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City of Mount Dora Art in Public Places Program

MOUNT DORA – The Mount Dora Community Building Sculpture Garden will display another spectacular art piece, which is scheduled to be installed on January 11, 2012 by artist Carl Wright from Martinsburg, West Virginia. The Mount Dora Public Arts Commission selected Mr. Wright's beautiful abstract lime stone sculpture entitled "Eihei" (*Translation: Guardian or Sentinel*). Additional information on the artist and his work can be found at www.wsggallery.com.

The new sculpture was made possible by a recent \$5,000.00 grant contribution from the **CHARLES B. AND MARY M. MCLIN FOUNDATION**. The McLin Foundation's generosity will help forward the mission to make Mount Dora a City that celebrates the arts.

Shawn McNalis, Chair of the Commission, stated "Thanks to the generosity of the McLin Foundation, we've been able to purchase the carved-stone piece by sculptor Carl Wright. It will serve as a nice contrast to Doug Hays' rustic metal piece which has already been installed directly in front of the Community Building." McNalis went on to comment "These two sculptures are just the beginning. The Commission envisions several more sculptures in what we hope will become an artistic and educational gathering space for the community."

The Public Arts Commission plans to host a dedication ceremony for the sculpture garden in the near future once the final touches are complete.

Mayor Robert Thielhelm stated "The City has a long tradition of supporting the arts. Our Art in Public Places Program continues the commitment to provide art for the enjoyment of the residents and visitors to Mount Dora."

The City of Mount Dora is currently soliciting professional artists for the purpose of creating a database of qualified artists that will be utilized in the commissioning of public art by the Public Arts Commission. Mr. Wright was selected as a registered artist during the recent Call for Artists process. The database will also be a resource for private developers in selecting capable artists to create public art for private developments to meet the requirements of Public Art in Mount Dora.

For more information and an application on how to become a registered artist with the City of Mount Dora, please visit www.cityofmounddora.com and link to "Boards and Committee" (Public Arts Commission) or contact Mark Reggentin, Planning and Development Director at 352-735-7112

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