



LYNDA SMITH-BÜGGE

Undressing Trees Wood Sculptures

October 1 - November 29, 2013

It's the character of the wood that inspires Lynda Smith-Bügge's superbly crafted sculptures on view at Adkins Arboretum's Visitor's Center October 1 through November 29. With wit and poetic imagination, she finds stories in the evocative shapes, colors and textures of the wood itself, and she brings them to light using traditional woodworking methods. There will be a reception on Saturday, October 5 from 3 to 5 p.m. to meet the artist.

For Smith-Bügge, working with wood is a collaboration with nature.

"Once I slice the wood I intuitively let the natural lines, shapes, wounds and imperfections guide my next steps," she explained.

There's a feeling of joyous inspiration in EPIPHANY. Shaped almost like upward-flying birds, bits of dogwood are suspended on thin wires between curving pieces of walnut.



OAK OVOID #2 18x14x7 inches Oak

Smith-Bügge uses wood that has fallen naturally. There's burlled maple from a



BECKONING *32 x 26 x 11 inches*
Walnut / Dogwood

tree in her backyard and boxwood from the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts where she is a Fellow.

“As many artists discover, once you are known for a medium, word gets out,” she said. “My palette is limited to local trees, mostly in my neighborhood, that have been cut for a variety of reasons.”

Smith-Bügge’s love of wood is plain to see, and it’s fascinating how she interprets the angles, curves, textures and colors created by the way each tree grew through the seasons and the years. Revealing the rich hidden interiors of her wood, she finds animation and emotions and turns walnut, cherry, oak and birch into poetry.

This show is part of Adkins Arboretum’s ongoing exhibition series of work on natural themes by regional

artists. It is on view October 1 through November 29 at the Arboretum Visitor’s Center located at 12610 Eveland Road near Tuckahoe State Park in Ridgely. Contact the Arboretum at 410-634-2847, ext. 0 or info@adkinsarboretum.org for gallery hours.



BIRCH HAVEN *44 x 22 x 4 inches*
Birch /Walnut

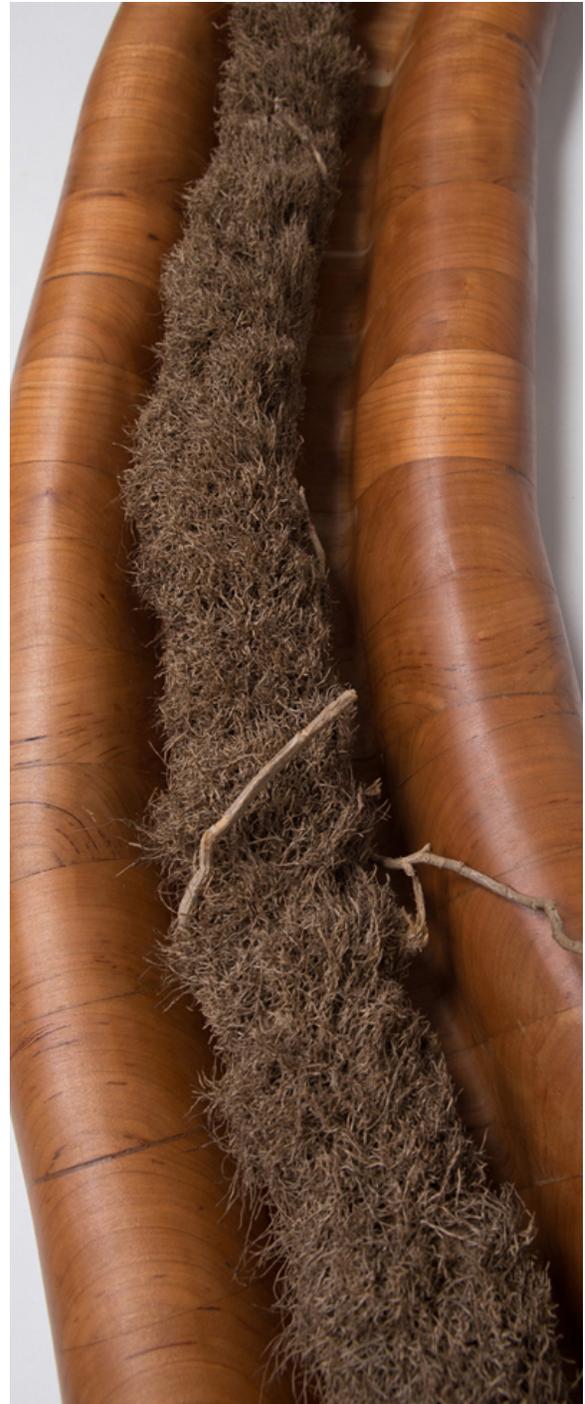
Adkins Arboretum is a 400-acre native garden and preserve at the headwaters of the Tuckahoe Creek in Caroline County. Open year round, the Arboretum offers educational programs for all ages about nature and gardening. Through its *Campaign to Build a Green* LEED-certified Arboretum Center and

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BLACK WALNUT SLICED BRANCH
48 x 20 x 8 inches Walnut

entranceway to broaden educational offerings and research initiatives promoting best practices in conservation and land stewardship. For additional information about Arboretum programs, visit www.adkinsarboretum.org or call 410-634-2847, ext. 0.



ENGLISH IVY CRADLED IN CHERRY
64 x 60 x 9 inches English Ivy / Cherry
