

Oversize sculptures exhibited in Boca

Morris Cohen's bigger-than-life sculptures in exotic woods are on display at Patch Reef Park Community Center in Boca Raton.

The exhibit of Cohen's original modern art, as well as abstracts, is made up of 14 pieces, each in rosewood or zebrawood. "Very often the wood determines what I will sculpt," Cohen said. "When I follow and study the grain in the wood it becomes familiar to me what shape the wood will take.

"I have many sculptures of ballet dancers and ballerinas. I love to watch ballet — the dancers' flexibility, their forms, shapes, choreography, the beautiful things the human body can do," Cohen added.

A portfolio of Cohen's work is also on display at the center. The book contains photos of his award-winning sculptures, including "Galatea." Made of zebrawood, this piece won first prize in New York City at The Lincoln Center Outdoor Exhibit in 1977.

Diane Valentini, Patch Reef Park Community Center recreation supervisor, chose the Delray Beach artist "because his work is excellent and must be seen."

Cohen, 78, has been sculpting for 25 years. It doesn't look like he's ready to stop now.

His exhibit will be displayed through June 3 at the center, just west of Military Trail on Yamato Road. Center hours are 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday and 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays.

The exhibit is part of Boca Raton's Art In Public Places program, which displays works of local artists in municipal buildings.

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