SCULPTURE NOW

SCULPTURE NOW THE MOUNT, EDITH WHARTON'S HOME

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MISSION

SculptureNow's mission is to expand the experience and knowledge of art in general and sculpture in particular in the Berkshires, through exhibitions, presentations and free workshops in public schools. They offer free guided tours to the general public, students, and vision-impaired visitors and their exhibitions provide opportunities for sculptors to develop their careers. They participate in the cultural economy of their community.

HUMANITIES EXPERTISE

SculptureNow was founded in 1998 by a group of people involved in the arts in the Berkshires, who became aware of a need to promote the experience and knowledge of sculpture through exhibitions and educational outreach, and to offer artists venues for showing their work in the community. SculptureNow presents sculpture exhibitions and sculpture educational programs to the general public, students and vision-impaired visitors.

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HUMANITIES RESOURCES & PROJECTS

EDUCATION PROGRAMS & WORKSHOPS

o KIDS & SculptureNow: SculptureNow offers workshops to students in the public schools of the Berkshires. Working with artists, the young people tour the shows, create their own sculptures and write about their creative process. Their works and writings are exhibited in town libraries. Sculpture workshops are free, providing an experience that would not otherwise be available. SculptureNow believes that these programs are more important than ever, during the current economic challenges to school budget.

EVENTS

Yearly Outdoor Sculpture Exhibitions, Free Opening Celebrations, and Guided Sculpture Tours by Exhibiting Artists are listed on both the <u>SculptureNow website</u> and <u>The Mount's Calendar of Events</u>.

RESOURCES

- Otocast: Visitors can enjoy SculptureNow's new audio tour by Otocast. The tour includes a sculpture map, sculpture photos, and recorded statements about the sculptures by the artists.
- SculptureNow provides multisensory experiences for vision-impaired visitors. In 2015, SculptureNow collaborated with Berkshire Benevolent Association for The Blind to encourage experiential learning and teach students with visual impairments about sculpture through touch.
- Educators can select their curriculum criteria from the filters provided (grade, subject, theme, etc.) and then choose a lesson/activity by selecting one of the featured images.
- o The SculptureNow <u>Gallery</u> and <u>Video</u> archives showcase history through documentation of previous exhibitions.