

February 4, 2021

CR Gray Sculptor
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RE: Sweet Hearts


Dear Craig,

I wanted to thank you for being part of our last two Public Art Exhibits here in Fayetteville, North Carolina. As you might remember, you installed your piece the day after our city was hit with violence due to social unrest.” Sweet Hearts” was the perfect piece to help heal some of those open wounds through its message of love, hope and challenges us to be kind to one another. Of course, who does not recognize the shape of those candy hearts that spark wonderful memories and is certainly a favorite among children and adults; especially around Valentine’s.

During this pandemic, public art has truly improved our quality of life of our community as people do not have to dress up to come see and it can easily be enjoyed while maintaining social distancing. In the case of “Sweet Hearts,” it takes a mundane crosswalk and transforms it into something that ignites conversation and brings smiles to those that gaze upon the piece. Here at the Arts Council, we truly believe that art is a part of everyone’s life and, as such, is a common denominator that can help spark conversation with those having opposing views. This conversation may then become the avenue to have deeper discussions that might help bring us closer together.

Craig, you are a delight to work with on the logistical side which makes the entire experience so much more enjoyable. Your pieces have been sturdy enough to withstand some awful weather conditions for over a year and still look like the day you first installed the pieces. I do hope you will continue to submit pieces in our future outdoor public art exhibits.

Sincerely,


Robert C. Pinson
Interim President/CEO