

Unfolding Universe  
an art sculpture project

## Invitation to participate

### Background

Each year, for the last 11 years artists have gathered for a three-day festival called “The Hours.” It’s held on the property of noted local artists Jennifer Fais and her husband Noel Sylvester. Their property, known as “Beulahland” is located in:

Cameron Hills  
4363 County Route 24  
Cameron Mills, NY 14820  
(30 minutes outside Corning)

This year the “72 Hours” festival is Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 30, July 1 and July 2.

Over the course of the festival, I will be creating a large sculpture entitled “Unfolding Universe.” The sculpture will represent 6 elements telling the story of the creation of the universe, starting with the “Big Bang” and ending with a “Supernova” event. The full list of the elements is:

- The Big Bang
- The inflationary period
- Primordial mist of particles
- Formation of a star
- Formation of a Galaxy (including a black hole)
- Supernova event

The site for the sculpture will be a gently rising hill on the property. Each of the 6 elements will be created from 72 stones (small, medium and large.) We’ll start the first element (The Big Bang) at the top and work down the hill.

**Here’s the schedule** for the work to create the sculpture:

#### Sunday, June 25, 2pm - 5pm

Harvest the stones from a nearby quarry and transport them to a staging point at the location of each of the 6 elements.

#### Friday, June 30, 10am - 5pm

Create the universe - place stones to create the elements.

#### Saturday July 1, 10am - 5pm

Reveal creation - paint the stones. Begin at the top of the hill and move down,

“revealing” through the phases (elements) of the unfolding universe.

### Sunday July 2, 1pm

Supernova event celebration - ejecting stones to initiate the next iteration of celestial reincarnation. No work involved. Celebrate the Universe with others attending the event.

You are **cordially invited to participate** in all or some of the days. You will be under the guidance of the artist, Bill Boland.

### Sculpture creation sequence:

Gather the stones

- Sunday – 2pm to 5pm

Place the stones to build the elements

- Friday – 10am to 5pm

Paint the stones

- Saturday 10am to 5pm

Celebrate the evolving universe (Supernova)

- Sunday 1pm
- No work involved

Parents are welcome to join in to participate and/or enjoy the bucolic setting which is Beulahland.

### Restatement of work involved

#### Sunday

Identifying and pulling the stones from the nearby quarry, loading the stones on a motorized cart, and unloading/staging the stones at the location of each element on the hill. About half are “medium” stones with a weight of about 10-15 pounds.

#### Friday

Position the stones to create each element.

#### Saturday

Paint the stones (primary colors.) The stones will not be “fully” painted but rather each “dabbed/splashed” with color.

## Other information to note:

- There is the potential for it to be hot. There is no cover on the hill, so a hat is mandatory. Sun protection a must.
- Water will be provided.
- Lunch will be provided on Friday and Saturday.
- More information of Beulahland and “72” Hours.
  - [Website](#)
  - [Facebook](#)

**Volunteer commitment** is needed by June 20. To volunteer contact:

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607.769.3467 (Parents are invited to call with any additional questions.)

