



Michael Cooper's "Earth Piercing" at the Free Library of New Hope and Solebury.

"Earth Piercing" sculpture placed at NH-S library

The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury hosts a new installation by artist Michael Cooper as the latest feature of the PNC Arts Alive Outdoor Sculpture Project.

The project is a free and accessible public art display creating an artistic gateway into New Hope.

Administered by New Hope Arts since 2003, this walk-able family-friendly public art display expanded its outdoor sculpture exhibition as a recipient of a sponsorship grant provided through PNC Arts Alive in June 2015.

PNC Arts Alive is a multi-year, multi-million dollar initiative of the PNC Foundation with the goal to help area residents gain access to the arts and to help arts organizations expand and engage audiences. New Hope Arts was one of 22 arts organizations in the Philadelphia and southern New Jersey region to receive the grant award.

Michael Cooper's "Earth Piercing" was specifically designed for

The Free Library of New Hope and Solebury site in collaboration with the library's board of directors, and installation specialist, Harry Gordon, L.L.C.

Historically, the library has been a popular location since New Hope's outdoor exhibition was launched in 2003, hosting a sculpture for the first exhibition. Subsequently, three other installations prior to Michael Cooper's work have been shown there. As a rotating exhibition, The Sculpture Project has displayed over 65 artworks throughout the borough since its inception.

"Earth Piercing" will remain in situ for a minimum of one year and will be designated on the Outdoor Sculpture Project walking tour map, available at no cost to residents and visitors to the New Hope community. For more information on the official opening event on Sept. 10, contact New Hope Arts, 2 Stockton Ave., New Hope, PA.