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Art tower dedicated at Philipp's Park

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During the Thursday, July 16, dedication of the art piece "Towering To Our Future," artist Kiersten Dahl-Shetka stressed the 8-foot, 10-inch tower in Philipp's Park in New Prague represents the "power of intention."

She explained to the crowd of more than 30 people it was through the power of many that the tower was created. Also, the intentions of others will help make bronze sculptures to be placed on the sides of the tower.

Dahl-Shetka plans to have individuals ranging in age from children to senior citizens help make the sculptures. To help with the project, Dahl-Shetka is looking for organizations or individuals to sponsor each sculpture.

New Prague Area Schools Community Services Director Amy Eich welcomed people to the morning ceremony and explained how the tower is one of four art projects being done this year, with funds secured from the Metropolitan Regional Arts Council and working with The New Prague Arts Council, New Prague Chamber of Commerce and New Prague Community Services.

A committee representing various New Prague organizations and the city looked through submitted projects and chose four grant recipients. Also, public works staff Bob Hrabec and Jeff Smith helped with installing the tower.

"Kiersten has an upbeat view of the world and appreciates everyone who contributes to her art," noted Eich.



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New Prague City Council member Kay Wilcox, left, City Administrator Mike Johnson and public works employee Jeff Smith admire the art tower in Philipp's Park Thursday, July 16. More than 30 people attended the dedication ceremony for the piece.