



# Josephine

sculpture park

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**Kentucky's FIRST Sculpture Park**

On the way to something special!!

**COVER PHOTOS:**

**GRAPHOLOGYHENGE** by Peyton Scott Russell | Photo by Visit Frankfort

Visitors view **Linda Bruckheimer: Lost and Found Farmscapes**

**Fixation** by Riley Fichter | Photo by Karen Higdon

Field trip visitors on **Porch Project: Take It To The Bridge** by Heather Hart

“Visiting this sculpture park was an unforgettable experience. The grounds are beautifully maintained, offering the perfect blend of art and nature. Each piece is thoughtfully placed, creating moments of surprise and wonder as you walk along the paths. The variety of sculptures is incredible—ranging from playful and whimsical to powerful and thought-provoking—ensuring that every visitor finds something that resonates...

-T. Pigeon



**Fixation** by Riley Fichter | Photo by Visit Frankfort

# Annual Park Champion Sponsorship

Annual Park Sponsors support FREE year-round access to Josephine Sculpture Park for 30,000 people, including the park's 40 acres of native meadows, grasslands, and woodlands and more than 70 artworks.

- **Annual Park Champion Sponsorships start at \$2,500**
- **Presenting Sponsorship \$25,000+**
- **Sponsorship recognition year-round, depending on level**

*Sponsor Recognition on event-related materials and marketing, depending on level*

## Land Stewardship

Annual Park Sponsors support active land stewardship initiatives such as the Bluebird Trail Volunteer Program, Conservation & Grounds Volunteer Program, and Kentucky State University Forestry & Natural Resources Partnership for invasives removal and tree sapling maintenance.

## Art Maintenance

Annual Park Sponsors also support the care and maintenance of more than 70 artworks at JSP and 20+ sculptures with JSP's Art in Public Places extension across Frankfort.



# Artist-in-Residence Program

## 2026

## Artists-in-Residence

As JSP's longest-running initiative, the Artist-in-Residence program has facilitated transformative experiences for **44 artists over the past 16 years**. The program provides artists a career-advancing opportunity to make new outdoor work on a large-scale, with the physical space and the technical and financial support to succeed. The artists provide the community with creative experiences, new perspectives, and inspiring work.

### Ceirra Evans

From February to November, Ceirra Evans will realize *Reunion*, a sculptural installation and social practice project that **celebrates the everyday stories and resilience of local people** using art and food as accessible and universal connectors, bridging cultural, geographic, and generational gaps. She will host *What's on Your Plate?* story collection workshops and publish a digital archive and zine of shared stories. Ceirra will celebrate and unveil her sculpture with a community potluck in the JSP event barn.

Ceirra is a Kentucky-based painter depicting Appalachia and rural narratives. Her work has been exhibited and is held in private collections in the United States, France, and the United Kingdom. She has a degree in Interdisciplinary Liberal Studies from Spalding University.



Ceirra Evans



Shawn Smith

### Shawn Smith

In September, Shawn Smith will create an **interactive sculpture** that inspires us to see nature through the eyes of beneficial insects. He will host insect hotel building workshops, an artist talk, a panel with local farmers and ecologists, and a sculpture unveiling celebration.

Shawn holds a BFA from Washington University and MFA from California College of the Arts. His public artworks appear in San Francisco, New York, Austin, and the Smithsonian American Art Museum.

- **Sponsorships start at \$2,500**
- **Program Sponsor \$5,000**
- **Artist Sponsor \$7,500**
- **Presenting sponsor \$15,000+**
- **Sponsor Recognition on program-related materials and events**

*Sponsorship underwrites artist stipends, living expenses, supplies and materials, and installation support as well as JSP staffing, studio assistant interns, public events, marketing, and signage.*

# Inspire! Education Program

Through field trips, eco-art workshops, and community outreach events, the *Inspire!* Education Program ignites life-long learning, curiosity, creativity, and environmental stewardship. **JSP's goal is to increase the number of people served in this program by 6% by the end of 2026 to 6,075 people.**

- ***Inspire! Education Program Sponsorship starts at \$5,000 annually***
- ***Presenting Sponsor: \$25,000+***

*Sponsorship recognition year-round with program-related materials and events*

*Clarity Vehicle by Mollie Rabiner*



**JSP has added immeasurable value to my life and the lives of my students...the park has expanded their experience of what art can be and opened their minds to what is possible.**

**- Theresa Jaminet, Stewart Home & School Art Teacher**

*Put A Ring On It by Ramona Harnes*



*Swing Set: Share a Share (Duyan: Ibahagi ang Balato) by Leticia Bajuyo*



## Field Trips

Built in conversation with school districts, teachers, parents, Kentucky Arts Council, and Kentucky Department of Education, JSP's fresh field trip resources and offerings provide schools and educational groups with vibrant experiences that align with academic standards and create space for play and wonder to thrive.

JSP now offers **FREE self-guided field trip lesson plans** available to download on our website that feature a mini-tour, an eco-art activity, and suggested pre- and post-field trip activities. Teachers may incorporate our other self-guided activities, like the Art Scavenger Hunt, available to download on our website. Schools can also enjoy a low-cost, guided field trip experience.

JSP staff welcome field trips to the park, providing a brief overview of the history, mission, and safety tips, and answering questions. Staff work directly with teachers to organize field trips unique to their learner's needs and interests, typically including a park tour, lunch on a sculpture, free play, and an eco-art activity.

**JSP's goal is to grow field trips by 16% by the end of 2026 to reach 1,000 inspired learners.**



**Eco-Art Watercolor Workshop** with Toby Penney



**Wolves Den** Field Trip

## Eco-Art Workshops

JSP's low-cost Eco-Art Workshops provide makers of all ages to learn or sharpen an artmaking skill that also deepens their relationship with nature. These workshops inspire intergenerational community connections, environmental stewardship, and creative well-being while supporting the local arts ecosystem.

## Community Outreach

JSP partners with other non-profits to provide arts experiences for often underserved groups at community events.



# Signature Events

## Barn Raisin'

Barn Raisin' is our signature annual fundraiser and truly one of a kind. This is where our most engaged supporters gather around a shared purpose, raising \$125,000 to fuel the mission and future of Josephine Sculpture Park. **Barn Raisin': Conservation, Culture, Cuisine returns on Sunday, June 7, 2026**, welcoming friends old and new into our historic, beautifully renovated tobacco barn for an evening that is equal parts heartfelt and high-spirited. With more than 100 guests in attendance, the night will feature live music, locally inspired cuisine, and the kind of conversation that only happens when passionate people come together in support of something they love. We are thrilled to welcome guest of honor Milly Ann Stewart of The Stewart Home and School, whose work and spirit align beautifully with the values at the heart of JSP. This year's theme is Barnyard Chic, so dust off your best boots, tip on a cowboy hat, and don't be afraid to add a little glitz and glamour as we raise a glass, raise the roof, and raise the funds that keep this place thriving.

- **Barn Raisin' sponsorship starts at \$1000, \$2500, \$5000, \$10,000**
- **Presenting sponsorship \$15,000+**

*Sponsor Recognition on event-related materials and marketing, depending on level*

## SoundScape!

Explore the park after dark as fireflies glow across the landscape. This beloved summer night event amplifies JSP's mission to connect people to each other and the land through artmaking, live music, delicious food and beverage, and local partnerships.

## Joy Full: Gratitude Gathering

Joy Full will take place on **November 20th**, our fourth annual year-end gratitude gathering, is an evening where gratitude glows and the park hums softly with light. This free, family-friendly celebration invites more than 150 friends, neighbors, and kindred spirits to gather beneath the winter sky to honor the volunteers, visitors, partners, and donors who make JSP what it is. As stars emerge overhead, the night unfolds with live music drifting through the barn, performances flickering like constellations come to life, bonfires crackling with warmth, hands-on artmaking, and the simple comfort of shared food and hot beverages. Joy Full is a moment to slow down, look up, and send the year off together, wrapped in wonder, warmth, and a little stardust.

- **Joy Full sponsorship starts at \$500, \$1000, \$2500**
- **Presenting sponsorship \$5,000+**

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# Salon Sponsor

JSP hosts four curated donor salon events each year, offering sponsors meaningful visibility with highly engaged, values-aligned networks of supporters and community leaders. These intimate gatherings invite partners to champion JSP's fundraising goals while collaborating to curate memorable experiences rooted in art, nature, and community. Donor salons provide a unique opportunity to build authentic relationships, elevate shared values, and connect your brand with thoughtful conversation, creative exchange, and immersive moments in the park.

## What a donor salon typically looks like:

- **Small and curated:** Usually 6–20 guests
- **Hosted in a personal setting:**  
A home, studio, garden, gallery, or special space
- **Mission-forward, not transactional:**  
The focus is inspiration, connection, and vision
- **Conversational:**  
Guided discussion rather than speeches
- **Experience-based:** Often includes an artist talk, behind-the-scenes access, performance, tasting, or demonstration

## Purpose of a donor salon

- **Deepen relationships** with our donors
- **Introduce new prospects** through trusted peers
- **Share vision and future plans** in a relaxed environment
- **Create emotional investment** and a sense of belonging
- **Presenting sponsorship \$5,000 per event**
- **Other sponsorships from \$500+**



*From a Tiny Seed*  
by Matthew & Karine Maynard



*The Conversationalist*  
by Chakaia Booker



*Raffael*  
by Boaz Vaadia

# Wellness in the Wild

The Wellness in the Wild program harnesses the healing power of art and nature to strengthen community health and connection – for free. When we engage with the arts, we experience higher life satisfaction, stronger social cohesion, and even measurable reductions in stress hormones. Similarly, when we spend time outdoors, we build physical resilience, improve our mental health, and reduce the risk of chronic disease.

## Sculpture Trail Club & Yoga in the Park

**We experience a greater reduction in blood pressure and mood improvement when we exercise outdoors rather than indoors.** With our partners WalkBike Frankfort and Franklin County Public Health Department, we promote outdoor physical health by inviting the community to walk, jog, or run JSP's sculpture trails the first Wednesday of each month (6-7pm, April-October). We encourage mindful movement with a certified instructor for Yoga in the Park, biweekly (May-September).

## On the Porch: Climate Conversations

**We experience the impacts of climate change not only on our landscape, but also in our hearts and minds.** Using Climate Conversations' card deck and activating Heather Harts' sculpture, *The Porch Project: Take it to the Bridge*, these events cultivate emotional resilience to face and act on climate-related challenges as a community while staying grounded, hopeful, and connected.

*Impossiscope*  
by Taylor Wright

## Red Oaks Forest School Art Club

Red Oaks Forest School Art Club at JSP welcomes all ages to spend time in nature and create art to explore our feelings and deepen observations of the world around us, monthly on the second Saturday (10am-12pm).

## Play Days

**Play Days are intentional invitations to get outside at JSP during school breaks, meet new people of all ages, and play!**

Play is a powerful way to ease stress and spark resilience by helping us process emotions, build connections, and restore balance.

## Wellness Trail

At their own pace, visitors will explore 1 mile of trails paired with 8 interactive wellness stations that prompt mindfulness, balance, and movement in connection with a paired sculpture or natural feature, such as the JSP Wind Phone.

**• Sponsorship opportunities are available at \$500, \$1,000, and \$2,500, with a \$10,000 Season Sponsor level supporting the full arc of programming and ensuring these restorative experiences remain accessible and impactful throughout the season.**



# Wind Phone

The JSP Wind Phone Sponsorship Opportunity invites supporters to help bring a powerful, contemplative installation to Josephine Sculpture Park, one rooted in healing, remembrance, and quiet connection. A Wind Phone is a disconnected rotary phone placed in a serene setting where visitors are invited to speak words left unsaid to loved ones they have lost, releasing thoughts, grief, love, and memory into the wind.

Originating in Japan after the 2011 tsunami and now embraced worldwide, the Wind Phone offers a symbolic space for expression when traditional communication has ended, allowing individuals to process grief and maintain a spiritual bond. **JSP will commission Kentucky artist Mollie Rabiner to build a site-specific wind phone, one of only three unique wind phones in the state.**

The Kentucky Center for Grieving Children and Families will help JSP create family-friendly signage that supports healthy grieving and shares mental health resources.

- ***Sponsorship opportunities include a Naming Opportunity at \$10,000, with additional support levels of \$5,000 and \$2,500, each directly contributing to the creation, installation, and care of this meaningful space, while advancing JSP's mission to foster reflection, connection, and emotional well-being through art and nature.***

## In Kind Sponsorship

JSP has many needs that align with the products and services provided by members of the community. If you are interested in donating your services or products, please contact Zaq below. (Examples: photography, videography, invasive plant removal, certified arborist work, EZ 10x10 pop-ups, etc.)



If you are considering a sponsorship and would like to discuss benefits in further detail or to make a pledge, contact: **Zaq Anel, Director of Engagement, (972) 795 9064, [zaq@josephinesculpturepark.org](mailto:zaq@josephinesculpturepark.org)**

Learn more at [josephinesculpturepark.org](https://josephinesculpturepark.org).



*Me in Me Sanctuary* by Lucy Azubuike  
Photo by J. Shanchuk

Blue Circuit by Vivien Collins



# meet jjsp

- Established 2009
- Kentucky's first and largest sculpture park
- Over 70 artworks at the park
- 40 conserved acres
- More than 20 public artworks in and around downtown Frankfort