



Mule Deer

Steve Tyree

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Darts Hill Garden, 16 Ave & 170 St

The life-size sculpture of a mule deer by American wildlife artist Steve Tyree is naturalistically sited in a wooded area of Darts Hill Garden. The work, a donation by Mary Mira Robson in memory of her late husband Donald Robson, was created through an unusual fabrication technique using sheets of recycled bronze. This direct metal work approach does not require the creation of molds or the casting of molten metal in a foundry. Instead, the patterns are cut from sheets of bronze (often recovered from old hot water tanks), then heated and hammered into the desired forms and welded together at the seams.

The realistic representation of a mule deer reflects the artist's love and appreciation of the natural world and his goal of evoking the spirit inherent in each creature he sculpts.

About the Artists

Steve Tyree was born in Modesto, California and grew up immersed in the natural world and expressing this experience through wood carving, photography and taxidermy. After a brief period of art studies, he pursued wildlife filmmaking and, in 1974, began to sculpt small animals in steel, using welding skills he had acquired in an auto body shop. His life-size bronze sculptures have been exhibited in exhibitions and public art programs across the United States.

