

## Public Arts and Sponsors

Public art serves as an expression of the community, as well as a landmark. These public sites provide an important venue for all residents and visitors to appreciate artwork outside the traditional museum or gallery setting.

***“The Great Blue Heron”;* Hollis Williford (1940-2007)**

**Bronze (placed 09/03)**

**Location:** Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**Sponsor:** Keller Public Arts Board

### **About the Artist...**

Hollis Williford was born into a farming family in north central Texas and studied at the University of Arlington, North Texas University, and the Art Center College of Art & Design in Los Angeles. Though Williford worked in pencil, oils, and etchings, he was best known for his bronze sculptures. When asked about this artwork, Hollis replied, “I’m celebrating living forms in motion. The research is the fun part, about a third of what is necessary. The difficult part is translating dynamic action into a three-dimensional artwork. A lot of my subjects feature such dynamic action; but it’s even harder to achieve subtle, graceful motion.”



***“Circle of Friends”; Karen Crain***

**Bronze (placed 04/03)**

**Location:** Keller Public Library, 640 Johnson Road

**Sponsor:** The Friends of the Keller Library

**About the Artist...**

Karen Crain has garnered many regional and national awards including the Roman Bronze award from the Pen and Brush show in New York. National and internationally known sculptors have been her teachers, mentors, and friends. She continues to work with a congenial group of her peers at the Art Students League of Denver. “As my experience grows, I continue to try to capture feelings and emotions in each piece of my physical nature of my subjects to convey inner life.”



***“Bird Shadow”; Kevin Robb***

**Stainless Steel (placed 12/04)**

**Location:** The Keller Pointe, 405 Rufe Snow Drive

**Sponsor:** Thos. S. Byrne, Ltd.

**About the Artist...**

Born in Boulder, Colorado, sculptor Kevin Robb grew up spending summers on his grandfather’s farm where he learned to weld and would build things out of found objects for fun. Over the past 25 years, Robb creates pieces of stainless steel and fabricated bronze into graceful forms creating a work of art that brings a feeling of life and quiet energy to an outdoor space. A wonderful sense of intimacy is created for viewers as they observe his works that are held firmly into positions that defy gravity.



***“Comet Dancing”; Kevin Robb***

**Stainless Steel (placed 09/04)**

**Location:** The Parks at Town Center, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**Sponsor:** Allen Samuels at Alliance

**About the Artist...** see “Bird Shadow”



***“Something in the Air”; Sandra Van Zandt***

**Bronze (placed 03/06)**

**Location:** The Parks at Town Center, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**Sponsor:** Arthouse, Allied Waste Services, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, Comfort Suites of Roanoke

**About the Artist...**

Claremore native Sandra Van Zandt was destined to become an artist. Her hands always had a need to be doing something art related. Sandra has completed two of six life sized sculptures of Will Rogers which are placed throughout his hometown of Claremore, Oklahoma.



***“Flying Heron”; Darrell Davis***

**Bronze (placed 10/08)**

**Location:** Keller Town Hall, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**Sponsor:** The Conservatory Senior Living

**About the Artist...**

Composition is what drives the work of Darrell Davis. His journey in sculpture began after a visit to Brookgreen Gardens, Murrells Inlet, South Carolina, as a teenager. After receiving BFA from the University of Texas at Arlington, he enrolled in the Graduate School of Architecture’s landscape architecture program. His work has been in an ongoing exhibition at the National Geographic Society in Washington, DC. Davis has also installed a commission of larger than life-size black bears for the Lincoln Park Zoo in Chicago.



***“Great Blue Splendor”; Ronnie Wells***

**Bronze**

**Location:** Highland Oaks Crossing, 801 N. Tarrant Parkway

**Sponsor:** Keller Retail Partners Joint Venture

**About the Artist...**

Ronnie Wells is blessed with the outstanding ability as both a painter and a sculptor. After receiving his degree in fine arts, Wells became a full-time professional artist. His pursuit of perfection and a constant desire to seek realism has cemented his foothold as one of the nation's premiere wildlife artist. Being an avid fly-fisherman and a duck hunter, Wells infuses a sportsman's insight in all of his works.



***“Protector of Freedom”; Darrell Davis***

**Bronze (placed 11/08)**

**Location:** Keller Veterans Memorial Park

**Sponsor:** The City of Keller, Rotary Club of Keller, Greater Keller Women’s Club and the Hudson Foundation

**About the Artist...** see “Flying Heron”



***“On Alert”; Sandra Van Zandt***

**Bronze (placed 02/07)**

**Location:** The Parks at Town Center, 1100 Bear Creek Parkway

**Sponsor:** Allied Waste Services

**About the Artist...**see “Something in the Air”

