

## *Life Lines*

A Woven Bronze Sculpture for Alpenglow Park

Within a clearing amongst the towering Ponderosa Pines of Alpenglow Park, one will encounter “Life Lines,” a 10.5 foot tall, 8 foot wide woven bronze hand. The hand stretches upward and out like the long trunks of the surrounding trees, while its palm faces the pedestrian walkway in friendly greeting. An open space in the center of the palm reveals the Circle of Life featuring a Ponderosa Pine within a symbolic landscape.

The interior tree is contained within but also supports and nurtures the exterior hand. From one comes the other. Placing the hand – the builder, communicator, and facilitator of the human body- within the park, shows our human connection to the nature. “Life Lines” is about our responsibility to foster and protect the natural world.

Fabricated of welded silicon bronze strips, the sculpture will combine twisting, woven, fluidity with a bundled energy that recalls muscles with their potential for movement and feeling. The latticed craftsmanship of the construction will allow sun light to sparkle and dance through the sculptural space, shifting constantly between the internal and external realms, and imparting a yielding, open quality to the form. Bronze’s reflective depth, warm earth tones, and its aging patina, have exceptional, low maintenance durability.

The sculpture’s scale creates a child-like perspective for the viewer, captivating the imagination. Placing the sculpture atop a gentle mound sited adjacent to the elevated pedestrian pathway will further emphasize its size and connection to the earth. The hand will grow out of the earth like the surrounding trees.

“Life Lines” is built of many different lines coming together to create a whole, just as people and nature come together in the Bend Community. The roots and branches of the trees are like fortune telling lines to be read within the human palm. Our future will assuredly be positive if we care for and celebrate the beauty of the nature.