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[HiddenRiverArtFestival.com](http://HiddenRiverArtFestival.com)

### Hidden River will “Pause” with a site-specific public art project

Brookfield, WI (August 5, 2011) The Hidden River Art Festival, which takes place September 16-18, 2011, at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts, adds a new component to the weekend activities with a public sculpture project under the direction of **Brenda Baker**. This creation, *Pause*, is a temporary public sculpture and gathering space made with natural materials in collaboration with the public during the Wilson Art Center's Hidden River Art Festival. The piece, designed and created by Madison based artist Baker with public participation from festival goers will act as a gathering or resting space during and after the festival. Made primarily with willow and other natural materials from the grounds, the piece will provide a place of refuge, a feeling of shelter, and a place to take a slight pause, however brief.

Brenda has worked as both an artist and children's museum exhibit and environment designer. Her sculptural and installation work as an artist over the past decade has focused on creating spaces and experiences in the community setting, including bike paths, sidewalks, forest walkways, frozen lakes, and botanical gardens. She is very interested in connecting people with nature, and exploring the intersection between people and artwork in non-traditional settings, and creating experiences that are outside people's normal expectations of what art is and where to find it.

Brenda graduated with a Bachelor of Arts degree from the DePauw University, Greencastle, Indiana. She earned a Master of Fine Arts degree at University of Wisconsin, Madison in 1990. Residing in our state capitol, Brenda is the Director of Exhibits at the Madison Children's Museum.

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The Festival, in its sixth year, features the work of 80 Wisconsin artists in a variety of media. Tickets are available for \$5.00 in advance, or \$7.00 at the door (children under 12 are free), and can be purchased at [HiddenRiverArtFestival.com](http://HiddenRiverArtFestival.com), by calling (262) 781-9520, or on festival grounds the weekend of the event.

Photographs and artist images for Hidden River Art Festival are available for print and web.

Hidden River Art Festival at the Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is located just south of 198th & Capitol Drive in Brookfield's Mitchell Park. Festival hours are:

Friday, September 16, 1:00–7:00 pm

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am–6:00 pm

Sunday, September 18, 11:00 am–4:00 pm

The Sharon Lynne Wilson Center for the Arts is a non-profit, multi-disciplinary cultural arts center that offers performances by regional and touring groups, arts education, and an art gallery with changing exhibits. The Center nurtures lifelong learning through innovative programs and classes for all interests, ages, and abilities in state-of-the-art studios and classrooms. Some of Southeast Wisconsin's finest arts organizations offer professional instruction at the Wilson Center, including Danceworks, Inc., First Stage Theater Academy, and the Wisconsin Conservatory of Music. Wisconsin fine artists are showcased at the Hidden River Art Festival in September and in the Ploch Art Gallery with five exhibitions each year. The Wilson Center for the Arts is just minutes west of Milwaukee, nestled in Brookfield's Mitchell Park south of 198<sup>th</sup> & Capitol Drive. For information about the Wilson Center call (262)781-9470.

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