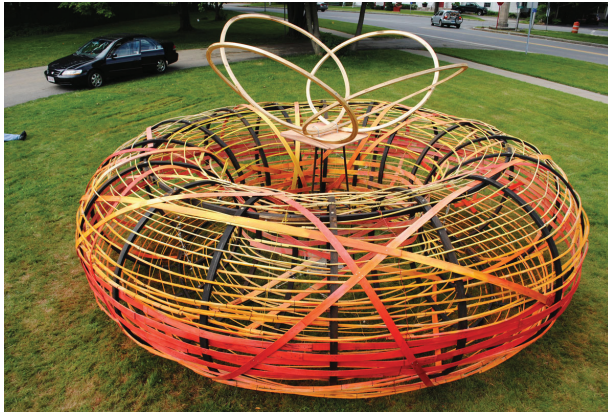


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SCULPTOR, MATTHEW BURKE, TO EXHIBIT 16 FOOT WOVEN WOOD “EARTH ANTENNA” AT SCULPTURENOW, LENOX, MA

15th annual national juried outdoor sculpture exhibition to include Burke’s “Polis:Biomass” linear wood sculpture until October 2012. 26 sculptors featured.



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Lawrence, KS, June 30, 2012 -- Associate Professor of Sculpture (University of Kansas) Matthew Burke recently delivered his 1/2 ton sculpture, *Polis:Biomass*, to the 15th annual *SculptureNow* exhibit in Lenox, MA. With a team of local volunteers including students and members of the *SculptureNow* board, Matthew assembled his woven “earth antenna” over the course of one week. The work was designed and partially assembled in Lawrence, KS at his home studio. The work will remain on the lawn of the Kemble Inn until October 27th, when it will be de-installed and taken back to Kansas.

SculptureNow co-curators and fellow sculptors, Ann Jon and Michael Thomas of Lenox, MA sited Burke’s sculpture on the lawn of the Kemble Inn, presently under new ownership. Burke required a very specific placement with the intention of drawing upon the subtle energy of the earth. His intention is to enhance the site’s magnetic energy through the shape of his work, a ring torus, also known as a “donut.”

The sculpture, composed of nearly 1 linear mile of wood, including white oak, red oak and hackberry –all native trees to Kansas–and weighing nearly 1/2 ton was specifically located on the site of the Inn with the help of Burke’s friend, healer and water dowser, David Yarrow. “Matthew’s artistic vision is complex and deep, but begins by strategic placement of a specific geometric principle to act as an “antenna” to create more alignment, coherence, intimacy, and fluency to landscape energies. He also envisions his sculpture to be habitat for birds and wildlife.” Yarrow continues, “Matthew requested I go with him to Lenox, MA to locate where to place his sculpture. As a dowser with 35 years experience studying earth’s subtle energy fields, I’ve learned to detect and map subtle land features, and how to positively affect and enhance them. I believe Matthew is onto an important insight about how we can create sacred spaces. Again.”

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About **Matt Burke Sculpture**: Burke has been producing sculpture for over 25 years and holds a Masters of Fine Arts degree from Queens College, C.U.N.Y. in New York. He currently teaches sculpture at the University of Kansas as a tenured Associate Professor. His work is in many prominent collections including, the Brooklyn Museum of Art Library, the Museum of Modern Art Library, and the Cleveland Institute of Art.