

Proposal for Temporary Installation – Joanne Howard in Carl Schurz Park

Artist(s): Joanne Howard
Title: *Apple Heads*
Site: Carl Schurz Park, Manhattan
Dates: April 2021 – November 2021
Material: Cast bronze
Dimensions: Approximately 3 in. high x 3 in. wide x 3 in. deep
Weight: Approximately 1 lb. or less.

Summary of project:

This exhibition consists of 45 miniature sculptures cast from apples carved to resemble human faces. As they dehydrate, the carved apples begin to resemble wizened elders, with seemingly unique, human-like personalities. The artist sees these as guardians of the natural world. When mounted to the fence, they act as a gentle reminder to passers-by of the precariousness of nature and powerful presence that trees have on our lives. The project will reflect the history and legacy of the apple tree in New York.

Each head is attached to the fence with two small drop screws; one on the side, the second on the back of the head. The screws have flat ends, which are tightened up against the fence post. The pressure from the two sides provides enough strength to keep them in place. The head of the screw is tamper resistant and is attached/detached with an Allen wrench. The screws are sunk in very deep and really are not at all visible. The screws do not penetrate the fence posts. Whether the artist uses bronze or brass, there will be no rust or staining with either metal.

The 45 apple heads will be distributed between East End Avenue (between East 85th and East 87th Streets) and the fencing along the east end of the central corridor leading to and including the Hoop Garden. The artist is proposing approx. 1/3 to be distributed on the East End Avenue fence, on either side of the main entrance and the remainder 2/3 to be on the fence along "Cherry Alley" which leads to the Hoop Garden. The artworks will be placed at a considerable distance from the BLM memorial.

Proposed Sites



Proposed Artwork



Artworks are carved out of apples, which shrink over time and are then cast in brass.



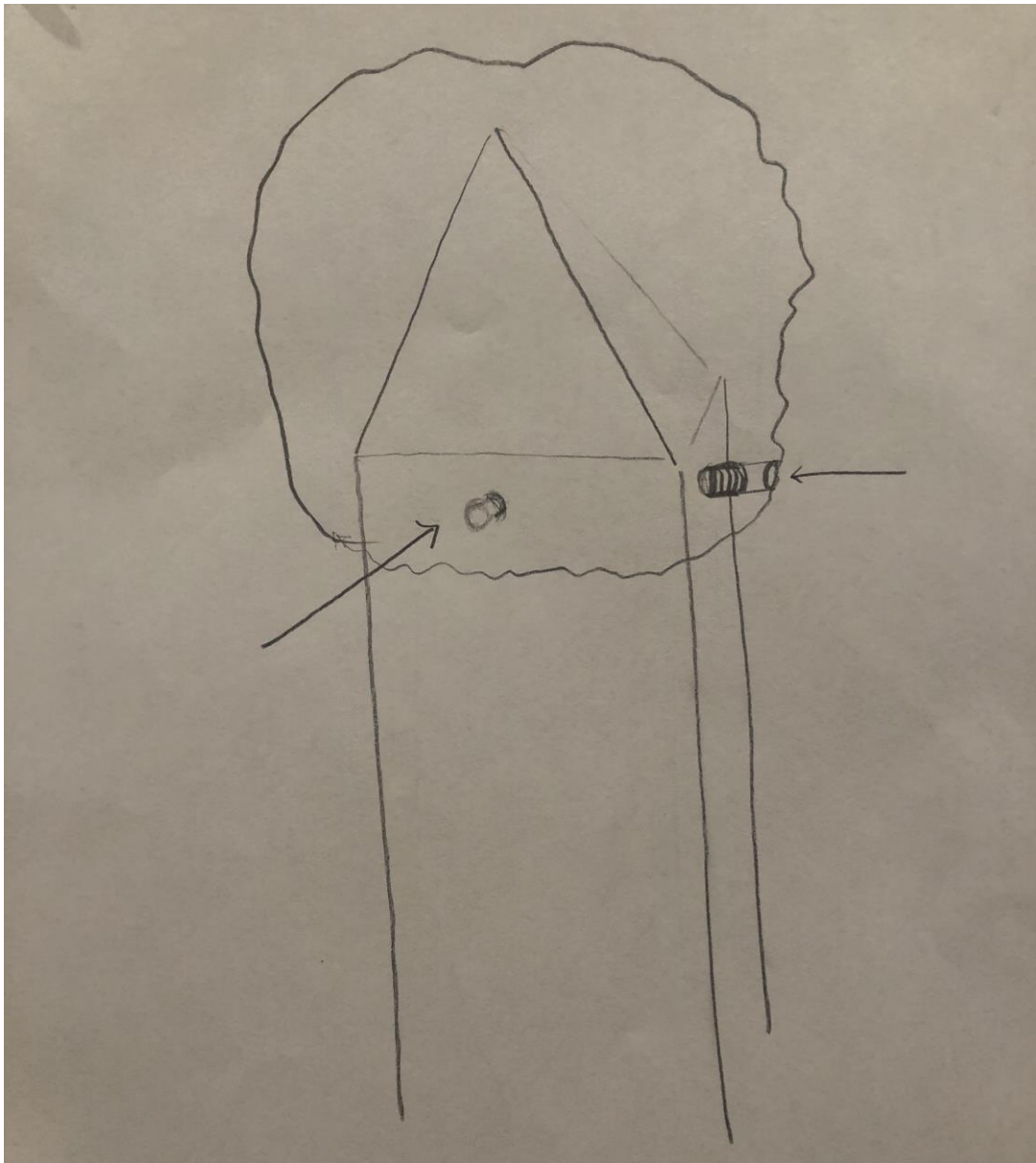
Sample artwork to show placement on fence post



Sample artwork to show scale in relation to fence



Photos showing locations of hidden screws



Rendering of screw attachment



Sample of screws