

# News from theNate

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Newsletter September–December 2020 Edition

Yvonne Domenge's "Windwaves" shines bright as a beacon of hope, thanks to photographer and friend of theNate Erin Soto.



This issue of News from theNate announces two new additions to the collection, our exciting Virtual Fieldtrip, and much more.

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## NATHAN MANILOW SCULPTURE PARK

### New Sculptures on the Way

Whenever a new state building project is completed, a percentage of the overall budget is set aside to commission a new work of art from an Illinois artist. The GSU F Wing renovation was completed years ago but due to the budget impasse the funds were not released until recently. The Illinois Capital Development Board, Art in Architecture funds were added to by the Advisory Board for theNate so that the project would attract artists and proposals for a work of art fitting of the collection. The Butterfly Ranch prairie restoration site was selected for this project because the F Wing is home to GSU's science programs; GSU students as well as area school children and other visitors will benefit from the project. The CDB/AIA call for proposals resulted in over 40 applications that provided three finalists: Barbara Cooper, Jerry Monteith, and Bernard Williams.



The selection committee and representatives from GSU's committee met with the artists virtually on December 4, 2020 to see their designs. The winning proposal is from **Bernard Williams** and will act as an observation deck, inspired by birds, birdwatching, and The Butterfly Ranch.

**See an animated rendering of the proposal here:**  
<https://youtu.be/b3opfKxVaRQ>

For those of you who tuned in to our virtual event on October 17th (**you can watch it here**) <https://youtu.be/roLlcGGXnvE> – you already know that another new addition to the collection is also on the way. Board member Paul Uzureau and his wife Linda, longtime supporters of GSU and theNate, were doing their estate planning and realized that the gift they were planning for the future could be made now and, in that way, could be enjoyed with family, friends, and by visitors of theNate. Paul and Linda are donating a newly commissioned work by artist Terry Karpowicz which should be ready to install by Spring 2021. We are so excited to complete our founder Lewis Manilow's vision of an outdoor monumental work by Terry. The piece that Lew originally selected for the park was sited outdoors in 1981, refabricated in 2006 and sited indoors in the D Main Entrance of GSU's campus.

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Terry Karpowicz

The new Karpowicz piece will be sited across the lake, Linda's favorite place to gaze during lunch when she was an employee and on GSU's campus. Karpowicz also plans to make reference and tribute to the other works in the collection, and mark this particular place in time and location.

Read more in this article by Paul Krainak.

<http://thecommunityword.com/online/blog/2020/11/25/inland-art-terry-karpowicz/>



Art Ark



Stargazing With Contrails

And then Paul and Linda went on to initiate a New Acquisitions Fund. Along with donors like you, the Uzureau's forward-looking vision and action will allow us to acquire new sculptures from the next generation of artists, including women and artists of color, thereby building on the tradition of the collection with its diverse representation of voices and points of view. You can be part of our exciting future **by donating here.**

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Thank you Paul and Linda Uzureau for these generous gifts.



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Please direct questions or comments to **Jeff Stevenson**, *Director & Curator, Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park and Visual Arts Gallery, Governors State University.*

## Director's Notes

Now that the Holiday Season is upon us, I want to let you know how much we appreciate all of you – thank you for being a committed friend of theNate. Throughout the unprecedented challenges we faced this year, theNate remained a free and open public resource providing a place of escape, refuge, and rejuvenation for everyone who needed some fresh air and great art. In the coming year, we're looking forward to growing with you and thriving together.

It takes substantial funding to sustain the three pillars of our mission: Art, Conservation, and Education – and with no admission fees or membership fees, we rely entirely on donations from friends like you – along with corporate sponsors, major donors, and grant funding – to achieve our goals together.

Your gift today helps our ability to host visiting artists and exhibitions – and we even have a [New Acquisitions Fund \(started by Paul and Linda Uzureau\)](#) to acquire new and important works of art by the next generation of artists including women and artists of color. Your gift will help us to maintain the collection in the condition that our community deserves. By making a gift today, you will help us grow our education and outreach programs through the [Lewis Manilow Common Ground Initiative](#). Your gift will plant the seeds to help us restore the prairielands through the [Bill Dodd Memorial Prairie Restoration Fund](#) – you can choose where you would like your gift to go, or simply make a gift knowing that theNate is leveraging our resources, the art collection and the land, to enrich the lives of GSU students, faculty and staff, our surrounding communities "from Frankfort to Ford Heights", and visitors from around the world.

We know that this is a difficult time for many, so if you cannot give now that's OK – please visit and enjoy theNate knowing that it is here for YOU! Free of charge, 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk – even parking is free! And if you can afford to give this year, please give generously for those who cannot. Every gift, no matter the amount, will make a significant difference.

Thank you for supporting and sustaining theNate now and into our bright future. I'm wishing you and your family a holiday season filled with love, peace, and hope.

With Warm Regards,

Jeff Stevenson  
*Director & Curator, theNate*

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## NEWS FROM THE PARK

### Ambassadors for theNate

Our pilot program and information gathering meetings in October and November gave us insights and ideas about this new program – watch for more information soon as we prepare to offer monthly meet-ups, volunteer opportunities and online content about YOUR sculpture park. Contact Sherri Denault, Education and Outreach Coordinator anytime (email) [sdeanault@govst.edu](mailto:sdeanault@govst.edu) to find out more.



Class viewing *Windwaves*  
Yvonne Domenge

### Heritage Society for theNATE

Did you know that through planned gifts, you can provide for loved ones, receive tax benefits, generate potential retirement income and help theNate all at the same time? Bequests to Governors State University Foundation are exempt from estate taxes as allowed by law. Join the growing number who are planning their gifts and estates to benefit themselves, their families and the future of the Nathan Manilow Sculpture Park at GSU.

Planning your support is easier than you think. GSU's many giving options allow you to plan today for theNate's tomorrow. Whether you want to donate today, or provide something down the road, we can help you provide for your family and support GSU and theNate. Please contact the Foundation office at 708-235-7559.

<https://www.govst.edu/NMSP-support/>

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NATHAN MANILOW SCULPTURE PARK

[www.govst.edu/sculpture](http://www.govst.edu/sculpture)

## BIRTHDAYS

We have so many birthdays to highlight that we hope you will follow the links to learn more about our storied artists, their work, and their lives.



**September 12, 1935**  
[Richard Hunt](#)



**September 18, 1933**  
[Mark di Suvero](#)



**September 27, 1941**  
[Joel Shapiro](#)



**October 16, 1960**  
[Tony Tasset](#)



**October 27, 1933**  
[Edvins Stratumanis](#)



**December 6, 1941**  
[Bruce Nauman](#)



## Lewis Manilow Common Ground Initiative

Thanks to our lead sponsor BMO Harris Bank and supporters like you, the Lewis Manilow Common Ground Initiative is taking shape and expanding. Community partner events will be taking place in May 2021, October 2021, and extending into 2022. The Summit will include keynote artists, performers and speakers to inspire our community partners, through art and workshops, to build a better, more equitable future together.

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## EDUCATION

### Virtual Fieldtrips are a Success!

Education and Outreach Coordinator Sherri Denault has been busy providing customized virtual tours of theNate – to area schools, art clubs, and community groups. Contact Sherri directly by email [sdenault@govst.edu](mailto:sdenault@govst.edu) to find out more and design a tour for your group, classroom, or club. Options include selecting the number of sculptures in the collection to learn about, hands-on projects utilizing basic materials found around the house, and a focus on the prairie wildlife. Teachers and students have enjoyed the virtual tours so much that parents can expect to get requests for an in-person visit to theNate – which is super easy because we are free and open to the public, 365 days a year, from dawn to dusk – even parking is free. And don't forget to use our free smart phone app Otocast <https://www.otocast.com> for a GPS guided tour of the collection with additional information, photos, and audio – often by the artists themselves! Check GSU's website for building hours and access to restrooms as well as any COVID19 protocol updates. <https://www.govst.edu/COVID-19/> Social distancing is easy in over 100 acres of prairie land.



Sculpture left: *Frame* by Richard Rezac



Sculpture above: *Untitled* by Joel Shapiro



Joel Shapiro



Sculpture above: *Paul* by Tony Tasset

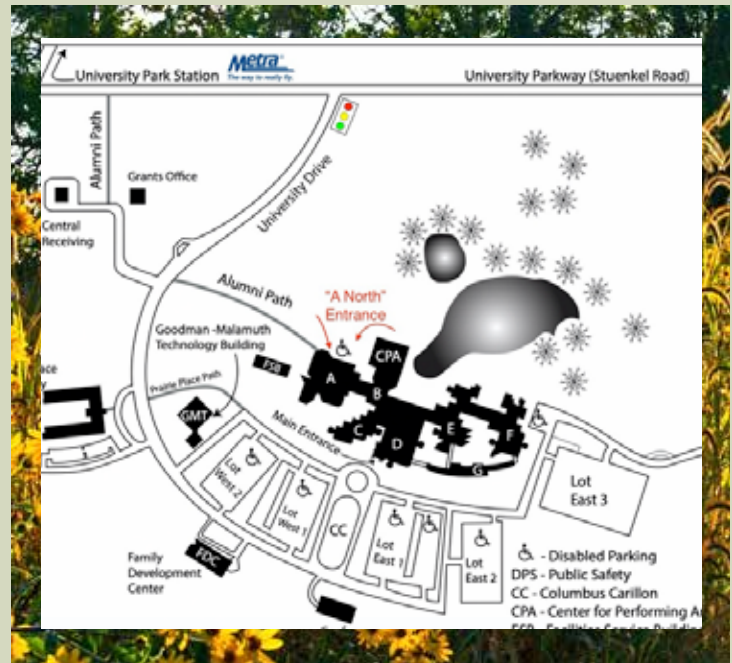


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## Thank you for planning a visit to theNate!

Free admission, free parking, open dawn to dusk 365 days a year. Our primary concern is the health and safety of our visitors. When you visit theNate, please remember:

- Hours to visit are from 6 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday. Saturday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 9 p.m. The restrooms at the "A North" entrance (see map) are designated for use by visitors to theNate – please do not enter other buildings, entrances, or locations. Wash your hands.
- Practice social distancing by keeping at least six feet of distance between yourself and others; face coverings are required while on campus – wear a mask; wash your hands.
- Please stay home if you are sick or feeling any symptoms, such as fever, coughing, troubled breathing, and/or other flu-like symptoms;
- Visit alone or with members of your household;
- Stay local and visit parks that are closest to where you live;
- If you arrive at theNate or any other park and crowds are forming, please move to another area or return another time/day to visit; and
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash. If you don't have a tissue, cough or sneeze into your upper arm/elbow.



Yvonne Domenge's "Windwaves"

