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Art tower has new home

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The art piece, “Towering to Our Future,” which is a group of relief sculptures, was placed in its new home in front of New Prague Memorial Library. The placing of the tower and the assembling of the sculptures ran from Wednesday, Aug. 9, to Thursday, Aug. 10.

Helping on the work were New Prague city crews, who placed the tower, artist Kiersten Dahl-Shetka, her husband Stan Shetka, David Orr, his wife, Carol Hannon-Orr and Dennis Dvorak.

Work will continue around the art tower with brick pavers to be placed around it, plus a walkway to help make it handicap accessible. The brick pavers are leftover from the Main Street reconstruction.

Dahl-Shetka orchestrated the community-built structure that was originally done in the early 2000s. Dahl-Shetka worked with 44 New Prague residents of various ages to build bas-relief plaques depicting parts of their lives and what they loved about the community. The sculptures touch on such themes as religion, family, agriculture and Czech culture. The structure was originally erected in Phillip’s Park in 2009, until it was taken down last year because of its deteriorating condition.

Plans are underway to hold a grand opening for the sculpture just before Dozinky, New Prague’s Czech harvest festival.



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Stan Shetka, left, David Orr and Kiersten Dahl-Shetka work on the sculptures on “Towering to Our Future,” in front of the New Prague Memorial Library Wednesday morning, Aug. 9. The art tower was completed Thursday, Aug. 10.

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