

Sept 2021 PARC report; MontiArts

EB PARK SCULPTURE

Mon the 13th se installed a new sculpture at East Bridge Park by the Milligan Studio (Alan and Nicole Milligan) in St. Paul. Their piece was chosen by the rather large selection committee some of you participated in. This was funded 100% by a CMAB grant, and a \$10,000 donation from the Monticello Lions. The Monticello Parks dept's help was instrumental in supplying the footing and physical assistance during the installation. The Milligans recently installed a sculpture in Elk river— ours is much better, and their experience of working with our city v.s. Elk River was incomparably more positive. They mentioned again and again what a great team we have and how cool it is our city if so visibly supporting the arts in a way that connects the community.

They need to get back to Ireland because Alan's father is seriously ill, so no public event with them, but we did go shoot an in depth interview at their St. Paul studio which will be posted in about a week.

COW TAG PROJECT

The Cow Tag Installation on Walnut, led by local artist Ali Yaeger, will be completed Sat Sept 25th at another public build session. All helpers over 12 are invited to participate. This was really fun the first time so I hope some of you will consider stopping by, even if only for a little bit— no littles though for this one— too hectic.

SHOE MURAL ON PREFERRED TITLE

This is ready to move ahead once Cindy (Preferred's owner) signs a release form related to the stucco wall. It will be exciting to see this assembled and up. Parks construction Specialist Derek Whipper is leading the installation, to happen before the snow flies.

POETRY RESIDENCY GRANT

We applied for a grant to allow popular local poet, often seen reading work at our open mic nights, Jamie Randall to hold more poetry workshops at MontiArts. She did one on her own and it filled immediately. We'll hear if we got that one next month.

STATE ARTS BOARD GRANT

Currently writing the application for a \$25,000 no match grant that would allow us to create a slush fund for artist stipends for small projects and workshops that fit with our community building goals, to hire our former MCAD intern Sadie Neilson to lead a teen artist/intern group under Ben's leadership, and to hire a photography/video/social media assistant (both part time.) Funds that allow for salary/stipends for personnel are rare. This grant is in reaction to Covid, so we are capitalizing on it to help grow our programming a bit.