



G R O U N D S F O R S C U L P T U R E

Grounds For Sculpture Photography Exhibit at Capital Health System, Hopewell

One month remains to see botanical samples and photography from the park

Hamilton, NJ (August 26, 2021) – The Grounds For Sculpture (GFS) exhibition entitled *Along the Way*, composed of plant specimens and photographs from the park, installed at Capital Health Hopewell in the Investors Bank Art and Healing Gallery, closes soon. Curated by a cross department team at GFS, the exhibition showcases the park through the seasons and encourages visitors to slow down and benefit from the work on display. The goal of the project is to uplift and bring joy to hospital visitors and employees by mirroring the wellness benefits of visiting GFS, through images and actual plant clippings. The exhibition ends on September 18th.

Pressed plants were carefully chosen by GFS Horticulturist, Janis Napoli. Prompts featured help viewers connect with various sculptures located at GFS through the photographs. Julio Enrique Badel, Manager of Experiential Programs, explained “Our goal was to convey the experience of GFS by showing what makes visiting the grounds unique and engaging. We selected and grouped photos related to large scale sculpture, people interacting with artwork, the passing of the seasons, and horticulture-focused landscapes contrasted with close-up images. Questions posed to the viewer encourage closer looking and reflection, probing at deeper meanings behind the images. GFS encourages an open-ended form of discovery and curiosity when exploring art and nature.”

The physical space where the gallery sits benefits from natural light which further enhances the calming atmosphere. “During the installation, Capital Health employees approached us to share personal stories of gatherings at GFS. Seeing the images also reminded them how close and accessible this hidden gem is to them,” said Tracy Lee, GFS Assistant Preparator.

The intersection of art and nature is at the core of the GFS mission and reflects how the role of museums is evolving to play a significant part in the wellbeing of the community. The arts resonate deeply with the human experience and are saturated with the potential to promote healing and wellness, not only in hospitals and other healthcare facilities but also within the fabric of our communities. GFS has seen considerable demand from guests for programming that connects wellbeing with art and nature since the park began to offer wellness-focused programs nearly 10 years ago.

The importance of healing and art has always been considered important within the Capital Health system. From the initial planning of the facility and throughout the construction, art was intentionally incorporated into the design of the Hopewell hospital. At the time, art consultant, Lin Swenson, advised and led a plan for the design and acquisition of the thoughtful integration of art in a variety of forms using mainly community artists. Art has been created and installed thoughtfully under the advisement of a community arts committee, including staff from the Seward Johnson Atelier. In addition, elements of the former Mercer Hospital in Trenton including architectural elements, photographs, and equipment were also incorporated into five historical artistic design presentations. Artists including Judith Brodsky,

Michael Graves, and Thom Montanari created beautiful pieces within the facility. More than 20 community artists participated in a collaborative project that created more than 400 pieces for patient rooms. Art is often incorporated into care plans at Capital Health.

“Our art gallery at Capital Health allows us to help heal our patients, families, and communities outside of just their physical and mental health, it provides support for emotional wellbeing. The space allows anyone from patients to staff members to take a moment to themselves. It allows for a few moments of peace and tranquility,” shared Lyndsie Moran, System Manager, Patient Experience at Capital Health. “During the global pandemic, art and nature have become even more important as beacons of restoration and healing.” said Gina Petrone Mumolie, DNP, MBA, RN, NEA-BC, Sr. VP of Hospital Administration. “This wonderful art show beckons viewers to enjoy the beauty at Grounds For Sculpture,” she added. “The uniquely displayed dried floral arrangements and photography of people enjoying the vibrancy of GFS encourage relaxation for those at the hospital and also urges viewers to visit GFS for more.”

ABOUT CAPITAL HEALTH

Capital Health is the Central New Jersey/Lower Bucks County region’s leader in providing progressive, quality patient care with significant investments in physicians, nurses and staff, as well as advanced technology. Comprised of two hospitals (Capital Health Regional Medical Center in Trenton and Capital Health Medical Center – Hopewell), a Hamilton outpatient facility, and various primary and specialty care practices across the region, Capital Health is a dynamic health care provider accredited by DNV GL – Healthcare and a four-time Magnet®-recognized health system for nursing excellence.

Capital Health System are a generous Corporate Sustainer Supporter of GFS and receive free access to GFS for their employees plus one guest and two students.

ABOUT GROUNDS FOR SCULPTURE

Grounds For Sculpture (GFS) is a 42-acre not-for-profit sculpture park, arboretum, and museum, founded by the late Seward Johnson. Featuring nearly 300 contemporary sculptures by renowned and emerging artists in a beckoning landscape, Grounds For Sculpture combines art and nature to surprise, inspire, and engage all visitors in the artist’s act of invention. In addition to its permanent collection, Grounds For Sculpture offers rotating special exhibitions in its six indoor galleries, rich educational programs, a robust schedule of performing arts, and dynamic family events. Located in Hamilton, New Jersey, Grounds For Sculpture is easily accessible from both the New York City and Philadelphia metropolitan areas and is now open year-round. For more information, visit groundsforsculpture.org.

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