

A Soaring Triumph...



Recovery, a monumental work by renowned sculptor Grainger McKoy, has taken flight at Swan Lake Iris Gardens. McKoy's works are known for their intricate and meticulous detail and are treasured in private collections worldwide. The sculpture, standing almost eighteen feet high from ground level, is visible from nearly every point on the south side of the gardens. Following an entire year's work, it was unveiled to the public on May 1, 2010.

The stainless steel sculpture represents the wing of a pintail duck in flight. As the artist describes it, "[This is] when it's least productive and most vulnerable; yet here can be found a grace and beauty that exist nowhere else." The wing was inspired by an earlier sculpture, *Pintails*, and represents a step beyond the six-foot *Recovery Stroke* that McKoy created for the Medical University of South Carolina in 2006. The Swan Lake sculpture is more than twice the size of the one it was based upon.

The actual wing is 14 feet in height and weighs approximately 1,500 pounds. Working with a computer-aided router from McKoy's design, Rob and Paul Beaty of Beaty Brothers Custom Woodwork in Sumter, SC enlarged the artist's original hand-carved model, which was then re-carved and detailed by Mr. McKoy before being cast at a Pennsylvania foundry. Surrounded by wrought-iron fencing and set amidst Japanese iris beds, the statue is magnificent and awe-inspiring.

Grainger McKoy has a worldwide reputation as a wildlife artist, and *Recovery* is his first-ever outdoor installation. It adds a special, unique touch to the park that has been beloved by generations of Sumter citizens and visitors. As Mayor Joseph T. McElveen, Jr. remarked, "Grainger McKoy--his art and his life--is a credit to Sumter."

Swan Lake is open daily from 7:30 a.m. until dusk. There is no admission charge. A 30-minute DVD documentary is available for \$10 at the Swan Lake Visitors Center, or by calling 1-800-688-4748. For more information on Grainger McKoy, please visit his website at www.graingermckoy.com.

From the artists website: "Your sons and your daughters will prophesy, your old men will dream dreams, your young men will see visions." Joel 2:28

RECOVERY



A Sculpture By

Grainger McKoy

Swan Lake Iris Gardens
Sumter, South Carolina



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A Towering Masterpiece

Steps to the Creation of "Recovery"



1. The carved wood pieces of the model stand ready to be copied and enlarged.



2. McKoy observes as the computer-aided router recreates a section of wing.



3. The artist carves and makes final refinements to an enlarged piece. He refinishes each piece by hand.

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4. McKoy assembles the wood model to check for accuracy of design and placement of each individual feather.



5. McKoy and Paul Beaty piece together the wood model where it will eventually stand in Swan Lake Iris Gardens.



6. The completed wood model stands in the gardens and is checked for placement, size and appearance.



7. Cast steel pieces of the wing are returned from the foundry, ready for further hand refinements by the artist before final assembly.



8. The steel sculpture is wheeled out for examination. It will be assembled on-site and finishing touches added.



9. McKoy and his team put together the sculpture piece by piece in the gardens. Recovery stands in a fountain, set in a reflecting pool designed by McKoy to complement the piece.

