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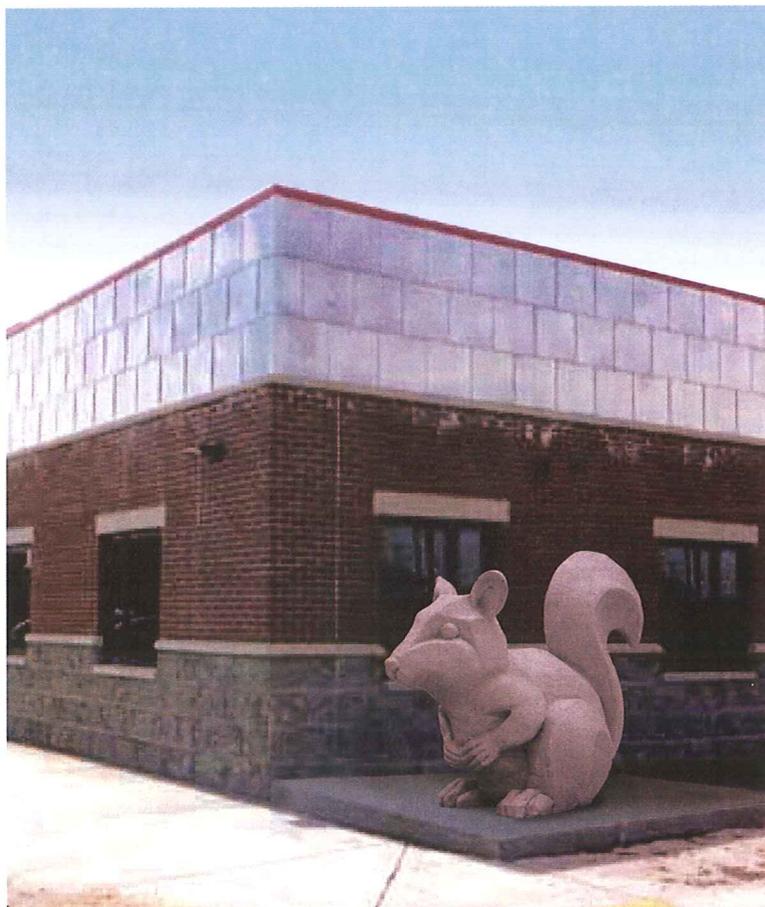
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Teton County Law Enforcement Center Sculpture Proposal



Dear Selection Committee,

As a native of Idaho I am very excited about this project. For the past 9 years I have lived in Eastern Idaho and had the joy of visiting Driggs on multiple occasions. I have always loved the beautiful scenery surrounding Driggs, which is the reason this project is so intriguing to me. This sculpture opportunity is a challenge that I know can benefit from my skills as an artist, and my experience with the area.

My proposal for this sculpture (as seen in pictures) is a large concrete squirrel. It will be made with a framework of welded steel, then covered with metal mesh and finally layers of fiber reinforced concrete. Using this technique I am able to make a durable sculpture that requires minimal maintenance. If vandalized this sculpture will be fairly easy to repair. The concrete will have additives and sealers that make it water/weather resistant. This is a tried and true medium that has been used on many public sculptures throughout the world. I have experience using this medium in my own artwork. The surface texture of the sculpture will make it appear as if it has been carved out of stone. This sculpture is representative of Driggs and Teton county in the following ways:

Local Wildlife- I chose the squirrel for a number of reasons. I have always loved watching squirrels run and play. It has always been one of my favorite parts about camping and hiking. Symbolically the squirrel has many meanings such as, fun, playfulness, energy, preparation and resourcefulness. These are all qualities that I feel represent Driggs well. I see Driggs as an active community who enjoys having fun and outdoor activities. They are also a community who prepares for the long winter.

Natural Features- The sculpture will look as if it is made out of rock. I will be using the same process and materials that is used for artificial rocks in aquarium features, man made waterfalls, and public parks. This rock texture will fit in well with the rocky environment around Driggs.

Compliments existing artwork in Driggs- Something I love about much of the artwork around Driggs is the whimsical aspect of it. A field of red bison, a giant potato, and buffalo on top of a building come to mind. By making the squirrel gigantic this sculpture will compliment the whimsy already found in Driggs.

Public Interaction- This sculpture is in an area very accessible for people to interact with. For this purpose I have designed the back of the squirrel a good height to climb and sit on. This sculpture will easily become one of the most photographed places in Driggs because people won't be able to resist stopping so they can take a picture of themselves riding on a giant squirrel.

As an artist, I have been active and aggressive in shaping my career and helping others to cultivate an appreciation for the Arts. I hold a B.A. in Art Education from BYU-Idaho and have been an art teacher at Shelley High School for the past 5 years. My work can be found in public and private collections. Friendly and approachable, I communicate naturally with both youth and adults. I make it a point to include an educational element to every public work I undertake. If chosen for this project I wish to visit local art classes in the Driggs and talk to them about the project and the process.

I have experience putting together proposals and budgets for projects of up to \$70,000. My public art projects and full proposals can be found on my website at www.danielborup.com

I am eager to use my experience and expertise to create this sculpture for the new Law Enforcement Center in Driggs. I am pleased to see that Driggs and Teton County is so actively pursuing public art projects and I acknowledge the public trust that is granted to artists in such an endeavor. Thank you for considering my Proposals.

I hope to hear from you soon.



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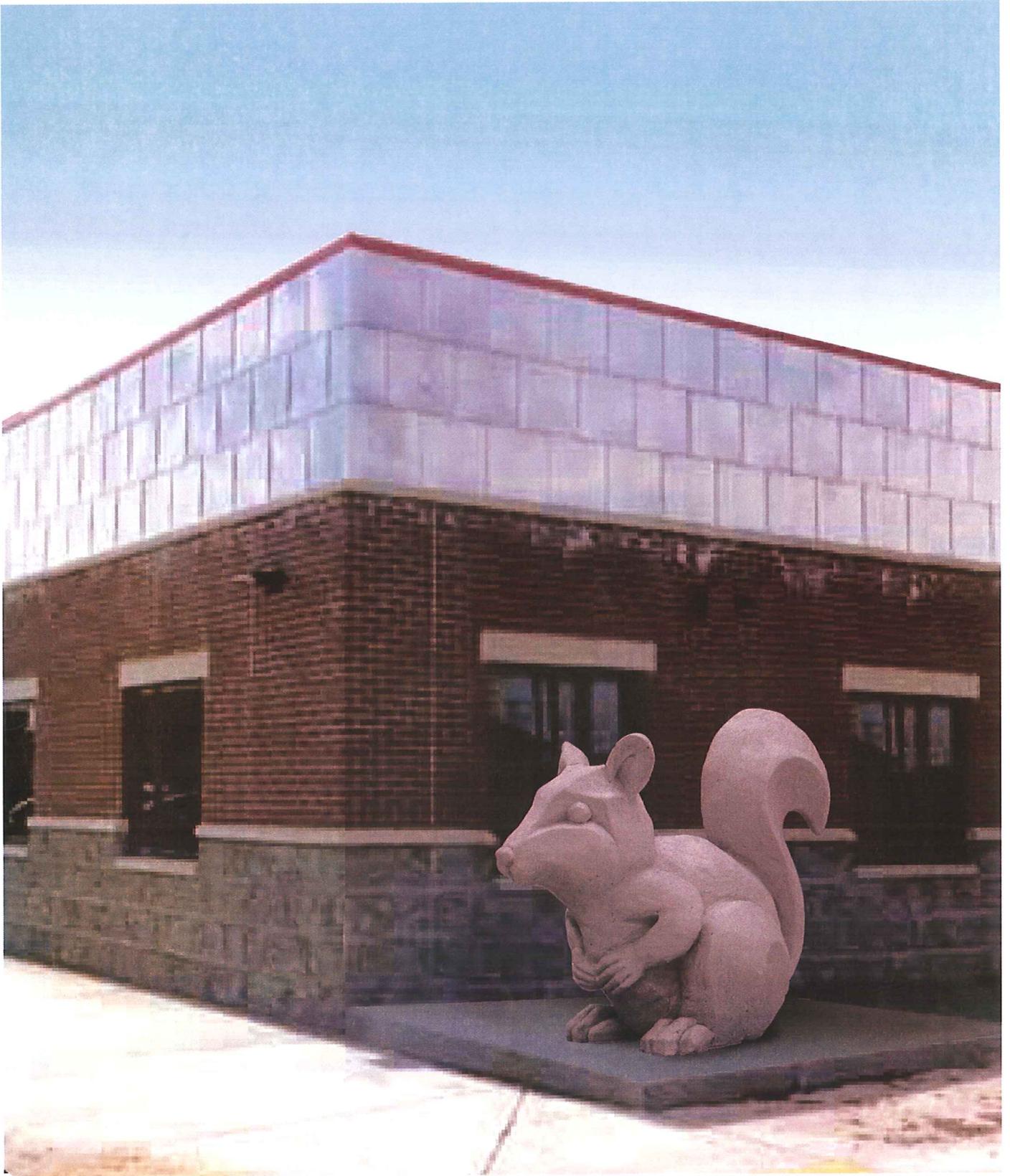
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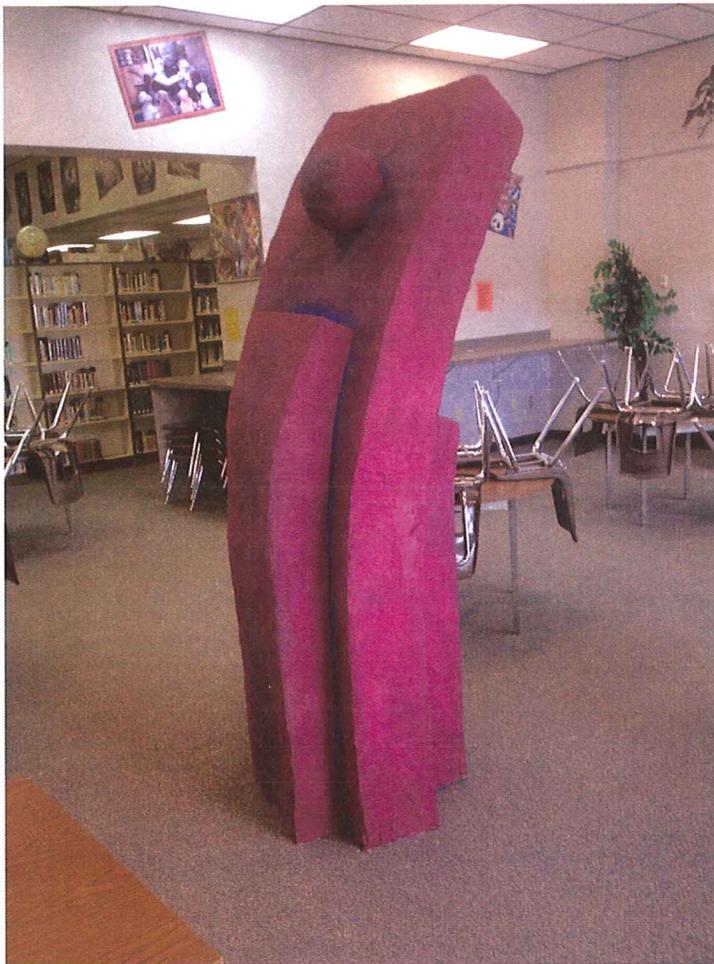


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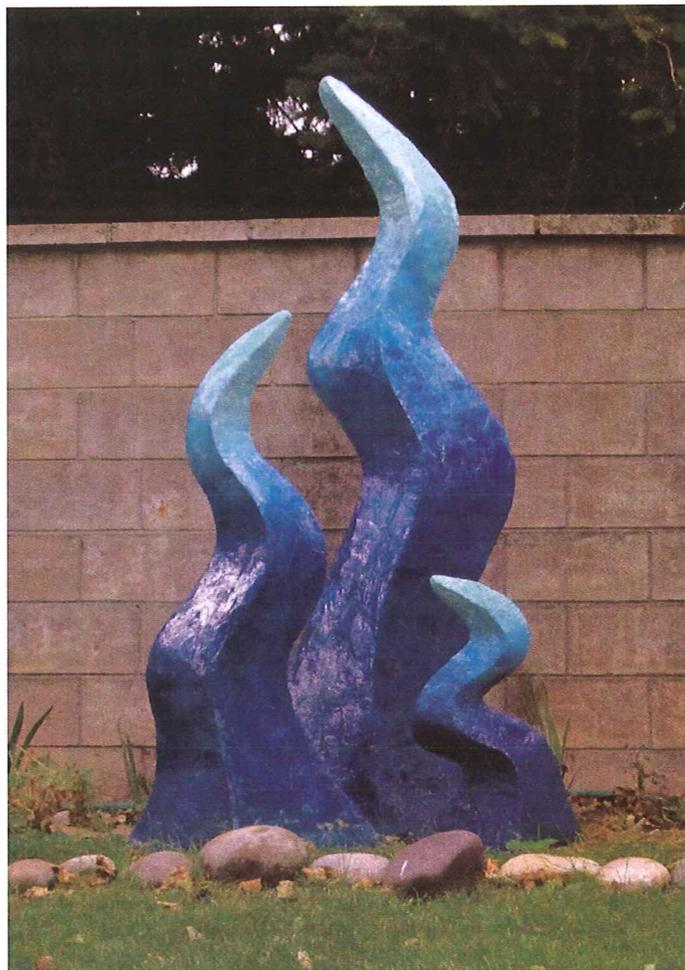
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Concrete Sculpture
7.5 feet tall
Soon to be installed in Shelley Idaho



Concrete Sculpture
6.5 feet tall
Currently on display at the Willard Arts
Center in Idaho Falls

