

Tree Sculptures 2008

1. **Clown with Accordion (1988, Johnny Hunter)**
This happy fella can be found playing for fairgoers in front of the Pet Center.
2. **Jacques and Fifi (1996, Dennis Roghair)**
This charming mother and son duo was designed to appeal to those staying in the campgrounds. Note the “Kodiak” camera hanging around Fifi’s neck—the pun is definitely intended.
3. **This Little Piggy (1993, Dennis Roghair)**
This is one cool pig — check out the sunglasses!
4. **Corn (1992, Dennis Roghair)**
Yep, you guessed it—a six foot ear of corn!
5. **The Education of a Young Owl (2005, Jared Nelson)**
A young owl learns from his elder in this sculpture that also features a fox and a gopher.
6. **The Old Homestead (1996, Dennis Roghair)**
An intricate and detailed farmhouse is perched atop a twisting landscape.
7. **Remember When... (1992, Dennis Roghair)**
An old man stops to listen to music at the Family Fair Stage and remembers when ragtime was hot and hip.
8. **With Palette in Hand (1999, Dennis Roghair)**
Situating outside the Fine Arts Building, this contemplative artist thinks about his next masterpiece.
9. **Rebirth (2005, Perry Carlson)**
Majestic eagles hover over their hungry young. Notice the detailed leaves on the trunk.
10. **4-H Pride (1997, Dennis Roghair)**
A young 4-H member proudly totes a blue ribbon while enjoying a corn dog.
11. **4-H Girl (1997, Dennis Roghair)**
Another blue ribbon winner, this 4-H member is proud of her achievement.
12. **Read! The Adventure Begins... (1999, Dennis Roghair)**
After finishing his favorite book, a young reader’s imagination runs wild.
13. **Chef (1989, Johnny Hunter)**
A little chef stands ready to delight diners outside the Home Improvement Building.
14. **Grizzly (1991, Dennis Roghair)**
The first tree sculpture by resident artist Dennis Roghair, “Grizzly” is a State Fair mainstay, greeting guests with a roar as they stroll through the main gates.
15. **Patience is a Virtue (1994, Dennis Roghair)**
Mother and infant pause amid the crowd as the family catches up.



16. **Minnesota’s Wild (2005, Justin Howland)**
Wildlife mischief abounds when a duck, fish, bear, eagle and frog come out to play in this detailed sculpture.
17. **Fairing Well (1993, Dennis Roghair)**
While enjoying the fair with her father, a young girl stops to pick up a lost coin.
18. **Clown with Balloons (1988, Johnny Hunter)**
Brightly dressed with a creative paint job from a few young 4-H’ers, this clown carries a bunch of colorful balloons to match his clothes.
19. **Peace in the Heartland (2005, Perry Carlson)**
These heartland bears flash peace signs while resting against a beautifully crafted branch.
20. **Seed Corn (2005, Joseph Moudry)**
Donated by the Enestvedt Seed Company in 2005, this proud farmer hoists a sack of corn seed in honor of the farmers who feed the world.
21. **Pronto Pup (1996, Dennis Roghair)**
This sombrero-clad Pronto Pup celebrates his 61st year at the fair. Salsa with your dog, anyone?
22. **From His Bounty (1991, Dennis Roghair)**
A proud and humble Native American gives thanks for the abundant nourishment of the Minnesota wilderness.
23. **Statue of Liberty (1986, Steve Dow)**
Created for the 1986 Minneapolis Aquatennial and donated to the State Fair in 1997, this Minnesotan Lady Liberty look-alike honors the pioneer women of our state.
24. **Taste of the Lakes (2005, Joseph Moudry)**
A majestic eagle soars over a curious bear in this scene of Midwestern beauty.
25. **Biker Bear (1996, Dennis Roghair)**
Bike to the fair and you’ll receive free parking AND a chance to lock up your bike with Biker Bear himself.
26. **Bessie Traveled In-cow-gnito to the Fair... But Her Cow-stume Jewelry Gave Her Away (1997, Dennis Roghair)**
A true cow-girl is accompanied by a milk-loving kitten.
27. **New Life (2005, Joseph Moudry)**
Appropriately near the CHS Miracle of Birth Center, this mama bear is proud to show her new cub.
28. **Bride and Groom (2000, Dennis Roghair)**
Walking down the aisle into an elaborate garden, this newlywed couple poses happily outside the Agriculture Horticulture Building.
29. **Sharing (1995, Dennis Roghair)**
These kids are enjoying delicious, warm-from-the-oven Sweet Martha’s cookies.
30. **Anticipation (1991, Dennis Roghair)**
A boy eagerly awaits a ride on the Giant Slide.
31. **The Favorite Meeting Spot (2005, Dennis Roghair)**
Standing outside the Corn Roast, a young girl eats an ear of sweet corn with her dog, while a young boy springs from a corn husk below.
32. **Dan Patch (1996, Dennis Roghair)**
This statue honors the legendary pacer and is aptly located outside the Grandstand or, “the house that Dan Patch built.”
33. **Grandstanding Ovation (2001, Dennis Roghair)**
A guitar, keyboard and trumpet play to honor the many talented artists who have performed at the Grandstand.
34. **Voyager (1990, Johnny Hunter)**
Representing the trappers and traders that pioneered the Minnesota of yesteryear, this Voyageur stands proud in Carousel Park.
35. **A Tribute to Ole (2005, Dennis Roghair)**
Surrounded by flowers and accompanied by a dog, this statue memorializes Cliff “Ole” Olson, a long-time State Fair employee.
36. **State Fair Heritage (1998, Dennis Roghair)**
Carved from the oldest tree on the fairgrounds, this sculpture depicts many of the most famous events that have taken place at the fair.
37. **Fairborne (1985, Johnny Hunter)**
The State Fair mascot timidly peeks out of a tree stump to see how visitors are enjoying his fair.
38. **A Fair Share (2005, Joe Brennan)**
A bear cub fights for his fair share of fish, while acrobatic squirrels tease a portly old bear.
39. **Chesin’s Cafe Caribe (2005, Dennis Roghair)**
A dreadlocked Rasta-man plays the bongo outside this festive Caribbean restaurant.
40. **Remember, Only You... (1995, Dennis Roghair)**
Smokey Bear educates DNR Park visitors on keeping our natural beauty safe from forest fires.
41. **Mary (1992, Kevin Showell)**
Mary seems to have lost her little lamb outside the Sheep and Poultry Barn.
42. **Origins (2006, Dennis Roghair)**
A young girl and her pony enjoy a day of fun and flower picking.
43. **Prize-winning Pie (1998, Dennis Roghair)**
This State Fair contest winner is bringing home a blue ribbon for her prize winning pie.
44. **Gale C. Frost (2006, Dennis Roghair)**
Longtime Museum Curator and State Fair Historian, Gale Frost is one of four generations of the Frost family who worked for and loved the Minnesota State Fair. Here he stands painting amid the bustling scene in Heritage Square.



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See the 2008 Wood Project Champions!

If you love the beautiful wooden tree sculptures that highlight the fairgrounds, marvel at the winners of this year's wood project competitions in the Education Building.

The 2008 Minnesota State Fair features 35 different classes of wood projects. Various classes include wood sculpture, relief art, clocks, woodworking, woodturning, bat and bird houses, garden arbors and more. These projects are the work of kindergarten through 12th grade students from Minnesota schools.

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