

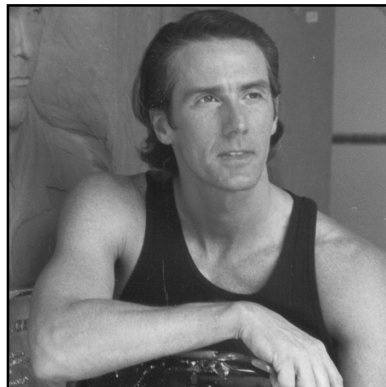
Sculptor Selected: Thomas Jay Warren

Thomas Jay Warren, of Denver, Colorado, has been selected to create the statue of Sojourner Truth.

Statue Committee Chair Nancy Felton commented: “I am excited about our choice. We worked very hard to select the image of Sojourner Truth that best meets the educational and artistic needs of this project. The statue will show Sojourner Truth as a mature woman, easily recognizable to schoolchildren in her role as an orator and champion of justice, freedom, and equal rights.”

Warren, who was born in Mississippi in 1958, studied sculpture as a Presidential scholar at Mississippi College, graduating with special distinction in 1979. He studied figure sculpture with renowned sculptor Andrzej Pitynski at the Johnson Atelier in New Jersey, one of the world’s largest sculpture foundries. Two years after starting his apprenticeship he was appointed head of the Modeling/Enlarging Department at this prestigious institute. For ten years he taught an international group of sculptors and apprentices techniques for modeling and enlarging the portrait and the human figure.

Currently Warren works exclusively by commission creating portraits, monuments, and memorials. Among his commissions are: the Medgar Evers Memorial in Jackson, Mississippi – a life-size bronze of the slain civil rights leader; the over life-size bronze portrait of Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. in the Newark, New Jersey, City Hall; and a life-size bronze portrait of legendary Sioux spiritual leader Frank Fools Crow at Bear Butte State Park in South Dakota.



Faye Gregory

Thomas Jay Warren

In 1992 Warren was presented with the Young Sculptors Award by the National Sculpture Society in recognition of the outstanding quality of his work. He was inducted into the National Sculpture Society in 1997. Warren, who until recently resided in Vilas, NC, now lives in Denver, Colorado.

The Statue Committee is now working with Warren to refine and finalize its vision of the life-sized statue, and is



Robin Calvanese

Maquette by Warren

collaborating with Warren and Northampton landscape architect Nancy Denig to plan the details of the memorial site at Pine and Park Streets in Florence. The Committee will present the site plans to the Northampton Board of Public Works for final approval. Installation of the statue is expected by spring, 2002.

Visit our Expanded Statue Website

We’re excited to announce that our website has expanded! Angela Curran, professor of philosophy at Mt. Holyoke College, and her students have transformed the website from its initial low-tech version.

When you click on www.noho.com/sojourner, you can now access information about: our statue site (including photographs), sculptor, current & past newsletters, newspaper clippings, and the Statue Committee. There are also buttons for “Resources” (recommended books and other educational materials) and “Links” (online versions of Truth’s speeches, the Battle Creek, MI statue website, and other internet resources concerning feminism, abolitionism, and black history).

We are grateful to Angela, and students Asseneta Deliiska & Robin Calvanese, for creating a website that is both a public service and an educational resource.

Turning Pennies into Bronze!

Almost \$7,000 has been raised by the penny drive! Begun by the Unitarian Society of Northampton and Florence in 1998, the drive expanded to the Northampton community in March 1999, and many businesses in neighboring towns lent their active support. The drive also attracted the interest of many who visited our website, especially students, and cans have been sent to more than a dozen supporters around the country.

We would like to take this opportunity to express our appreciation to all the businesses, organizations, and schools that hosted a collection jar (see below), and to thank the community for so generously and quickly filling them up! Special thanks, too, to jar hosts in Ohio, Texas, Florida, and Alabama!

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Kids' Kloset
Laos Religious Book Center
Leeds Elementary School
Montclair NJ State University
Montessori School (Northampton)
Motherwear

Mountain Goat
Paradise Copies
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Pride & Joy
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Unitarian Society of Northampton/Florence
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