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Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum receives Saginaw Community Foundation Grant for Mural

The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum has received a \$2,000 grant from the Saginaw Community Foundation for a Veterans' Mural Grant Project.

From January through April 2016, the Museum and Saginaw Valley State University's Community Mural Workshop class (Art 433), taught by Professor Mike Mosher, will work with veterans from SVSU's Military Student Affairs and the Saginaw Vet Center to create a digital mural. Two duplicates of the mural will be placed at the SVSU Military Student Affairs office and the Saginaw Vet Center.

"Students and veterans will brainstorm mural ideas and create drawings to be implemented in the digital mural. The Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum will be one of the mural brainstorming locations providing inspiration and atmosphere in creating mural imagery," said Andrea Ondish, Museum curator of education and project coordinator.

Ondish and Mosher have collaborated in the past with Saginaw Community Foundation-funded murals, created by SVSU students and community youth at the Trinity Center, Good Neighbors Mission and Saginaw County Juvenile Detention Center. You can see those murals and others by visiting the SVSU Community Arts Research website at: svsu.edu/care.

Murals created by youth of the community and college students enhance the environment, provide resource learning, promote higher education opportunities and give all involved a sense of pride and accomplishment. Youth who have participated in these past programs have benefitted by learning how the arts can be a viable career and make positive changes in their community.

The Saginaw Community Foundation awards grants to 501 (c)(3) nonprofit organizations, local units of government and religious institutions.

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The **Marshall M. Fredericks Sculpture Museum** is located on the campus of Saginaw Valley State University features a unique collection of more than two thousand works that span the 70-year career of Detroit-based public sculptor Marshall M. Fredericks (1908-1998). He is known nationally and internationally for his impressive monumental figurative sculpture, public memorials, fountains, portraits, and medals. Visit marshallfredericks.org.

Founded in 1984, the **Saginaw Community Foundation** works to improve the quality of life in Saginaw County by linking donor interests with the community's most pressing needs and promising opportunities. Its mission is to help enhance the quality of life for the Saginaw County community. Learn more at saginawfoundation.org.