



A Waltz in the Woods (2015) Photo by Rob Cardillo (Morris Arboretum of UPA, Philadelphia, PA)

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Internationally Acclaimed Sculptor Patrick Dougherty to Build Large-Scale Stick Sculpture at Highfield Hall & Gardens in June 2019

(Falmouth, Massachusetts) In June 2019, a one-of-a-kind stick sculpture by internationally acclaimed sculptor Patrick Dougherty will be built on the front lawn of Highfield Hall & Gardens. For three weeks in June, Dougherty will work with many of Highfield's garden and community volunteers to construct his artwork on site. The large-scale *Stickwork at Highfield* will be open for exploration beginning June 30, 2019 during Highfield's annual summer open house.

The design for Dougherty's site-specific structure will be inspired during the creation process. Known for his whimsical, elegant structures made of woven branches, Dougherty toured the seaside village of Falmouth and Highfield Hall & Gardens this past summer to inform his preliminary design concepts. Saplings from a farm in upstate New York will be used to create the massive sculpture.

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Due to the organic material and outdoor setting, the massive sculptural installation will be on view on Highfield's front lawn for approximately two years for visitors and the community to enjoy. There will be numerous programs and special events to celebrate and embrace the creativity of this beautiful, interactive art.

"We are excited to bring to this world-renowned sculptor to Cape Cod for our community to experience," said Nancy H. Porter, chair of the board of trustees and interim executive director of Highfield. "We love that Dougherty's work combines art and nature, furthering our commitment to provide exhibitions that inspire and engage all ages. As a destination for outdoor exploration, Highfield's gardens and wooded walking paths are the perfect complement to Dougherty's rustic style."

Visitors can learn more about *Stickwork* sculptures, including the process of building the structure, in an educational room located inside Highfield Hall.

About Patrick Dougherty

During the last 30 years, Patrick Dougherty has created more than 250 *Stickwork* sculptures for museums, colleges, cities, and parks around the world. Combining his carpentry skills with his love of nature, Dougherty uses rudimentary building techniques to experiment with tree saplings as construction material. In 1982 his first work, *Maple Body Wrap*, was included in the North Carolina Biennial Artists' Exhibition, sponsored by the North Carolina Museum of Art. In the following year, he had his first one-person show titled, *Waitin' It Out in Maple* at the Southeastern Center for Contemporary Art in Winston-Salem, North Carolina.

His work quickly evolved from single pieces on conventional pedestals to monumental scale environmental works, which required saplings by the truckloads. His sculpture has been seen worldwide--from Scotland to Japan to Brussels, and all over the United States. He has received numerous awards, including the 2011 Factor Prize for Southern Art, North Carolina Artist Fellowship Award, Pollock-Krasner Foundation Grant, Henry Moore Foundation Fellowship, Japan-US Creative Arts Fellowship, and National Endowment for the Arts Fellowship. Princeton Architectural Press published a major book about Dougherty and his work in 2009.

For more information on Dougherty, visit www.stickwork.net and to follow the process at Highfield visit highfieldhall.org.

About Highfield Hall & Gardens

Highfield Hall & Gardens, the magnificent Victorian mansion with beautiful gardens located in the heart of Falmouth, is a unique combination of historic home, expansive gardens and trails, and a vibrant cultural center. Built in 1878 as the summer home for Boston's Beebe family, the mansion sits on 5.5 pristine acres surrounded by nearly 400 acres of conservation land and public walking trails.

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Highfield Hall & Gardens

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While there's plenty of history within these glorious old walls, Highfield Hall & Gardens is not your typical historic estate. Highfield Hall offers world-class music, international art exhibitions, culinary classes, family programs, and year-round special events.

Highfield Hall & Gardens is open April 15 through October 31 from Tuesday to Friday and Monday holidays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., and Sunday from Noon to 4 p.m. Admission is \$8 adults, \$5 seniors, and free for members and children. In July and August, admission is free during Thursday evenings from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. The gardens and grounds are open daily from dawn to dusk free of charge.

Highfield Hall is wheelchair accessible and handicapped parking is available. For more information, visit highfield.org or call 508-495-1878 x2.

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