

**COLLECTION CARE - PUBLIC ART SURVEY AND CONSERVATION  
CITY OF SIOUX FALLS, SD**



Client  
City of Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Location  
Sioux Falls, South Dakota

Project Dates  
2013

Materials  
Bronze  
Painted metal  
Granite  
Quartzite  
Stainless Steel  
Aluminum

Services Provided  
Assessment  
Planning  
Maintenance Plan

RLA was selected as the City of Sioux Falls, SD's conservator in 2013. Work began by performing a city-wide object-by-object survey that identified priorities for treatment. Documentation included evaluation of fabrication, siting, installation, prior conservation practices, exposure to potentially hazardous public access, conservation and maintenance recommendations, and estimated costs. Following the survey, a program was initiated to treat the collection over 5-years. A pilot treatment plan on five bronze sculptures and routine maintenance of 13 works was expanded to include repainting steel sculptures and developing protocols for caring for works in the wide extremes of temperature that the city incurs. In order to efficiently deal with the collection, RLA trained local technicians to assist with the maintenance. Rosa Lowinger and the local public art manager appeared in a press conference during the course of the project to explain the processes and gain public support for ongoing collections care. The project is now in its sixth year and continuing.