Remembering David Barr

David Barr, the award winning artist and creator of the "Liberation" sculpture series located on the grounds of NCRC in Ann Arbor, died on Friday, August 28th following a brief illness.

As an artist and teacher, Barr was inspirational. His work is timeless and thought-provoking. Examples of his work can be seen at the Michigan Legacy Art Park at Crystal Mountain in Thompsonville, Michigan and at Hart Plaza in downtown Detroit.

He was commissioned by Pfizer Pharmaceuticals in 2002 to create “Liberation” on the grounds of what is now U-M North Campus Research Complex. This series acknowledges the birth of an idea. Please use this link to follow the guided tour “An Exercise in Art” featuring this series. The tour shares an in-depth explanation behind this work of art.

“Liberation” consists of nine separate objects or groups of objects near the main entrance to Building 18 and scattered throughout the landscape on the west side of Huron Parkway. The large, gray pieces are carved out of the same block of Prairie Green granite from Canada. The egg is white marble from Vermont. Adding symbolic depth to the series, Barr hid forged objects inside many of the individual sculptural pieces. The objects represent hidden keys that are unlocked by researchers who are looking for answers to society’s most pressing problems.
Sculpture Gallery

Facilities

- NCRC Annual Fire Drill
- Building 28: Fire Alarm Test
- Building 520: Fire Alarm Test
- Building 520: Pedestrian Sidewalk Installation Project

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Events

- 9/9 - NCRC Art Exhibition Closing Reception
- 9/10 - TOP Seminar Presents Costas Lyssiotis, Ph.D., Pancreatic Cancer Presentation
- 9/14 - NCRC Town Hall - DATE CHANGE
- 9/15 - CBSSM Fall Seminar Series: Dr. Ching-Hua Chen, IBM
- 9/16 - Health Professions Education Day
- 9/17 - The Annual Blue/Green Seminar
- 9/18 - 2nd Annual Protein Folding Diseases Initiative Symposium
- 9/22 - Computational Discovery in Complex Systems Biology
- 9/24 - Chemical Engineering Seminar Series: Kathryn E. Uhrich, Rutgers University
- 9/29 - Learn the Basics of Budgeting for Research Grants at MICHRI Workshop
Announcements

- **MCubed 2.0 Launched!** - The U-M Medical School is contributing $1M towards this round of the program, anticipating that 180 cubes including Med School faculty will be formed. 2,500+ faculty with a 50% or greater appointment with the Medical School will receive a token that allows them to seek MCubed collaborators.

- NCRC Administration is in the final stages of selecting a new food service vendor. It is very important to us to select a successful vendor that is creative, innovative and that will be a good fit for the NCRC community. Our goal is to have the cafeteria and catering services available sometime in October. Once the details have been finalized we will make a site announcement and provide a timeline.

In the meantime, M-Dining food service will continue operations during this transition.

Thank you for your patience and understanding while we work diligently to bring in the new vendor.

- **MDining New Hours** - Monday through Friday, 8:00AM - 4:00PM.

- **Register Now for November 19 Research Mentoring Forum** - As part of a commitment to mentoring across the U-M campus, the Michigan Institute for Clinical & Health Research (MICHR) and the Office of Faculty Development will co-sponsor a Research Mentoring Forum.

- Tech Tip: You can help maintain information security by recognizing and reporting security incidents. These could include attempts — successful or not — to access, disclose, modify, or destroy information on a computer system without appropriate authorization. Immediately report a suspected or actual security incident by contacting MSIS at 763-7770 or via email msishelp@umich.edu.

- **OSEH Update - Summer 2015**

- **Need help with DIET, EXERCISE, METABOLIC measurements in human subjects?**

- **NCRC Art Exhibition** - *Abstract View: Detroit*, Organized by The N’Namdi Center

- **NCRC Art Exhibition** - *Glass Lily Garden by April Wagner*

Reminders

- **MICHR Pilot Grant Applications Due**

- **Research Opportunities Needed for Bright and Enthusiastic Undergraduates**

- **Office, Lab and Catering Deliveries** - All deliveries using a cart must come through the Building 90 dock or South entrance of Building 520. Small deliveries may be carried through the lobby as long as no cart is required.

- **Notary Service offered at NCRC!**