

## Art Adventure | Sam Dalkilic-Miestowski

# Public art

"Moo-Moo, Quack-Quack, Bow-Wow, Choo-Choo, Squeak-Squeak, Gulp-Gulp." Have I lost my mind? Despite my husband's opinion, I'm not losing it. I'm just describing the sounds of the most recent public art projects in Northwest Indiana.

Through Northern Indiana Arts Association (NIAA), "The County Seat" will be placed throughout Lake and Porter counties in early May. These are biomorphic sculptures made as functional art (Squeak-Squeak.) Artists and sponsors from both counties are collaborating on this project. The theme for the concept is "Life Along the South Shore." The project was designed to enrich Northwest Indiana through the arts as well as promote tourism and economic development along with regional cooperation.

One of the pieces is by Lowell

resident and artist Tom Sufana. His sponsor is the Northwest Indiana Symphony. The symphony refers to the art as "A New Twist on Tradition." This work in process has the official title "Our Dream ... Our Music ... Our Soul."

This past summer a large pack of Bulldogs made Crown Point their home. The response was phenomenal to this public art. Children, adults, and even some dogs, were delighted with the transformation of a bulldog into a ballerina, policeman, fireman, nurse, soldier, lady bug, cowboy and even a bumble bee. Crown Point artist Sherron Pampalone created the beautiful lady with a red dress, pearls and high heels. Pampalone was thrilled when she observed little girls standing by "Scarlet" and having their portraits taken.

The Cedar Lake Chamber of

Commerce is sponsoring a public art project titled "Whimsical Fish." Jean Eberle, chairperson for the art project, began contacting businesses and residents in September of last year. The fish will be on display throughout the summer in connection with the other special events of the town. The fish will be publicly unveiled on May 1. A brochure and map will be available at the Chamber office to assist in finding this school of fish. The fish may remain with the sponsor or be donated to an auction scheduled for Sept. 30. The proceeds of the auction will benefit the Boys & Girls Club of Cedar Lake.

More than 55 "Whimsical Fish" sculptures painted by many local artists have officially been named. These include "Tutti Frutti" and "The Wizard of Cod" by The Steeple Gallery artists Julie Sklar and Fred Holly, respectively, for Regional Business Brokers (RBB)

and Midtech Hydraulics.

Search to find the following fish in Cedar Lake:

**"Free Dilly"** by Mary Jo Skorupa for Cedar Lake Dairy Queen, Brazier West.

**"Molly"** by Dave's Signs and Murals for Holiday Liquors.

**"Knee Moe"** by Riverdale Body Shop for Al's Golf Cart.

**"Cubed Fish"** by and for the Cedar Lake Historical Association.

**"Finnigan O'Gill"** by Sean Muhan for Sheehy Well & Pump.

**"Mr. Limpet goes to the Boys & Girls Club"** by club staff and club members.

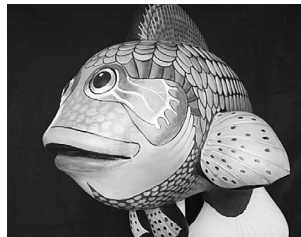
A little history on Cedar Lake ... maps recorded in 1854 call it "Clear Lake." Later it received the name of "Red Cedars" due to the abundance of trees surrounding the lake. While current generations do not remember the famous Midway Ballroom on the

east side of the lake, there is a memorial near the Dairy Queen on Lake Shore Drive. Close to the Midway memorial are new condos in Floridian colors of pink, blue and coral. The lure of the lake remains constant while the landscape is forever changing.

Although no formal receptions or guided fish tours are scheduled, you may contact Chairperson Jean Eberle at 374-7267 or Chamber Executive Director Diane Jostes at 374-6157, or Chamber President Charlie Kaper at 374-5591. If you are not familiar with Cedar Lake, you may contact Chamber Director Sandra Dalkilic (RBB Real Estate) at 374-9884 for street locations.

This is a family event to be enjoyed by all. Send the name of your favorite fish to samowner@sbc-global.net with your e-mail address. The unofficial results will be announced at the end of summer.

Check out fish in Cedar Lake and seats around Lake County this summer



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