

PUBLIC ART INSTALLED AT SHASTA PARK

Last week, artist Willem deGroot installed a public artwork in the newly completed portion of Shasta Park, located at 7407 Shasta Avenue, adjacent to Valley Hi Library.

The artwork celebrates flight and consists of four mixed-metal sculptures that mark the primary pathway that traverses the park. An 8-foot high sculpture located on the park's north side is titled "Baron Von Munchausen" and, when caught by the wind, playfully spins round and round. Two 12-foot high light towers titled "Eclectic Towers" are next along the pathway. The final of the four sculptures, located at the south end of the pathway is titled "Da Vinci Flying Machine". The 11-foot wide kinetic sculpture mounted at the top of a recycled light pole is an ode to Da Vinci's studies of flight.

The artworks were commissioned by the Sacramento Metropolitan Arts Commission, Art in Public Places Program. A grand opening celebration for Phase II of Shasta Park has been planned for Saturday, September 25, 2010 from 11:00 am to 12:00.



Photo description: "Baron Von Munchausen" by Willem deGroot; steel, cast aluminum, tin, and copper; Shasta Park; 8' H x 6' W



Photo description: "Eclectic Towers", two sculptures by Willem deGroot; steel, copper, fiberglass and glass; Shasta Park; 12' H x 3' W



Photo description: "Da Vinci Flying Machine" by Willem deGroot; aluminum, steel, and aircraft cable; Shasta Park; 11' H x 11' W

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