

Globes act locally

OUTDOOR ART EXPO | City hopes \$3 mil. exhibit will be as popular as Cows on Parade



The "Cool Globes" are in position this week around the museum campus and along the lakefront. The fiberglass artworks will be on display through September. BRIAN JACKSON-SUN-TIMES PHOTOS.



"First We Scream" by artist Nancy L. Steinmeyer



"Wind Forms" by artist Lisa Fedich



"Gracie Greenroof" by artist Carol Luc



"Residential Recycling" by artist Faheem Majeed

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The world — or worlds — comes to Chicago's lakefront today with the official opening of "Cool Globes," an outdoor art expo of some 120 fiberglass planets.

City officials hope the \$3 million "Cool Globes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet" will be a popular draw, similar to the Cows on Parade statues that proved a hit in 1999.

Professional artists, paid \$2,000 each, were instructed to focus on ecological problems facing Earth, such as global warming, to create "public art with a purpose."

North Side artist Lee Tracy created "Please Fly Wisely," using crisscrossing copper wiring to identify airline flights in her argument for less jet travel. While jets are 70 percent more energy efficient than they were 40 years ago, they still produce 600 million tons of carbon dioxide annually, she said.

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Bryan Sperry of Pilsen produced "Recycled Evolution," affixing found items such as drainage tubes, an old wok and a metal lamp shade. "The point is, 'Don't waste stuff,'" said Sperry.

Some of the artists used solar panels to light the globes while others went more whimsical: Lisa Fedich festooned her globe with pinwheels to urge more wind power.

The plaque for Mirjana Ugrinov's "Drop By Drop," touting water conservation, says the average U.S. family uses 350 gallons of water a day.

The corporate-funded project — which is along the lakefront near the Field Museum, Shedd Aquarium and Navy Pier — runs through September.

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