

Art in Motion!

Donald Gerola's Sculptures Enliven the Highlands Center

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Donald Gerola installs his wind sculpture, "Wind Auger," which stands 20 feet tall.

Throughout the lengthy and expensive ten step process, beginning with a concept, sketches, and various studies, Gerola is aware of how his piece will both reflect and blend with its natural surroundings. He characterizes kinetics as having moving parts that mirror fire, water, earth, and air.

Gerola now paints and sculpts within a collaborative of artists in Pawtucket, RI. He has a catalogue of over 90 sculptures, ranging in size and weight with some being hundreds of pounds, others many tons.

The work of nationally renowned artist and sculptor Donald Gerola embodies the mission of the Highlands Center: a fusion of art and science, a blend of simplicity and complex beauty. His monumental steel, kinetic structures are provocative, impressive, and prompt the observer to take pause and appreciate the grandeur of the natural world.

Gerola's innovations have sustained his career as a full-time professional artist for more than 25 years. Building upon his early paintings and signature sand fresco technique, Gerola shifted to creating sculptures, and more significantly, sculptures in motion.



"Aerometer" stands 22 feet tall and weighs two tons.

"The Highlands Center is a wonderful opportunity for my 'steel' to touch those who visit. The sculptures become part of something young - a 'sacred site' with a powerful direction, still open to growth."

"I see sculpture as the link between architecture and the landscape. Its message is to remind man that we need to become more in touch with nature and its forces."

~ Donald Gerola



Visitors enjoy this unique piece, "Fire Dragon."

Gerola's sculptures are highly valued and have been widely displayed, including as centerpieces at both the Washington, D.C. and New York International Art Expos and the Springfield Art Museum's Dr. Seuss Sculpture Garden.

The Highlands Center Partnership Collaborative is excited to have three sculptures on site, generously on loan by Gerola for five years. Highlands Center Inc. sponsored the transport of these sculptures.

Highlands Center Mission

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The Highlands Center fosters the unique cultural and natural heritage of Cape Cod by facilitating scientific research, the arts tradition, and educational programs atop the dramatic sea cliffs of Cape Cod National Seashore.