



MOLECULAR BLOOM WITH SINGLE FLOWER

Location: Shaw Park

In honor of Clayton's 100th anniversary, the City of Clayton and the Clayton Century Foundation commissioned a permanent, site-specific sculpture by internationally recognized artist James Surls. The sculpture, entitled *Molecular Bloom with Single Flower*, was installed in Shaw Park's Century Garden on August 29 and 30, 2013 during the City's Centennial year.

Surls' sculpture is designed to emphasize the present, and the "now" and sends a voice out to the public-at-large saying: "I am the single flower of all the ones on the planet. I am the one who is here and now and important".

The sculpture reflects the importance of the City of Clayton's 100 years since incorporation--the Centennial-- and promotes the region's artistic stature, referencing the arts, science, and philosophy, which Surls considers the "now" of Clayton. This project was made possible through a generous gift from Centene Charitable Foundation. It was completed in 2013.



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