



A MONUMENTAL INTERACTIVE BRONZE SCULPTURE

Discovering Our Wild World

by John Bonnett Wexo

Discovering Our Wild World is a six-foot interactive bronze sculpture (including base) featuring more than 100 animals and plants sculpted in high relief.

Each species represented in the sculpture is endangered or extinct, reflecting the artist's lifelong commitment to wildlife education and conservation.

Visitors—especially children—are invited to touch and explore the animals, experiencing their forms and textures directly. Unlike traditional sculpture, the work was intentionally created as a tactile educational artwork, encouraging hands-on exploration and discovery.

Animals from around the world—including gorillas, elephants, rhinos, lions, sea lions, wild horses, dinosaurs, and many more—are rendered with remarkable detail and scientific accuracy.

Cast using the traditional lost-wax bronze method, the sculpture is designed for indoor or outdoor installation and built to endure for generations of visitors.

About the Artist

John Bonnett Wexo was an author, photographer, sculptor, and wildlife educator best known as the creator of the internationally beloved children's wildlife series Zoobooks.

For decades, Wexo dedicated his life to inspiring children to explore and care for the natural world. His books introduced millions of young readers to wildlife through vivid photography and engaging science education.

Discovering Our Wild World extends that mission into three dimensions—allowing children to physically explore animals through sculpture.

The work was cast at the renowned Eagle Bronze Foundry, whose sculptures appear in major museums and public art collections throughout the United States

“John believed children should be able to experience animals not only through books, but through touch and discovery.”

— Dawn Dawson Wexo,
wife of the artist

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Ideal Locations

The sculpture is particularly well suited for places where children and families gather:

- Children's hospitals and healing gardens
- Zoos and wildlife parks
- Children's museums and science centers
- Nature centers and conservation organizations
- Botanical gardens
- Public parks and civic plazas
- Educational institutions

Organizations may choose to install the sculpture through a single donor gift, memorial dedication, or naming opportunity, with the sculpture serving as a natural focal point for donor recognition.

Edition Availability

Discovering Our Wild World is offered as a limited edition.

The remaining sculptures may be produced as either:

- a freestanding sculpture, or
- a three-panel wall-mounted installation

A rare opportunity for hospitals, zoos, museums, and public art collections

Specifications

Height: 6 feet (including base)
Weight: approximately 800 lbs

Construction: lost-wax cast bronze
Base: powder-coated steel for secure installation
Installation: indoor or outdoor

The sculpture can also accommodate interactive educational components, including optional digital displays.

Price **\$45,000**

This price is approximately half of the appraised value and significantly below the current cost of producing a comparable monumental bronze sculpture.

Dawn Dawson Wexo has chosen to offer the remaining sculptures at this level in order to place them in institutions where John Wexo's legacy of wildlife education can continue to inspire children.

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