



# **Art on the Square Uses Grant to Purchase Unique Sculpture for the St. Clair County Historical Society**

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BELLEVILLE – In connection with a matching grant from The National Endowment for the Arts (NEA), Art on the Square has purchased an 8’ sculpture titled “Flame” from sculptor Ron Stinson. The sculpture will be installed at the St. Clair County Historical Society’s Daphne Sumner History Discovery Center, located at 705 East Washington St. Belleville. This abstract piece of art can be displayed both indoors and outdoors and is made of Marine Quality Stainless Steel.



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### About the St. Clair County Historical Society's Daphne Sumner Discovery Center

The Daphne Sumner History Discovery Center is a hub for local history featuring the Roger Schlueter Research Library, storage for museum collections, and space for educational programs. The Discovery Center is a 1909 Queen Anne-style house and is currently under renovation. The Historical Society will have a separate dedication ceremony for the 'Flame' sculpture at a later date. For more information or to donate, visit <https://stcchs.org/discovery/>.