Sticks Artist Sarah Grant Takes Up Residency at Horticulture Hall

Ames, IA – September 14th through the 16th principal artist and founder of Sticks, Inc. Sarah Grant will create an installation within the atrium of Horticulture Hall on the Iowa State University campus. Grant will take up residency to draw within the space where her work will be installed as part of the Horticulture Teaching and Research Greenhouse Complex construction project.

She invites the public and the many people who are connected with the building and department to help her capture and interpret the essence of Horticulture in Iowa and at Iowa State. The Art in State Buildings Committee has created the following public art philosophy statement to guide Grant:

“For over 100 years, the art, science, and practice of growing horticultural crops for the enjoyment and health benefits of all people, have been studied in the Department of Horticulture at Iowa State University. We take immense pride in our historic role as horticultural educators. The commissioned work of art should honor and represent the horticulture discipline, and reflect the positive and continuing role horticulture plays in the lives and livelihoods of the citizens of Iowa and the Midwest.”

During the week of Sept. 12, 2011 Grant, along with two of Sticks art directors/designers Amy Koenig and Michelle Mitchell-Lamb, will draw on panels that will then be removed to the studio in Des Moines to be burned, painted, and sealed. The completed panels, funded through the Iowa Art in State Buildings legislation, will be installed in the following weeks in the atrium area of the building.

University Museums director, Lynette Pohlman states, “This unique opportunity will connect the Iowa State community with the public artist in a creative forum for visual expression. The resulting work of art will be a collaboration of the academic and the artistic expanding Iowa States impressive mural tradition.”

Media Information
To schedule interviews with artist and/or to photograph installations in-progress, please contact Allison Sheridan (515-294-3342 aclone@iastate.edu) or Lynette Pohlman (515-294-6966)
For more information on the installation, please contact Courtney Work, Corporate Sales and Public Art Installations for Sticks, Inc. at cwork@sticks.com.

Images available upon request after Sept. 16th.

Installation videos will be available on University Museums’ You Tube channel within several days of completion. Also follow University Museums staff as they post on Facebook and Twitter about the installation.

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