

Public Art Commission Recommendation for  
**NEIGHBORHOOD ART ACQUISITIONS**

April 26, 2016

Included in the 2015/16 public art budget allocation is \$13,500 for the acquisition of sculptures under the Neighborhood Art program. This program provides for sculptures from the previous year's Ames Annual Outdoor Sculpture Exhibition (AAOSE) program to be purchased and placed in neighborhoods around the City.

This year the Public Art Commission's Neighborhood Sculpture Committee received six applications. Decisions on where to place the sculpture were influenced by whether artwork had been placed in the requested neighborhood or a nearby one, and if the art would be located in an area accessible for viewing by all the residents of Ames. Safety was the most important consideration. Price was also an important consideration, as was the quality of the workmanship.

The Public Art Commission has recommended that the City Council authorize the purchase of the following two sculptures for the Neighborhood Art Program.

During the 2015/16 exhibition year, **Spring Awakening** by Dale Rogers was displayed at the northeast corner of Tom Evans Park. It is proposed that this sculpture be purchased for \$3,000 and be placed at 30<sup>th</sup> and Hoover on City property. Spring Awakening was voted **Best in Show** by attendees at the Octagon Art Fair. This application was submitted by Linda Zeller.

Hilde de Bruyne's sculpture **Infinity** has been on display at the southwest corner of Main Street and Douglas Avenue at the access to Cynthia Duff Plaza. It is proposed that this sculpture be placed on Park Avenue between Ridgewood and Brookside. The cost for this sculpture is \$6,000, and the applicant was Lori Beiderman.

Previously approved for purchase with the use of carryover funds from 2014/15 was **Dog & Cat**. That sculpture was delivered last week, and will be placed at the Ames Animal Shelter. The artist for **Dog & Cat** is Dale Rogers, who also created **Spring Awakening**. **Industrial Revolution**, which was purchased last year, will be installed at Roosevelt Park this summer after the park improvements are completed.

Photographs of the sculptures are shown on the following page.



Spring Awakening



Infinity