

5 questions with Rosalind Cook

SCULPTOR

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Chances are, you have more than one favorite sculpture by Rosalind Cook.

Since the acclaimed bronze artist moved to Tulsa in 1974, she has created 28 life-sized works in the Tulsa area, many for the city's nonprofit organizations.

From fountains and nature works to religious figures, Cook has an unforgettable style that is showcased in her works across the country.

What might surprise many of Cook's fans is that her gift for sculpting was born out of a hobby, when she gave up teaching blind and visually impaired children.

"It was an 'ah-ha' event, and I knew that somehow moving clay into a meaningful form would always be a part of my life," she said.

What are your favorite things to do in Tulsa?

Tulsa's beautiful parks have always fed my soul. Woodward Park, the gardens of Philbrook and the Linnaeus Gardens are among my favorites to walk through and relax. I find the art of Gilcrease Museum and Philbrook Museum teach and inspire me.

My daily enjoyment is to share a glass of wine with my Hal in our beautiful backyard each evening, weather permitting.

What are some of your favorite pieces in the Tulsa area?

The endearment of a sculpture depends a great deal on the creative process of that piece that takes place in my studio. Every sculpture has a story.

"Celebrating the Arts," at Harwelden, was the most challenging, but I love the outcome and the joy of it. "Christ's Love for the Children" at St. Francis Children's Hospital depicts a strong message for all patients and their families. "Welcome, Friends" at Utica Square delights many, including myself. And "Poems and Promises" and



Rosalind Cook has created 28 life-sized works in the Tulsa area. Courtesy

"Carolus Linnaeus" at Woodward Park each are very special to the people of Tulsa and to myself.

What was your first significant piece?

The very first sculpture I dared to cast into bronze was called "Adoration." It depicts a mother gazing at her baby. It was my first sale and got me into my first two galleries. It was the confirmation to go for it.

What do you love to do in addition to your career? Any hobbies or other passions?

I have a love-hate relationship with golf. (Right now I am ready to divorce!) I love to study the Bible, as it gives my life guidance and balance. A good book is always my friend.

How has Tulsa influenced your art?

Tulsa has opened her arms to my work! I am so honored to have 28 life-size and larger works in public places in Tulsa.

Tulsa's philanthropic spirit also inspires me to use my gifts to benefit the many significant nonprofits of our city.

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Sunday brunch at McBirney Mansion is not only beautiful but delicious, as well. The menu of small plates is exquisite, eclectic and surprisingly affordable.

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Seared ahi tuna is served for brunch at McBirney Mansion. MIKE SIMONS/Tulsa World



5 TO FIND

As the weather heats up, so do sales of tequila and other liquors used to make icy drinks. Find out which drinks are hot and recipes to make the most of them.

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SODA SHOPPE

A soda fountain such as the one at Steve's Sundry is probably more endangered than the book stacks, and to have both at the same time is magical. So is the egg salad sandwich.

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'STARMAKER'

The Jim Halsey "Starmaker" exhibit, honoring the longtime Tulsan and country music impresario, is coming to Tulsa. It will open Saturday at the Tulsa Historical Society and features lots of music memorabilia.

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