

# Benches on the Avenue 2014

Benches on the Avenue presents:

## 'Let the Games Begin!'



**1 Cranium Cadoo**  
Artist: Michelle & Melissa Patino  
Sponsor: Odyssey Fun World  
Zabrocki Plaza, South Side

These twin sisters are seniors in high school who both love art and have been drawing since they could hold a pencil. First year bench artists, they have created a colorful rendition of the game Cranium Cadoo. Melissa was a finalist in the 2012 Lucerne Cow Contest and Michelle's artwork was displayed on one of Tinley's newest fire trucks.



**2 Tinleyopoly**  
Artist: Beth & Ron Kopf and Julie & Kurt Dekker  
Sponsor: Aero Rubber Company, Inc.  
Zabrocki Plaza, North Side

This bench features the iconic board game Monopoly as its backboard. Multiple materials have been used to give this bench its dimension and color. Beth Kopf, gallery director of the Garden Gallery, is a four-year bench artist. She teamed up with Julie Dekker, director of the Vogt Visual Arts Center, and their respective husbands. Each person on the team brought their own talents and skills to the project.



**3 Angry Birds**  
Artist: Nick Schulien  
Sponsor: Eggheadz Café  
17313 S. Oak Park Avenue

This colorful and three-dimensional bench depicts the popular game of skill where birds are aimed via slingshot to knock down structures holding pigs to accumulate points. Nick is a retired high school art teacher and has been a Tinley Park resident for more than 60 years. He has been a bench artist for 10 years and has created more than 20 benches.



**4 Sorry**  
Artist: Lizette Marcin & Maria Jacqueline Lehmans  
Sponsor: Holiday Inn Hotel & Convention Center  
17225 S. Oak Park Avenue

This mother/daughter team has created a lively version of the Sorry game with multi-level, oversized game pieces. The artists were excited when learning of the 2014 theme because they enjoyed playing this game together in years past. This is Lizette's second year participating as a bench artist and Maria's third year.



**5 Candy Land**  
Artist: Maria Jacqueline Lehmans  
Sponsor: Family Hyundai, Inc.  
17217 S. Oak Park Avenue

Maria is a French-Mexican artist who worked as a graphic designer and illustrator. She makes figurines for ornaments, cakes and decorations and is a three-time participant in Benches on the Avenue. The artist chose Candy Land because of its eye-catching colors and fun characters. She enhanced the Candy Castle with additional elements to create a three-dimensional effect.



**6 Operation**  
Artist: Ill. Institute of Art-Tinley Park Bench Team 2014  
Sponsor: Pronger Smith Medical Care  
17208 S. Oak Park Avenue

On the front of this bench sits the classic Operation patient. The patient's nose lights up on this interactive bench and several body parts buzz when touched. This is the third year the Illinois Institute of Art has participated in Benches on the Avenue. Their group included Bethany Nemeck, Stacy Jurewicz, Jordan and Justin Tate, Rachael Flores and instructors Peter Hill, Jill Decker-Doorn and Kathleen Enright.



**7 Scrabble**  
Artist: Kevin Johnson  
Sponsor: Gatto's Restaurant & Bar  
17236 S. Oak Park Avenue

This bench showcases the many letters of Scrabble, which are made of wood then attached to the bench. The bench is painted with the colors of the game tiles and the board with a red radial gradient, making it seem as if it recedes into space. Kevin is a first-time bench creator and a recent graduate from Trinity Christian College who has Bachelor of Arts and Graphic Design degrees.



**8 The Poké Bench**  
Artist: Joshua Gray, Lauren Gacek, Asia Dye, Matt Dillingham, James Bowen & Rudy V. Guerra  
Sponsor: Robinson Engineering and Klein, Thorpe & Jenkins  
17244 S. Oak Park Avenue

Based on the popular card game for kids, this bench is made to resemble a Pokéball. First-time bench artists, this group effort was led by Joshua Gray, who painted the bench, flower pots and the character, Mewtwo. The other characters were painted by Lauren, Asia, James and Matt. All the artists have attended the American Academy of Art in Chicago or the Art Institute of Chicago. The cut-outs were made by Rudy Guerra.



**9 Jumanji**  
Artist: Nick Schulien  
Sponsor: James B. Carroll & Associates  
17316 S. Oak Park Avenue

Vibrant colors and stuffed fabric bring wild animals and other jungle dangers to life when the dice are rolled on this Jumanji bench. Nick is a retired high school art teacher who has been a Tinley Park resident for more than 60 years. He has used his vivid imagination and creativity to create more than 20 benches in the past 10 years.



**10 Mouse Trap**  
Artist: Amanda and Greg Cichoracki  
Sponsor: Matt's Barber Shop  
17322 S. Oak Park Avenue

Inspired by the moveable parts and blueprint element of the Mouse Trap board game, this father/daughter team created the bench, gears, track, mice, and staircase from various three-dimensional materials. Amanda graduated from the Art Institute of Chicago and teaches art and music for grades K-8. Her father, Greg, is a soon-to-be retired high school math and geometry teacher who enjoyed working with his daughter on this project.



**11 Let's Play Minecraft**  
Artist: Jennifer Lilly  
Sponsor: Odyssey Fun Farm  
17332 S. Oak Park Avenue

Minecraft is a popular computer game about creating what your mind envisions using a variety of blocks. This artist used several layers of painted plywood to create a block look. Jennifer is a nine-year bench artist who enjoys the challenge each theme brings and tries to find new and exciting ways to highlight each bench.



**12 Hungry Huggly Hippos**  
Artist: Jennifer, Caroline & Stewart Lilly  
Sponsor: Bettenhausen Automotive  
Oak Park Avenue & Hickory Street

Since Jennifer's children have watched her create benches for the last eight years, they decided to work on this fun bench together. They used plywood, canvas, greenery, plastic bags and rubber bands to portray several hungry hippos waiting to munch a bunch of marbles. Jennifer says creating a bench is a lot of work but worth every minute!



**13 Ring-Around-The-Rosie**  
 Artist: *Raye Ann Saunoris*  
 Sponsor: *Crossmark Printing, Inc.*  
**17424 S. Oak Park Avenue**

This colorful, three-dimensional bench portrays happy children engaging in the sing-along game, Ring-Around-the-Rosie. Symbolically, it brings us back to the days when children energetically played fun-filled games outside so freely and safely. A sixth-year bench artist and active game player of Ring-Around-the-Rosie, Raye Ann is married with two children.



**14 Duck Duck Goose**  
 Artist: *Nick Schulien*  
 Sponsor: *Ed & Joe's Restaurant & Pizzeria*  
**17432 S. Oak Park Avenue**

The artist used fabric, fencing, stuffing and indoor/outdoor carpeting to enhance this bench, which portrays ducks, geese and other animals from the classic children's game, Duck Duck Goose. Nick is a retired high school art teacher who has created more than 20 benches in the past 10 years. He has been a Tinley Park resident for more than 60 years.



**15 Trivial Pursuit**  
 Artist: *Garrett Gray & Phillip Gerk*  
 Sponsor: *SEECO Consultants, Inc.*  
**17500 S. Oak Park Avenue**

Players of this game must answer questions in six categories. Test your knowledge with trivia questions on scannable QR codes voiced by the artists' family members. These fourth-year bench artists are a son-in-law/father-in-law team. Garrett is a professional engineer, and Phillip is a retired construction electrician. They always find time for art and woodworking in their free time.



**16 Checkmate**  
 Artist: *Jennifer Lilly*  
 Sponsor: *Trustee Antonio Rubino - Orland Township*  
**17514 S. Oak Park Avenue**

Checkmate is constructed of oversized pieces made from plywood, paint, spray paint, wood trim, modeling paste and other materials to create a three-dimensional, life-size version of the game board. Jennifer is a nine-year bench artist who enjoys the challenge each theme brings and tries to find new and exciting ways to highlight each bench.



**17 Uno**  
 Artist: *Flossmoor Hills 4th & 5th Grade Art Students*  
 Sponsor: *Durkin Electric Company, Inc.*  
**17459 S. Oak Park Avenue**

These art students, along with their teacher, Shannon Zozaski, created a colorful rendition of the popular, family friendly card game, Uno. They hope the design will inspire thoughts of togetherness with friends and family. The design was a collaborative effort between the students and their teacher.



**18 Ready for Combat**  
 Artist: *Raye Ann Saunoris Family & Jim Schneider*  
 Sponsor: *First Midwest Bank*  
**6779 W. 174th Place**

This group created an exciting, classic naval combat game bench that displays great color of the high seas and naval fleets being destroyed. The pegs are removable, creating an interactive element. The members participating in this group were Raye Ann, Kevin, Beau, Bladen, Sonny, Uncle Jim, Zoe and Josh. Raye Ann is a sixth-year bench artist.



**19 It's Me! Mario!**  
 Artist: *Steve Mancione*  
 Sponsor: *Central Collision Center*  
**17401 S. Oak Park Avenue**

This bench pays tribute to the iconic game, Super Mario Brothers. Materials are wood and paint with five-gallon buckets painted to look like the tubes/flower pots from the game. This is Steve's second year as a bench artist. He has taught at Columbia College Chicago and also works as a freelance artist. He has been a Tinley Park resident for 10 years.

# Bronze Statues on the Avenue

These timeless statues and monuments on Oak Park Avenue add beauty and dignity to our town. Many of the statues typify what Tinley Park is all about – rich in family values, hometown warmth and pride in our neighborhoods. Our village welcomes all of you to take

the walking tour along Oak Park Avenue and see the wonderful bronze sculptures we have on display. A special thanks to Emily Zabrocki for her assistance in selecting the bronze sculptures and for writing the descriptive narratives.



**1 The Good Book** sculpted by Mark Lundeen. This sculpture captures the bond between the old and young. Many of us remember a grandmother, favorite aunt, neighbor or friend reading to us as we sat enjoying not only the story, but the sense of sharing and love that brought us together.



**2 First Star** sculpted by Dennis Smith. Children, being shorter than we adults, see a totally different world. It is probably part of why they love high places that will elevate them above their short world. In First Star, a father, rooted as an observatory, scans the dusky sky of a summer day, searching for that first evening star, creating for his daughter a vision of a broad universe beyond anything her young mind can yet imagine.



**Home Delivery** sculpted by Blair Muhlestein. Home Delivery transports us to an earlier time, much like the buildings that we see from the Plaza. Here we see a young man, taking pride in his bike and his delivery of papers. Many of us remember the responsibilities of the papers delivered on time, as well as the drudgery of getting up early and facing those bad weather days!



**4 Long May It Wave** sculpted by Blair Muhlestein. Three children, recreating the battle weary flag-bearer and fife and drum players of the Revolutionary War as they play. This sculpture takes on added significance as we remember the events of September 11, 2001. We continue to take pride in our flag and what it symbolizes and remember to rejoice in our freedoms as Americans. We also are reminded that the freedoms we enjoy came about because of the sacrifices of many and that it takes continued vigilance to stamp out hatred, fostering understanding and respect for all the peoples of this world.



**Tinley Park Firefighters** sculpted by A. Joseph Kinkle. The Tinley Park Fire Department was organized in 1901. The design of this statue was selected to depict those early days, a firefighter called to duty with a look of determination and concern to handle the task at hand. The base was designed and engraved by Maurice Moore Memorials. This tribute contains the names of all firefighters who served Tinley Park during the first 100 years, 1901 to 2001.



**Twist in Time** sculpted by James Haire. Here we see a young boy, enjoying a fine summer day on a rope swing beneath the branch of a favorite tree. Another simple pleasure, reminding us that happiness doesn't need to involve owning the newest, most expensive gadgets, whatever our age. Most of us remember the joy of feeling the wind brush across our face as we swoop up and down, up and down, higher and higher on the swings of our youth.



**Heading Out** sculpted by Dennis Smith. Heading Out is an image about beginnings. Think about the mind and vision of a child; the trial and error—the pure work that accompanies the task of learning to walk. Beyond the falls, the bumps and bruises of the effort, finally those first steps take form, and the child heads out into the wide and endless vision of a world filled with new things and endless places to explore.



**Dorothy and Friends** sculpted by Phyllis C. Beattie. This sculpture was originally commissioned to memorialize Dorothy Vogt, who was a community leader and volunteer in Arapahoe County, Colorado. It depicts Mrs. Vogt as a young girl, doing what she loved best, reading with her dog in the park. It reminds us of the days you could find us outside, enjoying nature, a good book, and our animal friends.



**Tender Touch** sculpted by George Lundeen. This sculpture is a life size sculpture of a young woman dressed in period clothing from the turn of the century. In one arm she holds an infant swathed in a blanket and with her other arm she holds the hand of a young girl with a crutch who is leaning against her. Alongside her is a steamer trunk. This woman stands between Fulton House and the train station and brings to mind the early settlers who underwent difficult journeys and untold hardships to find for themselves and their families the promise of a better life.