

“Gables” by Daniel Caven, a Maquoketa native, will be dedicated during Maquoketa’s Maqtoberfest event on Saturday, October 20th, 2018 at 1:00pm at the Downtown Maquoketa Green Space (133 South Main Street).

The concept of “Gables” is based on Maquoketa’s small town’s residents; as it is composed of many different personalities from many different backgrounds and households. As diverse as each individual is, every resident resides under the same roof of community. Maquoketa’s nickname, the “Timber City”, inspired the material palette for this piece. Looking to vernacular wood frame construction as the primary system, the project takes on a role of advancement to the centuries old technique. Conceptually, a singular gable creates an iconic symbol of home and when integrated with others gables it creates a three-dimensional shelter. Adding more gabled systems creates a dynamic ever-changing object for the downtown space. “Gables” creates a visually appealing space that encourages interaction and a place of gathering and creates a symbol and icon of community that acknowledges the people of Maquoketa.

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“We are excited to have all of these public art pieces installed across the state to not only feature the unique character of the communities they are in, but also to draw visitors from across the country to travel Iowa’s Byways to experience art in our small rural Iowa communities!” said Mallory Hanson, Northeast Iowa RC&D Regional Tourism & Economic Development Coordinator.

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