

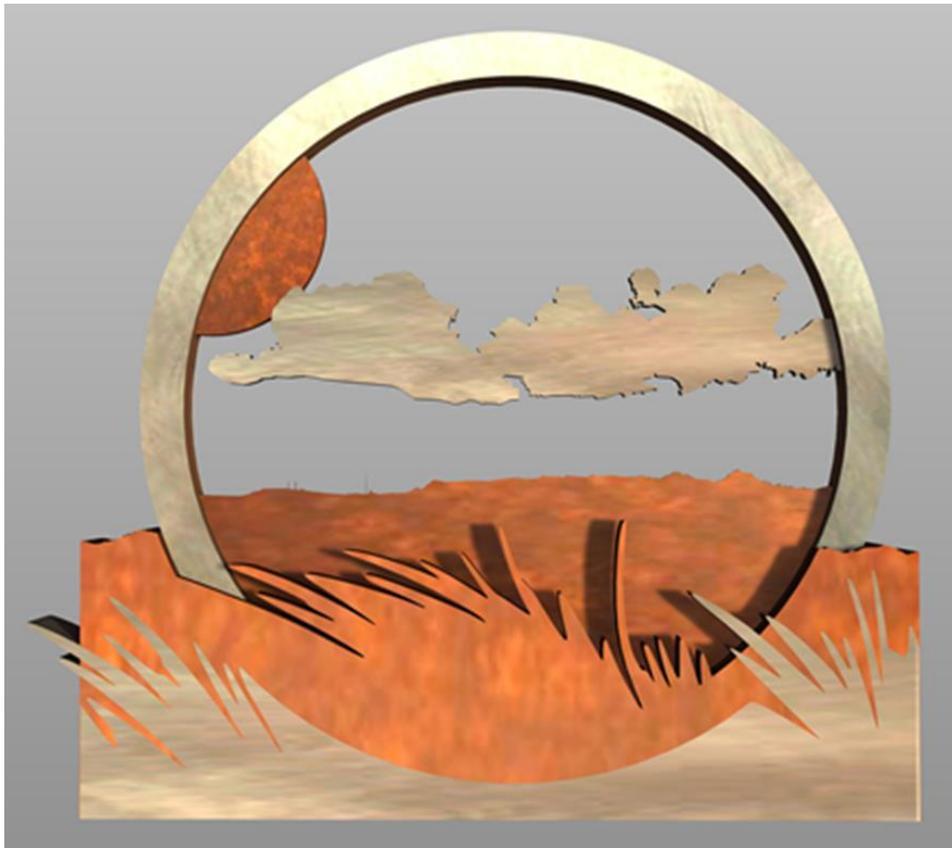


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## Public Art Project in Progress at Chadron State College

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Karen Yank, *Heart and Soul* (rendering). Cor-ten, steel and stainless steel. 12' tall x 14' wide.

(*Omaha, Nebraska*) – Karen Yank (Sandia Park NM) is creating a new 1% for Public Art sculpture for the Chicoine Center and Stadium at Chadron State College. The sculpture placement is on the hill overlooking the campus and overlooked by the campus trail system. Each viewpoint offers variety, both in the shadows dancing throughout the piece and the differing interactions with the Chadron locale.

The set installation date for *Heart and Soul* is in September 2019. Karen plans to work with CSC art faculty to offer a series of workshops. Event dates and details will be available as soon as possible.



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In the design, Karen Yank uses the escarpment as a metaphor to symbolize the strength and growth of Chadron State College, its student population and the surrounding community. Karen uses many layers of different metals to create a highly visible, dynamic focal point that integrates different aspects of the open vistas, textures, and plant life prominent in western Nebraska. Karen Yank intends for Heart and Soul enjoyed up close and from a distance.

### Artist Statement

The primary focus of my work is on non-verbal communication and emotional, unspoken nuances. I strive to express a context understood in a moment, but with layers seen by those who pause. My goal is to reveal an organic nature with a sense of history and to reflect a beauty only found in the organic. Every weld and grind mark is an intentional decision, along with using a material that is usually cold and industrial.

Karen Yank earned her MFA at the Skowhegan School of Painting and Sculpture Rutgers, Mason Gross School of the Arts in 1987 after earning her BFA at the University of Wisconsin - Madison. More information on Karen Yank:

<https://www.turnercarrollgallery.com/artist-profiles/karen-yank/>



Karen Yank surrounded by previous sculptures.

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