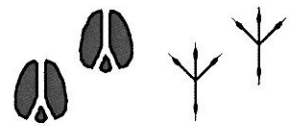


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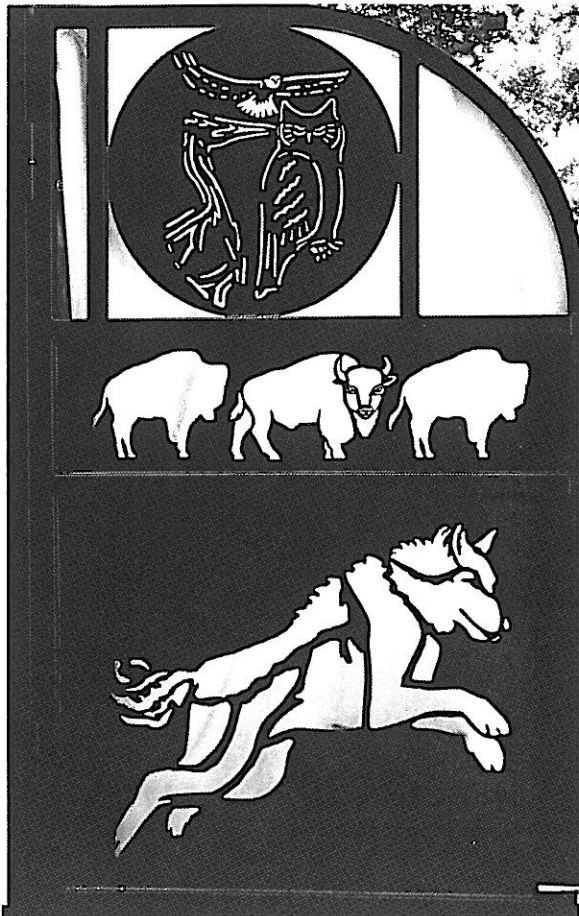


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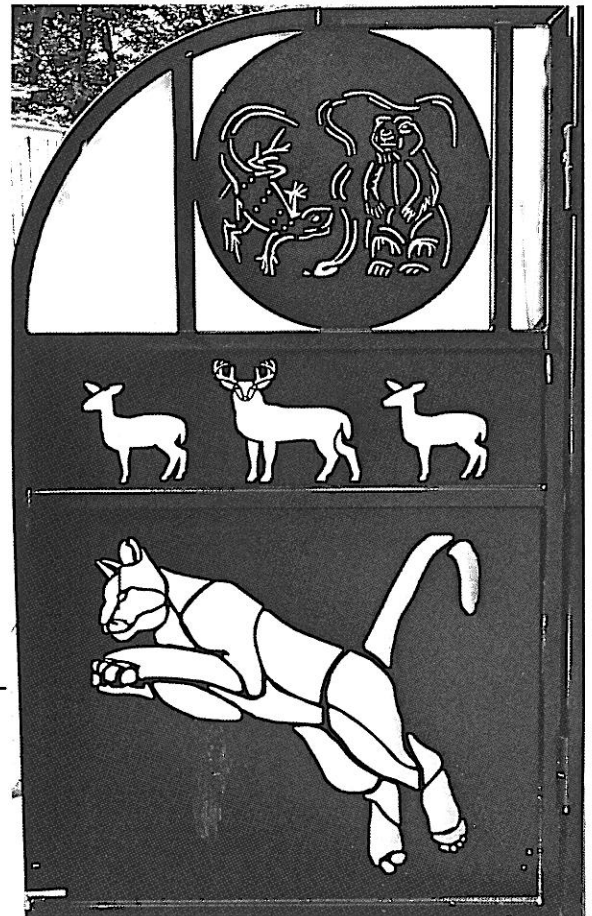
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Fear not....the leaping wolf and leaping panther are protecting all people young and old that pass through these gates to enjoy the benefits offered by the the FREE Manitowoc Lincoln Park ZOO.

Through the cooperation of the Manitowoc Lincoln Park Zoological Society and the city of Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Department we now have this new

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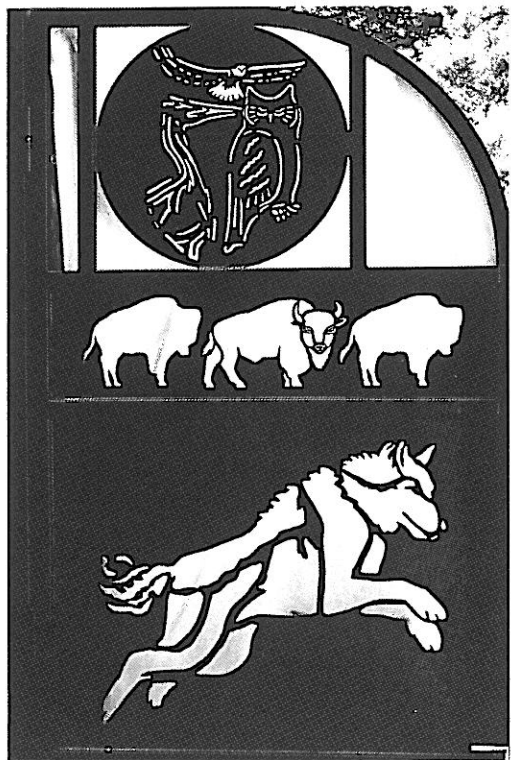
LINCOLN PARK ZOO ENTRANCE AND GATES

By Tony Fodden

Sometime in 2009 the Lincoln Park Zoological Society decided to dress up the main entrance in Lincoln Park. One of the things we had to do was create some kind of friendly barrier that would prevent people from driving onto the zoo grounds when both security (chain link) gates were open. But this new "barrier" also had to be open-able to allow garbage, fire, and service trucks to enter.

Secondly, we wanted to create an entrance that was memorable and unique. The Society asked me, as one of their members, to initiate the design for this new entrance. Right away I wanted it to fit in with the existing surroundings but at the same time to be bold, and to draw attention to the zoo. The design process was slow, as it often is. We looked at other examples from all over, from the Bronx Zoo to the Devil's Tower National Monument.

About that time, I met a marvelous wildlife artist by the name of Paula Wood here in Manitowoc. I asked her if she would help me, as design is not my strongest suit. Quickly we began to realize what the gates could look like. I also wanted to design an arch, a very simple one, to really nail down the feeling of "entrance." I started working with Tom Brixius at Brixius Manufacturing who led me through several fabrication possibilities. After that, it was down to work. I placed drawings from Paula into what I thought was a pleasing and functional arrangement, sent them to her, and she'd typically send back further suggestions. I also presented possible designs to the Society and got their suggestions and incorporated those. There was a lot of back-and-forth as is typical in the design world.



Eventually the design evolved and we invited the Manitowoc Parks and Recreation Department to give us their approval and blessing. They did that and more. The Society had all along been planning on paying for construction and installation ourselves, with donations from Zoo Members and zoo visitors. The City offered to handle the contracting if we paid them, for which we are very grateful. The City hired Jos Schmitt and Sons Construction from Sheboygan to do the installation. Brixius Manufacturing at the same time put themselves into overdrive to get the gates and archway done quickly so installation could occur in September of this year.

Overall, it was a very smooth although lengthy process. We left no stone unturned, and even had a Structural Engineer (Rice Engineering of Luxemburg) perform what's called a structural analysis to make sure our new entrance could withstand high winds and other complications. I thank Dave Soeldner for helping to arrange that.

The Zoological Society hopes that you enjoy your new entranceway. If there is enough positive feedback, we are definitely open to looking at a similar installation at our Reed Avenue entrance. If you have any questions about the design, fabrication, or installation processes, don't hesitate to call me at 682-6966.