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Madison Arts Commission
Department of Planning and Development
215 Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd.

To Whom it may concern,

Submitted is a request for funding in the amount of \$1500.00 for a Blink Grant to design and build the "Part of the Landscape Bench". This bench is intended as a functional art work set in a public space, for public use.

The Concept:

The "Part of the Landscape Bench" is a new ergonomic design that invites the audience to sit and talk together. The flowing, twisting organic form is an extension of the natural environment. It will both recede into the landscape and become a focal point in an urban park setting. This Biophilic design draws us in providing a center of interest for commonality. As a useful and functional object it will provide a place to wait for the bus and watch your kids play.

The Project Description:

This bench is made from White oak and stainless steel. Three 2" by 3/8" stainless steel strips will be bent into the curvilinear form defining the bench seat. 1" thick oak boards will be fit, shaped and screwed to the steel strips. The surface treatment of the wood will be smooth with all edges rounded and sanded. White oak has been selected based on its durability in the exterior. No attempt will be made to apply a finish to the wood, rather it will be allowed to weather to a natural grayish color, creating a patina that is advantageous both as a protective layer and aesthetically. Stainless steel tabs will be welded to the base of the bench, and either bolted or staked to the ground for security. Safety has also been incorporated into this design, omitting any sharp or protruding corners.

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The Site :

The proposed site for this bench is the public land along Olin ave. and Van Deusen st. across from the Good man pool. Another option is the court yard at the Lake Side st Cafe. I am receptive to alternative green space sites in Madison.

The Timeline:

The time line includes, purchase materials, build and install by april 1st. The duration could be the entire summer warm season depending on city site requirements, or a relocation option.

The Budget:

Material costs:

Three 12' x 2" x 3/8" stainless steel	\$375.00
64 board feet of 4/4" white oak	\$224.00
Stainless steel screws and bolts	\$100.00

Total materials:	\$699.00
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Labor costs:

All fabrication, welding, wood working and delivery and installation:

\$801.00

Total Amount:	\$1500.00
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Project Evaluators and References;

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Resume

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Exhibitions

- 2014 December **One of a kind Show**
Mercandise Mart, Chicago, IL
- 2014 September **Art Apothecary**
Marzen Gallery, Madison, WI
- 2014 March **One Person Show**
Change Botique, Madison, WI
- 2014 February **New Work Debut**
KW2, Madison, WI
- 2013 October **New Work Debut**
DIAS Fashion Show, Overature Center for the Arts, Madison, WI
- 2013 September **Bay Creek Neighborhood Sign Dedication**
Bay Creek Neighborhood, Madison, WI
- 2013 March **Commission Unveiling**
Italian Craft Beer Night, Osteria Papavero, Madison, WI
- 2012 February **Sound Cave Sculptural Furniture Featured**
Bookless Event, Madison, WI
- 2011 August **Participated in Art Prize**
Grand Rapids, MI
- 2011 May **Work featured at Rising Star Juried Show**
NorthWest Fine Woodworking Gallery, Seattle, WA

Awards

- 2014 **Prize winner at the Midsummer Art Festival**
Kohler Art Center, Sheboygan, WI
- 2013 **Prize winner at the Milwaukee Domes Art Festival**
Milwaukee Domes, Milwaukee, WI

Commissions

- 2014 **Goff Memorial Bench**
University of WI, Department of Horticulture, Madison, WI
- 2013 **Restaurant Furniture Design and Installation**
Osteria Papavero, Madison, WI
- 2013 **Angle Kubly and Randy Peterson Built-in Stairway**
Kubly Peterson Residence, Madison, WI
- 2012 **Bay Creek Neighborhood Entryway Sign**
City of Madison, Madison, WI

Publications

- 2013 May **Featured in 77 Square**
Wisconsin State Journal, Madison, WI
- 2011 October **NorthWest Fine Woodworking Magazine**
"Perched" featured in *Rising Star* juried show article, Seattle, WA

Experience

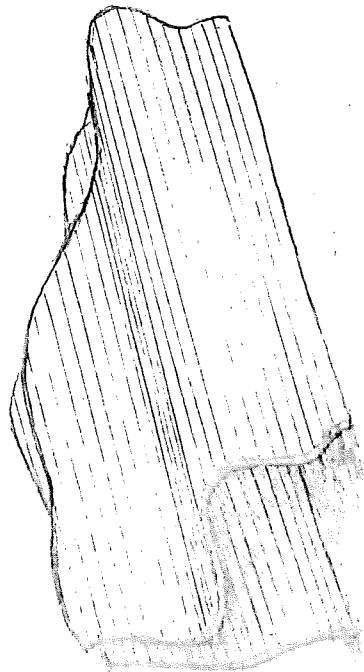
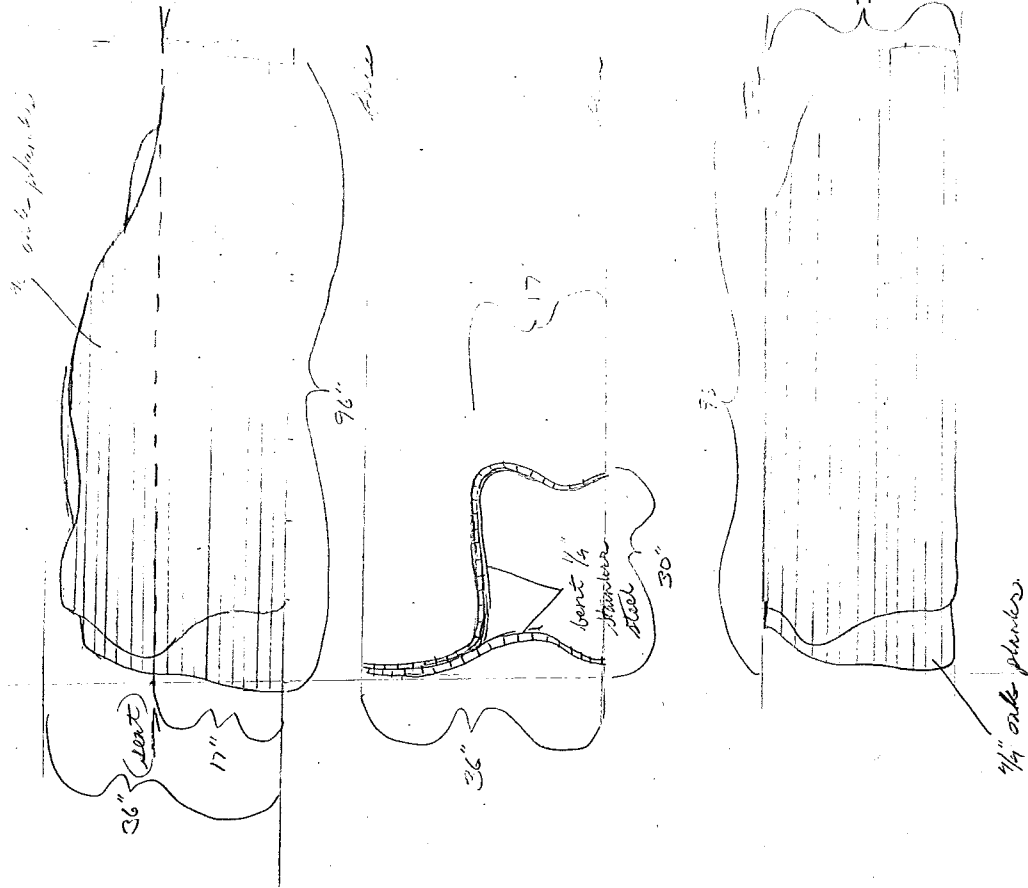
- 1990 – 2000? **Apprenticeship**
Working with artist, fine woodworker Steven Spiro, Madison, WI
- 2000 – present **General Contractor**
Specializing in finish work, Madison, WI

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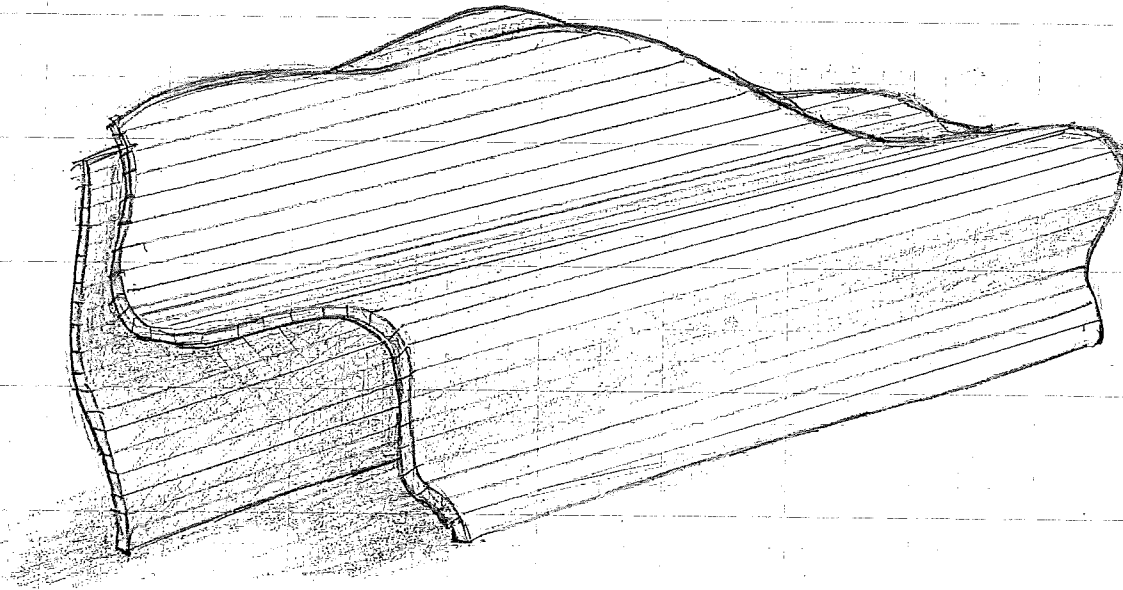
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