



The purpose of this project is to see if public art enhances the experience of being in a public space. In the spring of 2014 the inaugural Sculpture For All Exhibition and Competition will be held in the Ruby Mize Azalea Garden and SFA Arboretum. Ten sculptures will be placed in the gardens for the duration of ten months. When the show opens, the public will be welcome and able to observe the art at anytime. The goal of this project is to see whether or not people react to the art being placed out into the community and if they would want to make this an annual event. Our goal is to see if artwork in society benefits the community and enhances the daily lives of the citizens in our community.

Our methodology will be to survey people in the gardens, both before and during the exhibition. Dividing the survey into three groups of people; student/faculty/staff, community member or tourist, we will be asking them a series of questions:

1. Do you think the artwork enhances or detracts from the garden?
2. Do you think having artwork in the community makes a difference to society?
3. Would you like to see more artwork around the community?

If the research yields positive results, our goal will be to aid in the student government's initiative to increase the amount of artwork on campus.



Is Sculpture For All?

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2. Do you think having artwork in the community makes a difference to society?

90% yes
10% no



1. Do you think the artwork enhances the garden?

82% yes
18% no



“There are so many creative people making amazing things... It would be great to see art like this all the time.”

- Darrell, Junior



“Creativity and expression are extremely important - especially in your environment.”

- Ivone, Sophomore



Research indicates a desire for public art at Stephen F. Austin State University as well as in the city of Nacogdoches. By asking 3 simple questions to students, staff, citizens and visitors to Nacogdoches the results were clear. With help from civic leaders, as well as continuing support from SFA, its administration and student government we can and will hopefully increase artwork on campus and off. By installing work from both professional and student artists we can serve the community by holding to SFA's Mission statement:

Stephen F. Austin State University is a comprehensive institution dedicated to excellence in teaching, research, scholarship, creative work, and service. Through the personal attention of our faculty and staff, we engage our students in a learner-centered environment and offer opportunities to prepare for the challenges of living in the global community.

- Enhance excellence in teaching and learning, research, scholarship, creative work, and service
- Create new learning opportunities through additional interdisciplinary, international, service learning, and civic engagement experiences



3. Would you like to see more artwork around the community?

88% yes
12% no