

PUBLIC ART for the Sedgefield Neighborhood

City of Charlotte in partnership with ASC



PROJECT:

Sedgefield Totem

By **Paula Smith**

LOCATION:

700 Marsh Rd, Charlotte, NC 28209

DESCRIPTION:

- Ceramics, galvanized pole, concrete
- 2' x 2' x 15' height
- Artist Commissioned April 2014
- Work Installed April 2016

Sedgefield is one (1) of five (5) Charlotte neighborhoods selected to receive new public art as part of the Neighborhoods in Creative pARTnership initiative to further expand access to public art throughout the City of Charlotte and enhance neighborhood identity. City of Charlotte neighborhoods were invited to apply for the opportunity to have a new public artwork created and installed that matches the spirit of their neighborhood. Selected neighborhoods were then paired with local artists to develop design ideas for the public art piece. Once designs are finalized, the artists will oversee fabrication and installation of the artwork.

“The ‘Sedgefield Totem’ - bright, happy and fun! These are traits I hope this piece exudes upon first impression.

From the base up the totem tells the story of the Sedgefield community... From animals, faces, and object mementos this mosaic commemorates the people that call this place home...”

~ Paula Smith

ARTIST:

Paula Smith is a ceramics instructor at Central Piedmont Community College in Charlotte, NC. She creates decorative and functional work based on numerous influences and often takes a light-hearted, whimsical approach. Her hand-built pieces tell stories through the use of Milagros, female imagery, archetypal house forms and interpretations of nature. Paula has a BFA in ceramics from the Kansas City Art Institute, and an MFA in ceramics from the University of Illinois.



**SELECTION
PANEL:**

Betty Chafin-Rash, Public Art Commission; Cathay Dawkins, Public Art Commission; Carla Hanzal, Mint Museum; Kati Stegall, CATS Public Art; Patsy Kinsey, City Council Member; Kris Solow and Nancy Albert, Elizabeth Neighborhood Representatives; Maureen Gilewski and Gail Whitcomb, Grove Park Neighborhood Representatives; Tara Bengle and Anna Zvevskeya, Reid Park Neighborhood Representatives; Janelle Travis and Kate Zender, Sedgefield Neighborhood Representatives; Frank Quattrocchi and Sharon Bodrick, Shamrock Drive Corridor Neighborhood Representatives

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