



Gift to Madison blowing in wind

Three wind-driven sculptures were installed on schedule Tuesday morning in Bicentennial Park in about an hour's time. The sculptures are a gift to the city, the citizens of Madison and its visitors from Chris and Karol Kirk, who said they want to honor their hometown with public art. The three wind sculptures are named Double Helix Vertical, Oval Twister and Double Helix "Sail." The sculptures stand at 23, 21 and 16 feet with 42-inch-deep anchors. EnviroScape planted white roses and decorative grasses around the bases of the sculptures. The sculptures, called kinetic art because moving is what makes them effective, are by international sculptor Lyman Whitaker of Utah. Whitaker Studio has more than 50 wind sculpture designs. Each sculpture is hand-made by Whitaker, his wife Stacy Christensen and his brother John. Whitaker wind sculptures are set in motion by the slightest breeze but also can withstand strong wind, according to a Whitaker brochure. (Staff photos by Tali Hunt/thunt@madisoncourier.com)