



University of Maine at Presque Isle

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Jim Sardonis
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Dear Jim,

On behalf of the University of Maine at Presque Isle community, I want to thank you for the *Fiddlehead Bench* sculpture you created for the Percent for Art commission for Gentile Hall.

It is clear from the many comments we have heard so far that the campus and wider communities are delighted with the sculpture. The selection committee is pleased as well with the final result: the creative design of the three, tall fiddleheads rising up out of the beautiful green granite bench, the quality of the workmanship, and the scale of the sculpture in relation to the foyer of Gentile Hall where it commands attention as one enters the building. Most of all, I think everyone resonates with the symbolic import of the piece as a metaphor for growth and development—as student athlete, individual, team, or community.

I want also to express appreciation for the fact that you attended all three of the opening celebration events for Gentile Hall. I know it meant a lot to attendees to hear your remarks about the piece.

The entire community will be enjoying *Fiddlehead Bench* for decades to come.

Sincerely,

Gail R. Scott
Percent for Art Selection Committee Chair