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Art Sculpture to be installed

Artist Jim Gallucci plans to install the sculpture, “Budding Future”, in the downtown Reidsville roundabout beginning Monday, April 4.

Installation will take place over two days, weather permitting, and traffic patterns will be altered at the Morehead-Scales intersection while work is taking place. The base will be put into the intersection on Monday while the sculpture itself will be added on Tuesday, April 5.

Members of the Artist Selection Committee and various City officials inspected the sculpture on Thursday, March 24, at Gallucci’s Greensboro studio. At that time, it was noted that it might be nice to have the 17-foot sculpture up before the first downtown cruise-in of the season, which is Friday, April 8.

After receiving community feedback on his original concept, Mr. Gallucci redesigned the top of the sculpture and added engraved graphics to the side panels of the art work, which reflect the history of Reidsville. The sculpture builds on Mr. Gallucci’s vision of new growth for the City, a “Budding Future” built on Reidsville’s past.

The sculpture will be lighted at night. Lighting ranges from white to various colors and can be changed to fit traditional seasonal colors during the holidays as well.

The side panels of the brushed stainless steel art work feature people, things and places unique to Reidsville and Rockingham County. Plans are to eventually incorporate the sculpture into educational lessons for local students and to establish walking/driving tours throughout the City based on the items included in the sculpture.

Many of the panels depict “firsts” associated with Reidsville and Rockingham County. People on the panels include Susie Sharp, North Carolina’s first female State Supreme Court Justice; David Settle Reid, for whose family the City is named and who was also the State’s first Democratic Governor; H.K. Griggs Sr., who was the first African-American Principal of Reidsville Senior High School following consolidation of the Reidsville City Schools; and Clarence “Tuck” Tucker, who was the first African-American Rockingham County Commissioner since Reconstruction. Other symbols depict the importance of the railroad here, the American Tobacco Company, the arts and various industries.

In the near future, a ribbon cutting and lighting ceremony will be held. Prior to the downtown cruise-in on April 8, visitors are welcome to come and view the sculpture. Flyers outlining the items included on the historical panel also will be available on that day.



Artist Jim Gallucci shows how the lighting works for the City’s new art sculpture at his Greensboro studio.

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