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Mission: Raven Hill provides a place that enhances hands-on and lifelong learning for all ages by connecting science, history & the arts.

To: Friends and Family everywhere
From: Cheri and Raven Hill
Date: October 2, 2021
Re: featuring Jim Garrison, sculptor

A week ago, a truck pulled into the Raven Hill and parked. A gentleman got out and introduced himself as Jim Garrison's father. He had come to check out his son's artwork! Jim taught a couple of sculpture classes here about 18 years ago. He carved the lobe-finned fish and dimetrodon sculptures that can be found along our Jurassic Park walkway, as well as the obelisk and Roman arch in the Ancient World. We are lucky to have such beautiful art on display here at the Center.



(Left) The obelisk has survived two separate attacks. It was shot at and later knocked over. The damage that it sustained gives it character and even makes it look more authentic. (Right) In 2012, Jim used his talents to design and build a Roman arch in the European section of the Ancient World. Future plans: a section of a Roman road under the arch!

Remember that all of Raven Hill, including the Smithsonian **Labor Days: History of Work** exhibit, is currently open on weekends, during most holiday breaks and other times by appointment. For the sake of the children who cannot yet be vaccinated, we continue to ask everyone to mask up while inside the Center.

Take care of yourselves,

Cheri



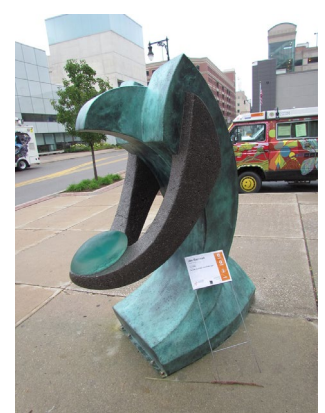
Crossopterygians are bony, lobe-finned fish that are believed to be the ancestors of amphibians and all land vertebrates. They lived about 416 million years ago. This was Jim's first sculpture at Raven Hill.



Dimetrodons are another of our prehistoric ancestors, more closely related to mammals than dinosaurs. They may have used their large dorsal fins to absorb heat, but more likely used it in courtship displays! Jim cast a bronze fin for this limestone carnivore.



Coral sculpture in Raven Hill's Jurassic Park—Jim Garrison



In 2011, Jim created Precious, a multi-media sculpture of stone, metal and glass, for Art Prize.

"What sculpture is to a block of marble,
education is to the soul."

- Joseph Addison, English essayist and poet
Born 1672-died 1719

Jim shapes stone. Raven Hill shapes souls.