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Headline: Hubinger adds Monet garden to statues at courthouse

Crown Point – An impressionist garden is being added to the Seward Johnson statue grouping “The Hunting Party” on the historic Lake Courthouse east lawn.

Hubinger’s Landscaping Corp. of Crown Point designed and donated the garden, in cooperation with the Crown Point Redevelopment Commission’s Art in Point project that brings the Seward Johnson statues to the city. This is the fourth year the public art exhibit has come to the city.

The Hunting Party by Seward Johnson ©2003 The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc. [sewardjohnsonatelier.org](http://sewardjohnsonatelier.org) and the monumental bronze “Embracing Peace”, by Seward Johnson © 2004,2005 The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc. [sewardjohnsonatelier.org](http://sewardjohnsonatelier.org) which is located at the city’s Sportsplex facility on North Street, make up this year’s exhibit

Lorraine Keilman, designer with Hubinger, Wednesday said owner Donna Hubinger wanted to do something for the community to mark the business’s 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary in the city.

Keilman and her crew Wednesday were installing the plants and flowers that capture the essence of Claude Monet’s 1866 painting “Femmes au jardin” on which Johnson’s grouping “The Hunting Party” is based.

Crown Point business The Artful Garden will supply an arbor that will be added to the garden to complete the recreation.

“The garden will really compliment the statues,” Keilman said.

Crown Point City Councilwoman Carol Drasga, who chairs the Art in Point committee for the RDC and is a member of the Lake Court House Foundation board, said the garden is a donation from Hubinger and The Artful Garden.

“We are doing an arrangement called the ‘out of the frame’ series this year. The four ladies are from the Monet painting called ‘Women in the Garden’,” Drasga said.

The Seward Johnson public art display encourages people to interact with the statues. The garden and lawn is open to the public. Visitors are encouraged to post photos to social media under the hash tag #sharethesquare.

The foundation was started in the 1970s to save the historic Lake County Courthouse from the wrecking ball, and preserve the 140-year-old building for future generations to enjoy. The historic Lake County Courthouse was placed on the National Register of Historic Places in 1978.

The historic Lake Court House receives zero tax dollars and is supported through the generosity of the community and its business operations. For information contact 219-663-0660.

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