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Since the beginning of time, a variety of mediums have been used by artists to express their creativity. In this issue of the 3S Art Newsletter, I'm focusing on sculpture.

Sculpture is the branch of the visual arts that operates in three dimensions. Durable sculptural processes use carving and modelling, in stone, metal, ceramics, wood and other materials. However, since Modernism, there has been an almost complete freedom of materials and process and not all creations are permanent. Some of these are meant to be transient works with a limited life span I have seen sculptures created in ice, snow, sand and even garbage, all used for creative expression.

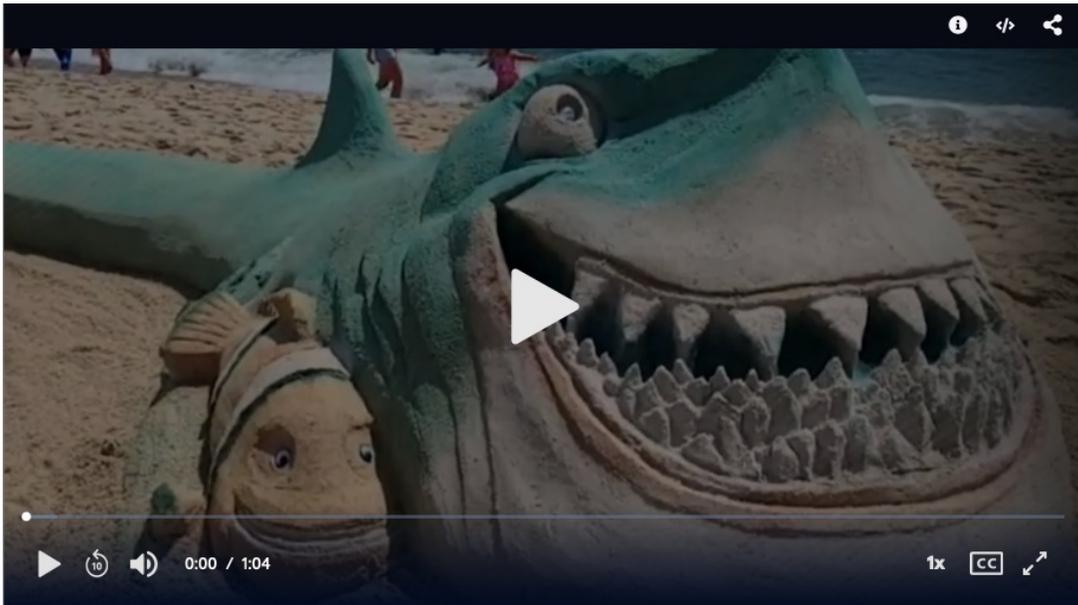
I am always amazed how artists create objects of beauty, express their emotions and evoke reactions from viewers. Here is a sample of a few of the less traditional sculpture forms that we can all enjoy!

## Sand Sculpture

Sand sculpture is an art form that has become popular in coastal beach areas. Sand sculpture is the practice of modelling sand into artistic objects. We're all familiar with sandcastles! These are a type of sand sculpture too, resembling a miniature building often a castle.

Hundreds of annual competitions are held all over the world. Techniques can be quite sophisticated, and record-breaking achievements have been noted in the Guinness World Records.

Here on the Jersey shore, several towns hold sand sculpture contests. See video below.



See Video on sand sculpturing in Belmar

## Snow Sculpture

Several years ago I was Breckenridge, CO and was very fortunate to see the International Snow Sculpture Championship. Different than ice carving, for this competition, teams from around the world hand-carve 25-ton blocks of snow into enormous, intricate works of art.

For five days, teams sculpt. Artists are only allowed to use hand tools, creativity and inspiration to bring their ideas to life. No power tools allowed! Their amazing results are displayed in a temporary outdoor art gallery in historic downtown Breckenridge! See video below.



## Garbage or Upcycled Sculpture

Glass bottles, plastic bags and other waste that would end up in landfills have, in the hands of some artists, become a form of sustainable art that highlights the degradation of the planet and surprises with its originality.

Even ocean trash has been used to create beautiful art sculptures and send a message of the importance of conservation and environmental concerns. See video below.



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