

This is the latest review from a four month (July – October) Trail Marker Tree Exhibit, held at the Northbrook Historical Museum, from the Downes Studio Guest Book.

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”For the past four months, the Northbrook History Museum has been honored to host the “Trail Marker Tree” exhibit. It is especially rewarding to us to tell visitors that this renowned artist grew up in town. On several occasions, Dennis has appeared in person spending the entire day telling museum visitors about his lifelong research and work. Hundreds of Dennis’ loyal collectors and museum visitors who are now fans, have enjoyed this step back in time to learn through photographs and sculpture about the first directional signage in America. For many, the exhibit has brought back memories of seeing these trees a quarter century or more ago. Still others, learning about the trees for the first time, are awed that Native Americans made hundreds of trees grow in the same shape so they could be used as a sign pointing to shelter or water ahead. However, the most exciting part for us has been the wonder and fascination of the children who visit the museum on field trips. Thanks Dennis! Your beautifully framed photographic exhibit of Midwestern Trail Marker Trees and incredible bronze sculpture has been an all-time-favorite of museum visitors.”

Judy Hughes President, Northbrook Historical Society Chairman, Northbrook Art Commission

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Special thanks to Judy Hughes and the Northbrook Historical Museum.

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