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Pinecrest Gardens to host internationally acclaimed American, environmental artist

For a first-of-its-kind artist residency during a 21-day period at Pinecrest Gardens

Paul Dougherty will create new, site-specific sculptural works funded by the Knight Foundation

Pinecrest, Fla. – By hosting artist Patrick Dougherty for a residency to create site-specific sculptural work, Pinecrest Gardens continues its efforts to introduce internationally recognized artists to a public of all ages, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds sparking a love for the arts and capturing the imagination.

For photos of Dougherty's work, please go to: <http://ge.tt/81HqprS2>.

Dougherty's work, known as Stickwork, at Pinecrest Gardens was made possible through a grant from the John S. and James L. Knight Foundation, as part of its Knight Arts Challenge. The Knight Foundation's Knight Arts Challenge funds the best ideas for bringing South Florida together through the arts.

Dougherty's residency will commence in November 2017.

Dougherty creates fantastical monumental shapes that ignite a sense of exploration with rich associations to childhood play and the shelters built by animals by intertwining twigs and branches. The sculpture will be comprised of truck-loads of community sourced saplings.

The installation will require the participation of 100 volunteers who will span generations in age and will add dynamic creativity to the sculpture which is built-up branch by branch and twig by twig. Because of nature of the materials used the sculpture will last about two years.

Continuing its commitment to monumental sculptural exhibition and education of new audiences, Pinecrest Gardens hopes to partner with past local exhibitors of the artist and area arts magnet

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programs and other cultural institutions to plan cross-institutional educational programs to include a 3-week student mentorship, film screenings, artist Q&A, student competitions, and a work-in-progress photo competition. These activities will take place during the expected two-year lifespan of the sculpture.

Judging by the success of the first monumental sculpture offering—Philip Haas' *The Four Seasons* which was installed in the Gardens from November 6, 2014 through April 12, 2015 and viewed by over 70,000 during those five months— it is believed that over 330,000 individuals will view or interact with Dougherty's work while it is installed.

Dougherty's first works were modest efforts that used sticks to build objects scaled to his own height. But as opportunities presented themselves, he began to integrate his work into architectural situations and then played sapling sculptures against natural settings. Through experimentation, he was able to up-scale his efforts and to build work that seemed to spin across the tops of buildings and flow through groups of trees.

Dougherty has created nine mammoth ephemeral works each year for over 30 years all over the world including at Deokpyeong Ecoland in Seoul, Korea, Jardin des Arts in Chateaubourg, France, TICKON Sculpture Park in Langeland, Denmark and the Contemporary Art Museum in Honolulu. Totaling, more than 265 sculptures to date.

About Pinecrest Gardens

It has taken more than a half-century for Pinecrest Gardens to evolve into the lush oasis of towering banyans, natural streams filled with turtles, Japanese Koi, and a lake that provides a home for an array of magnificent water fowl. It is a place to experience cultural enrichment in a panoramic setting and to learn about history and our environment. The Gardens contains approximately 4.3 acres of native forested wetland, 3.3 acres of tropical hardwood hammock and an acre of native cypress slough hammock. In addition, the site contains remnants of the original bed of Snapper Creek. Pinecrest Gardens features over 1,000 varieties of rare tropical and exotic plants, and has long served the South Florida community as an educational resource for natural science teachers, students and researchers. Among the facilities you'll find a children's Splash 'N Play water amusement area, a petting zoo, playground and picnic areas and spectacular landscapes. There is a 500 seat outdoor theater and several meeting and party venues. The site was designated as an individual historic site pursuant to the Metropolitan Dade County Historic Preservation Ordinance on December 19, 1990, and on October 17, 2011 the National Park Service announced the addition of Pinecrest Gardens to the National Register of Historic Places.