SCULPTURE PROJECT

FIRST OF THREE PLANNED SCULPTURES FOR THE MANCHESTER SCULPTURE PROJECT BEGINS TO TAKE SHAPE

The first of three life size bronze sculptures depicting notable Manchester residents is beginning to take shape.

Sculptor, Michael Keropian has completed an armature – a small wire and clay model - of Joe McCluskey. McCluskey was an Olympic medalist and three-time Manchester Road Race winner credited with reestablishing the success of the Road Race after World War II. The process of creating the armature has been captured on a video that can be viewed both on the Sculpture page on the Manchester Historical Society website http://www.manchesterhistory.org/MHS3_SculptureProject.html and on YouTube at https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Iekv_Q1PVG8 This is the first of several videos that will be filmed and posted showing the progress of the sculpture.

When completed, the McCluskey sculpture will be placed in the East Coast Greenway parklet located on the corner of Highland Street and Wyllys Street, across from Highland Park Market. The high visibility location of the parklet means that the sculpture will be visible to the thousands who participate in the Manchester Road Race as they run that leg of the 4.748 mile race. Equally as important, the Sculpture Committee believes that locating the McCluskey sculpture along this well used pathway will be an inspiration to those who walk, run and bike the Greenway throughout the year.

Community, corporate and individual contributions can help to bring this sculpture from the artist studio to its new Manchester home. The Sculpture Project Committee hopes to complete fundraising for the McClusky sculpture and have it installed prior to the 2017 Manchester Road Race.

If you are a participant in the Road Race, a recreational runner, walker or interested individual please consider making a tax deductible contribution to the Sculpture Project. For more information and to learn how you can contribute go to http://www.manchesterhistory.org/MHS3_SculptureProject.html

After the completion of the McCluskey sculpture, fundraising will continue to fund sculptures of Manchester educator, Elisabeth Bennet and author and Newberry Medal Winner, Emily Cheney Neville.