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OV Winery One Of Five Locales For 'Sculpture In Public Places'

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Owen Valley Winery's Anthony Leaderbrand and Owen County [Art](#) Guild artist James Brown, left, along with Gerry Masse, right, look on as Richard Rome tells the history of new sculptures on display as part of the Sculpture In Public Places Program through the Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum. (Staff Photo)

A series of five large outdoor sculptures will make a biannual rotation to area locations as part of the Sculpture In Public Places Program, through Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum in [Solsberry](#). Fittingly, the first to be located at the Owen Valley Winery is a large, 'O' and 'V' crafted from a ton of steel by Royal British Sculptor Pam Brown, entitled "Surveyor."

An unveiling of the piece took place Sunday afternoon at the winery, led by [Spencer](#) artist James Brown of the Owen County [Art](#) Guild, Sculpture Trails' Gerry Masse and Richard Rome, sculptor and fellow of the Royal College of Art in [London](#).

The winery's Anthony Leaderbrand said he and his family recognize the value of the arts.

"We are honored to be involved in such a positive program that will help expose more wonderful destinations in southern [Indiana](#) via this Sculpture in Public Places [Art](#) Trail," he noted. "We feel like our partnership with the Owen County Art Guild has been wonderful. This is one of five pieces of art that have been recovered via a campaign to save art from the Museum of Steel Sculpture in the [United Kingdom](#)."

Among the area participants displaying the works of art from the Ironbridge Open Air Museum of Steel Sculpture are the Bloomfield Public Library and the Greene County Tulip Trestle.



A 10-year partnership between the Owen Valley Winery and Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum of [Solsberry](#) will feature a two-year rotation of five steel sculptures from the Ironbridge Open Air Museum of Steel Sculpture in Coalbrookdale, [England](#). (Staff Photo)

“Pam Brown and her husband were sculptors who set up this open air museum of steel sculpture in Coalbrookdale, [England](#), incidentally where process for melting iron with coke was first invented around 1700,” Rome explained. “They built a studio and made sculptures there. Unfortunately, she had to close the museum, that’s why



Sculpture Trails Outdoor Museum founder Gerry Masse, left, is embraced by Royal British Sculptor Pam Brown of the Ironbridge Open Air Museum of Steel Sculpture in Coalbrookdale, [England](#). (Courtesy Photo)

the sculptures had to be relocated, and some of them, like this one, came to the United States.”

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