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Core Partners

Frank Youngman
Artist in Residence

City of Cadillac

Cadillac Area
Visitors Bureau

Gopherwood Music
Society

Community Partners

Huron Manistee National Forest
Cadillac Downtown Development
Authority

Downtown Cadillac Association
Clam River Greenway Committee
Wexford County Herb Society
Cadillac Garden Club

Cadillac Area Public Schools
Brian Fulmer, Videographer
CJ McCormack, Videographer
Klaus Heinert, Landscape Architect
Area Woodcarvers

TV 9 and 10 Helping Hands program
Padnos Iron and Metal
Cadillac Small Engine Repair
Cadillac Printing
Lake City Public Schools
Wicks Lumber

And more being added daily

Creative Partners

Brian Fulmer's video of the project and
classes for youngsters in Videography
Sound Garden Earthscape
Mary Sundstrom's Painting
Woodcarving by local carvers and visit by
Woodcarvers Extravaganza
Sandwich Board Sign by TiYi Schippers
The Wild Ones
Wexford County Herb Society
Cadillac Garden Club

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THE SOUND GARDEN



An interactive,
rustic, musical, art,
sculpture
constructed of logs and
steel, being built by
friends and visitors in a
Downtown Cadillac
Parkside location.

The Sound Garden will
be located at the
Headwaters of Clam
River Greenway for
community enjoyment

The Sound Garden Story



Frank Youngman and his kids were loading ironwood into a pickup truck when Frank noticed the wood made different sounds as it hit

the bed of the truck. They threw the wood out, laid it on the ground and quickly constructed a xylophone on the ground.

Thoughts of creating a space in the back woodlot where the family could gather, where friends could stop on cross country ski trips, build a fire and create a truly alternative musical experience soon led to a sound circle around a campfire consisting of several rustic instruments.

The Sound Garden was a "Secret Sound Garden" for a time until Frank needed a project for an independent study at Central Michigan University. He approached the independent study professor with the concept.

A few digital pictures, a website and a sound tape resulted in the approval of the Sound Garden study and this private musical experiment was no longer a secret.

Community Partners

In September 2001, Michigan Association of Community Arts Agencies issued a request for idea papers for a unique grant program called "Community Partners, Artist in Residence".

The City of Cadillac and The Cadillac Area Visitors Bureau approached Frank about creating a public Sound Garden in a Lakefront location at the Headwaters of the about to be constructed Clam River Greenway and the answer was "Yes!"

A Planning Grant dinner party was held at the original Sound Garden with the Boards of the City, the Visitors Bureau and the Gopherwood Music Society to introduce the concept. After this enthusiastic reception, the grant was written and accepted, thus allowing the Sound Garden to come alive.

In an effort to attract people to Downtown Cadillac, it was decided to build the Sound Garden instruments in the Central Business District. An old structure, the Floyd Sundstrom Building, scheduled for demolition was secured and given a last hurrah as the birthplace of the community Sound Garden. "The Floyd" is located adjacent to the busy City Park where almost daily concerts, events and activities provide traffic for the site. Curious locals and visitors drop in on Monday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings to strip bark, hear the story of the Sound Garden and most importantly offer their ideas, their talents and their time.

The creative energies are flowing in Cadillac. Don't miss your opportunity to be part of this excitement!.

Can I Help?

You bet!

Sound Garden Hours:
Monday, Wednesday & Friday
6:00pm -9:00pm

Where:
Floyd Sundstrom Building
115 West Cass Street
Cadillac, Michigan 49601

Across from the Shay Locomotive
in Cadillac City Park

What's the Timeline?
The Sound Garden as of mid-July is in the construction stage at "The Floyd". We are stripping bark, gathering logs, haunting Padnos Iron and Metal for the perfect brake drums and other industrial scrap.

The next stage will be placing the components at the Headwaters of the Clam River Greenway of Chestnut Street across from the Bridge on the Keith McKellop Walkway. Stop by...we've been waiting for you!

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