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‘Time of Wonder’ Sculpture Moves to Concord Public Library

Concord, NH (November 19, 2021) – The ‘Time of Wonder’ sculpture that has been on Main Street since 2016 moved to its new home at Concord Public Library. The sculpture was purchased with private donations and will now be on display on the first floor near the main entrance.

‘Time of Wonder,’ a piece by Beverly B. Seamans (1928-2012), was the first piece of public art placed on Main Street following the Complete Streets revitalization project through a partnership of the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce, its Creative Concord Committee, and the City of Concord.

Beverly B. Seamans is known for her bronze garden figures of animals, birds and children. She grew up in Cohasset, Mass., and as a child, her interest in art was encouraged by her grandfather, John P. Benson, a marine painter. She observed the birds of New England from her Marblehead Harbor, Mass. studio and while cruising the coast of Maine. She worked in clay and wax, the pieces then cast in bronze or carved in marble. Her works are also in private collections in the United States and abroad, including Paris, France, and are on display in several museums, public buildings, gardens, and fountains.

As a sculptor, she tried to give life to each animal, bird or child in each of her pieces, capturing “a moment in time,” their individual personalities, and their characteristics. Sculpture was her way of expressing the celebration of life.

“We are happy that this piece is staying in Concord, as it is well-loved by the community,” said City Manager Tom Aspell. “It was the first piece of public art placed on Main Street and made way for many more pieces as part of the annual Art on Main campaign, which has been a great partnership with the Greater Concord Chamber of Commerce and Creative Concord.”