Benches on the Avenue 2010

1. Zookeeper
   Artist: Nick Schleden
   Nick is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many of the scenes are inspired by his travels and is known for his unique style.

2. Your Future is Only a Flight Away
   Artist: Tara DePillo
   Farmer: South Chicago-Therapecutic Day School Staff
   An airplane jet taking flight is the inspiration for this art in motion. The moving wings, wheels and fuselage are entertaining for children. The bench is a part of an airport's runway, with moving criterions. This is Tara’s first year as a Benches on the Avenue artist.

3. I Want to Join the Circus
   Artist: Jennifer Lilly
   Jennifer Lilly was inspired by a visit to a circus and created this bench as a sensory toy for all children. The children of Easter Seals have moveable wheels, hose and reflective buttons that make this bench more engaging for children. The students of Easter Seals collaboratively worked on this bench, which is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Jennifer is a fifth-year bench artist. She is a self-taught artist who has been working on Benches on the Avenue for over a year.

4. We All Can Be Firemen
   Artist: Students of Easter Seals Therapeutic Autism School & Oakes Construction, supervised by Holly DeRosa
   The artists of Easter Seals collaborated on this bench, which depicts firemen and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Jennifer is a third-year bench artist. She is a graduate of Illinois State University and National Louis University, and a 3-D artist.

5. Childhood Dreams
   Artist: Raye Ann Saunoris and Family
   Raye Ann Saunoris and Family created this bench to honor their son Nick, who is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park. The bench features a colorful collage of a little boy riding a bicycle, with a 3-D appearance. The artist enjoys using new materials and mediums to create a unique piece of art.

6. Make No Little Plans
   Artist: Lyle Lindokken
   Lyle Lindokken is a wall muralist and has owned her own painting and design studio for over 20 years. The bench depicts a colorful scene of children in a park, with moveable wheels and hose. The bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Lyle is a fifth-year bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

7. A Builder Like My Dad
   Artist: Nick Schleden
   Nick is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many of the scenes are inspired by his travels and is known for his unique style. The bench features a colorful scene of a builder and a giraffe, with moveable wheels and hose. The bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Nick is a first-time bench artist. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a degree in Fine Arts.

8. The Mayor of Tinley Park
   Artist: Nick Schleden
   Nick is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many of the scenes are inspired by his travels and is known for his unique style. The bench features the first mayor of Tinley Park, with moveable wheels and hose. The bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Nick is a first-time bench artist. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a degree in Fine Arts.

9. The Circus Star
   Artist: Marie E. Dobesh
   Marie E. Dobesh is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many of the scenes are inspired by his travels and is known for his unique style. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Marie is a first-time bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

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11. “To Be In Art”
    Artist: Lois Petersen Schenck
    Lois Petersen Schenck is an artist who enjoys using new materials and mediums to create unique pieces of art. The bench features a colorful scene of children in a park, with moveable wheels and hose. The bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Lois is a fifth-year bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

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13. Finding Treasure
    Artist: Dennis Fischer
    Dennis Fischer is a self-taught artist who has created paintings in oil and acrylic for almost 30 years. He is a sixth-year bench artist, and enjoys working in 3-D to enhance the benches.

14. Palentologist
    Artist: Nick Schleden
    Nick is a retired art teacher and 50-year resident of Tinley Park who enjoys contributing to Benches on the Avenue. Many of the scenes are inspired by his travels and is known for his unique style. The bench features a colorful scene of a dinosaur and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Nick is a first-time bench artist. He is a graduate of the University of Wisconsin-Madison and has a degree in Fine Arts.

15. Dream Big
    Artist: Marty Zabrocki
    The bench depicts a smiling face of a child with a thought bubble that says “I want to be a doctor.” The artist is a retired surgical scrub nurse and has been a bench artist for six years. He does his best to please his greatest critics—his four grandchildren.

16. Got Money?
    Artist: Michelle P. Ostros
    Michelle P. Ostros is a self-taught artist who has been a bench artist for six years. She enjoys using new materials and mediums to create unique pieces of art. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Michelle is a first-time bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

17. Architecture
    Artist: Legat Architects
    Legat Architects is a Chicago-based architecture firm that has designed many award-winning buildings. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Legat is a fifth-year bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

18. I Want To Be An Astronaut
    Artist: Kyle Grade
    Kyle Grade is a 12-year-old artist who has been a bench artist for six years. He enjoys using new materials and mediums to create unique pieces of art. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Kyle is a first-time bench artist. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

19. Rock Star
    Artist: Jennifer, Caroline and Stewart Lilly
    Jennifer, Caroline and Stewart Lilly are a family of artists who have been working on Benches on the Avenue for over a year. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Jennifer is a first-time bench artist. She is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

20. What’s Cooking?
    Artist: Roger C. Gris Calendar
    Roger C. Gris Calendar is a self-taught artist who has been a bench artist for six years. He enjoys using new materials and mediums to create unique pieces of art. The bench features a colorful scene of a circus and famous Chicago buildings. The characters are drawn along the front of the bench. This bench is a part of the Magic of Benches project. It is her first year working on a Benches on the Avenue project. Roger is a first-time bench artist. He is a graduate of the University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign and has a degree in Fine Arts.

21. The Sculptors of Stone, Iron & Steel
    Artist: Andrew L. Gris Calendar
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Bronze Statues on the Avenue

The Good Book
This sculpture captures the bond between the old and young. Many also remember a grandmother, favorite aunt, neighbor or friend reading to us as we sat cradled on her lap. Reading to us as we sat imagining our world.

2
First Star sculpted by Dennis Smith. Fossils, hang down from the ceiling, set in a totally different world. It is an exciting experience that will draw you closer to the children.

3
Home Delivery sculpted by Beat Mahmoud. Home Delivery transports us to an earlier time, much like the buildings that are on Oak Park Avenue. 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 Beat Mahmoud. These children, recreating the battle weary flag bearer and fife and drum players of the Revolutionary War as they play. This statue was created for the bicentennial of September 11, 1983. We continue to take pride in our flag and the symbols and traditions of our freedoms as Americans. We also are reminded that the freedom 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.

5
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 fire and rescue any victims. Tinley Park was acquired by the Southern Illinois Memorial. This tribute contains the names of all firefighters who served Tinley Park during the first 100 years, 1901 to 2001.

6
Twist in Time sculpted by James Blaine. Here we see a young boy, enjoying a fun summer day on a swing, swinging beneath the branches of a favorite tree. Another simple pleasure, reminding us that happiness doesn’t have 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 swing up and down, up and down, higher and higher on the swings of our youth.

7
Dorothy and Friends sculpted by Phyllis C. Beatty. This sculpture was originally commissioned to representan important civic event in Arapahoe County, Colorado. It depicts Mrs. Vogt as a young girl, along with the local best, walking with her dog in the park. It reminds us of the days we could find us outside, enjoying nature, a good book, and our animal friends.

8
Tender Touch sculpted by George Lindsay. Tender Touch is a life-sized sculpture of a young woman dressed in period clothing from the turn of the century. In one arm she holds the hand of a young girl with a wreath which is leaning against her. Alongside her is a little white dog. This sculpture is a gift to the festival committee from the Tinley Park Police Department.

9
Homecoming sculpted by Oregon. Homecoming captures the joy of returning to one’s home after an absence. A young girl returns home to her parents excitedly telling them about the adventures of the trip.

10
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 joy that is felt in the act of taking those first steps, the bumps and bruises of the effort, finally those first steps take form, filled with new things and endless places to explore.

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The Village of Tinley Park
Edward Zuberek Mayor
Patrick Rea Village Clerk
Trinity Coven
David Seaman Brian Moller
Jeff Storms Thomas Staunton, Jr.
Patricia Leoni Village Clerk

Vote for Your Favorite Bench!

For each of the nine new benches in place on the plaza, log on to www.tinleypark.org to view photos of the benches and vote for your favorite in the following categories:

• Best of the Park: Best of all the benches.
• Best of the Area: Best of all the communities.
• Best of the Times: Best of all the eras.
• Most Memorable: Most Memorable.
• Most Unique: Most Unique.
• Most Educational: Most Educational.

Winners will be announced at the Music in the Plaza Concert on August 14, 2010.

A Very Special Thank You to...

• Village of Tinley Park MainStreet Commissioners: Mike Clark, Rick Butkus, Stephanie Sestak, Mark ducks, David Seaman, Greg DeRose, Michael Rettenhauser, Brian Moller, Thomas Staunton, Jr., and Pat Leoni.
• The carpenter, Gerard & Roberts Inc., who custom designed and built the benches for the artists to decorate.
• The individual property owners who allowed the benches to be displayed on their property.
• Village of Tinley Park employees: Nancy Byrne, project manager, with assistance from the Marketing, Economic Development, Administration, and Finance departments. Each and every artist who generously shared his or her time, incredible talent and vision.
• Cub Scouts Pack #398 from Millennium Elementary School and Tinley Park's own Young at Heart, a group of senior citizens.
• Bill Moran of Carlin-Moran Landscapers, Inc. for donating the planting of the new flower beds.
• Becky Nichols of Evon’ s Trophies & Awards for donating and installing the plaques to identify the artists and sponsors.
• Tom and Linne of the Tinley Park Kiwanis Club for helping the village to select the flower selection for the planter boxes.
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• Our generous sponsors for their financial support of this project.

Community in action to beautify our community and show our downtown’s charm.

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