

On the opposing wall hung photographer Steven Max's photos of a modern sculpture by Rainer Maria Wehner titled Crown.

Max said he took the photos of the tall, angular sculpture in the early morning hours and was able to capture the iridescent blue color of the piece by climbing into the sculpture and shooting the photo upward.

New Hartford resident Duff Matt said she's seen many of the sculptures in person, yet found the photos to be a satisfying experience.

"If definitely triggers your interest in history and where (the sculptures) are," she said.

Waller said the photographers were a mix of amateur and professional

"There are multiple photos of one sculpture, but each is a little different," she said. "All have a different viewpoint."

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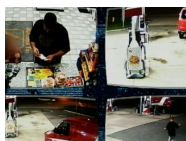


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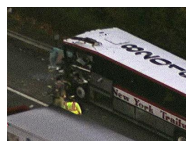
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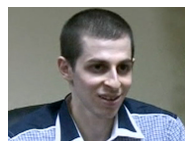
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