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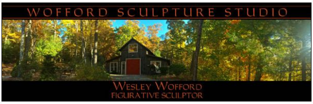
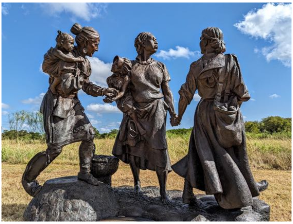


A Year in Review- 2023

"Sowing the Seeds of the Future"- Franklin, NC

Wesley's women's monument "Sowing the Seeds of the Future" was completed in 2023 and he had a wonderful week long visit to Pyrology Art Foundry in Texas with the fine ladies of the Folk Heritage Association of Macon County, NC. Together they all worked on the final patina and the women got to see a lot of the foundry process which was unforgettable for them all. Wesley and Odyssey had the pleasure of collaborating with the late Barbara McRae and the ladies of the Women's History Trail for over 6 years to bring this incredible monument to fruition. It has been an honor to take this artistic journey in bringing Na-Ka Rebecca, Salley, and Timoxena to the people of Franklin. We cannot wait to see it finally installed and to celebrate the accomplishments of these three amazing Macon County women. Join us for the unveiling in Franklin, NC on March 23, 2024 at 11:00am. Hope to see you there! Check out www.womenshistorytrail.org for more details!



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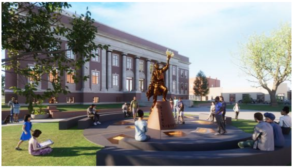
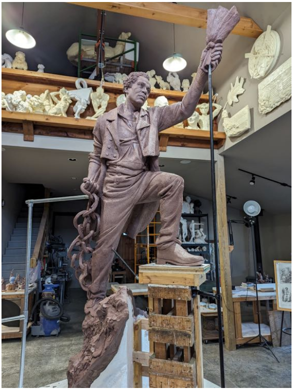
Solomon Northup Monument- Marksville, LA

2023 brought an exciting new project to Wofford Sculpture Studio! We were contacted by a group in Marksville, LA to commemorate the legacy of Solomon Northup with a monumental statue of him in front of the Marksville Courthouse. This was the location where Northup regained his freedom after being kidnapped in Washington, DC, sold, and enslaved in Louisiana for 12 years of his life. This the first monument of Solomon Northup in the world and we are honored to have inspired this project! The sculpture is currently in clay in the studio but will be molded and cast in bronze this spring. It will be unveiled in Marksville in October of 2024. More details can be found at The Solomon

Northup Committee for Commemorative Works: www.snccw.com.



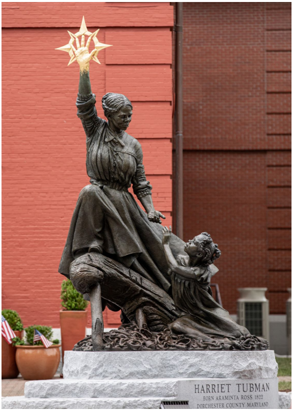


Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden

Wesley has started a beautiful portrait for the Paul J. Ciener Botanical Garden in Kernersville, NC. This 7 foot statue will be placed in a garden and will welcome viewers in as they explore the grounds. Mr. Ciener was the founder of the Garden and this statue is in honor of his vision and love for the space he created for the community. Check it out here: www.cienerbotanicalgarden.com.

New Traveling Harriet Tubman- "The Beacon of Hope"

Wesley's Harriet Tubman- "The Beacon of Hope" Origin Story was installed in September 2022 at the Dorchester County Circuit Court Building in Cambridge, Maryland thanks to the incredible collaboration with Alpha Genesis, CDC. In 2023, we decided to create another opportunity for a traveling statue like "The Journey to Freedom". We had the same "Angel Donor" that helped us with the first program also help with casting costs for an Artist Print of "The Beacon of Hope". Wesley wanted the traveling version to be different than Cambridge's Origin Story, so he removed Araminta Ross allowing the adult Harriet to speak now to the viewer rather than her younger self. The traveling statue is currently at its 4th venue with Peekskill, NY and Lake Placid, NY still to come! Thanks to all of our wonderful venues who have and will be hosting Lady Beacon! See www.woffordsculpturestudio.com for more details on how to loan this statue. We have limited availability for 2024 still!



Harriet Tubman- "The Beacon of Hope" Origin Story- Permanently Installed at the Dorchester County Courthouse- Cambridge, MD

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THE BEACON OF HOPE

The National Underground Railroad Freedom Center- Cincinnati, OH

Rahway City Hall
THE BEACON OF HOPE

Rahway City Hall- Rahway, NJ

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THE BEACON OF HOPE

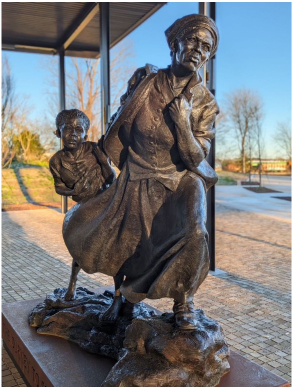
Salisbury Government Office Building- Salisbury, MD

Cape May Point Science Center- Cape May, NJ was the first venue to host "The Beacon of Hope"

Our friend and collaborator, Mr. Bob Mullock, arranged an epic journey for Lady Beacon leaving Cape May on the way to her next stop in Salisbury....via the Lewes Ferry! Incredible Photo Credits to David Cassidy.

Harriet Tubman- "The Journey to Freedom" Traveling Exhibition Updates

"The Journey to Freedom" traveled all of 2023 with stops in Germantown, MD, Yemassee, SC, Georgetown, SC, and Murrells Inlet, SC. The 2024 calendar is almost completely booked with it currently in Montgomery, AL, and upcoming stops in Bastrop, Texas and Charleston, SC. Check out www.woffordsculpturestudio for updates on "The Journey to Freedom"and to book in 2024 and 2025. We appreciate all of our hosting venues so much and love to see all the incredible programming planned while the statue is visiting!

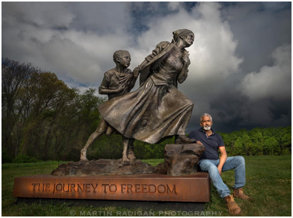


"The Journey to Freedom" is currently installed at the Freedom Monument Sculpture Park in Montgomery, Alabama.

Brookgreen Gardens- Murrells Inlet, SC

Joseph Hayne Rainey Park- Georgetown, SC

Frampton Plantation House Visitor's Center- Yemassee, SC



Button Farm Living History Center- Germantown, MD

Christmas 2023

With love and peace from all of us~ We hope 2024 brings great things to everyone!

For a more in depth look at what's going on in the studio, please check our website at www.woffordsculpturestudio.com or find us on Facebook and Instagram and like our page! Links are below!

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