

Recent Review from the Director of the Grove Redfield Center, 2008

“It has been an honor that for the past nine years, Dennis Downes has held a fascinating educational exhibit at The Grove National Historic Landmark in Glenview, Illinois. The exhibit focuses on the history of the Native American trail marker trees.

This amazing educational exhibit has been enjoyed by hundreds of visitors from our local communities, many of them students.

Mr. Downes has spent decades traveling, researching and collecting dozens of historic photos as well as documentation on the subject of this historic way of life. He has had faithful dedication to learning all we can about this historical legacy.

A highlight of the event was the artists’ bronze sculpture of one of the trail marker trees as well as pictures of the life size trail marker tree sculpture created by Mr. Downes. The Grove’s educational Interpretive Center is also fortunate to have a small bronze of a trail marker tree and historic photos on display to the many day to day visitors of our site. We continue to be grateful to Mr. Downes for his support to The Grove and especially to his effort to educate others about this fascinating topic.”

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