

Raven Hill



Discovery Center —

—Where science, history and art connect

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MCACA Grant Awarded to Raven Hill Discovery Center

The Michigan Council for Arts and Cultural Affairs, in collaboration with the National Endowments for the Arts, has announced a 2012 award to Raven Hill Discovery Center for Blurred Boundaries: Ancient to Modern Megaliths. This is the twelfth consecutive grant awarded to Raven Hill by MCACA and is for \$6,000 and must be matched with another \$6,000 in cash or in-kind contributions. The grant will allow Raven Hill to expand its Ancient World area with five new megaliths. Megaliths are large stone sculptures or groupings of rocks originally placed for sacred celebrations or to honor something or someone.

Two professional artists will create and install their modern interpretations of well-known ancient megaliths. Schools and community members will be invited to submit miniatures of their modern interpretations of ancient megaliths. All submitted miniature megaliths will be on display during April at Raven Hill. A judging committee will choose 3 miniature megaliths to be “enlarged” and installed in the Ancient World exhibit. All five new exhibits will be unveiled at a grand opening in September 2012.

Blurred Boundaries will connect an awareness of the rocks that form our earth to ancient cultures and their interpretation of the world. It will bridge the gap between past and present; art and history, natural and manmade, simply decorative or purposeful. “Our early ancestors exploited stone in many ways: they used it not only to create dwellings for the living and the dead, but also as a canvas for their sacred art, as a means of celebrating the heavens and of marking and commemorating the land of which they were an inseparable part.” (Jan Pohribny, MAGIC STONES, 2007)

Raven Hill Discovery Center is the only place in northern Lower Michigan where children and adults can link science, history & the arts with hands-on activities and explorations both indoors and outdoors. Connections emerge through classes, exhibits and facilities that provide opportunities for all ages to learn, create, grow and play.

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