Work by Alfred University alumnus exhibited at New Jersey sculpture park 6/01/18



Wind Pile, by Greg Leshe '85

SOUTH ORANGE, NJ Artwork by Alfred University alumnus Greg Leshe is included in a group show at the Wildflower Sculpture Park. Leshe&s exhibition, *Wind Pile*, opened Friday, June 1, at the sculpture park, located in Essex County&s South Mountain Conservancy.

Wind Pile consists of 40 cubic yards of topsoil, in which are planted natural grasses, adorned with 17 aeronautical windsocks mounted on steel poles.

"It is my most ambitious material work to date and is intended to formalize and hyper-visualize wind, a non-visual force, as a phenomenological encounter and experience," said Leshe, who earned a Bachelor of Fine Arts degree from Alfred University&s School of Art and Design in 1985. "Wind Pile channels an evolving concern with natural and cultural systems and how, due to climate change, they are in greater flux, tension and disharmony. Through this artwork, I am interested in opening a conversation about natural systems; extending consciousness about air, wind and atmosphere by making a non-visual force more tangible and optically present, through an animated massing; a phenomenon, a wind pile."

The Wildflower Sculpture Park, founded in 2012, is dedicated to providing emerging and established artists with the opportunities to create and display large-scale sculptures in a beautiful and unique outdoor environment.