

Miami art scene

On-site sculpting in colorful showing at Art Center

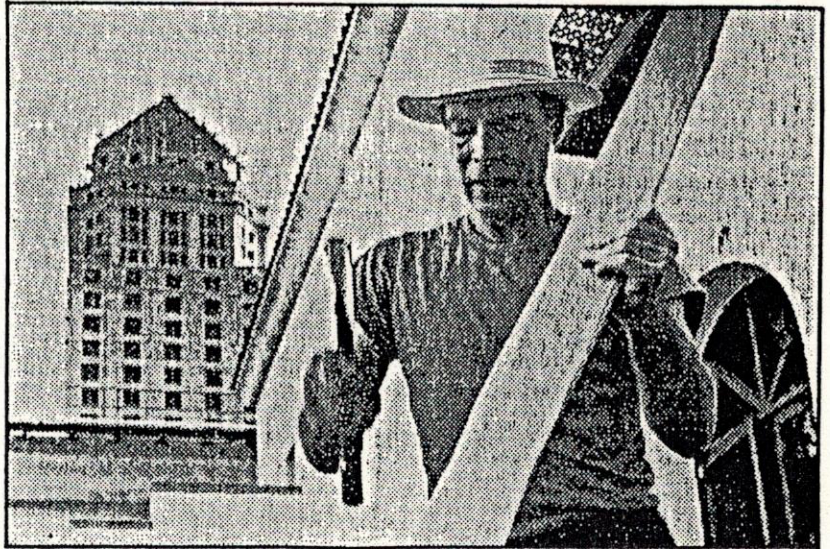
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The Art Center downtown has a small but charming exhibit of sculpture on the terrace this month, with wood sculptures by Russell Sharon. The works, which will be on view through May, were created specifically for the site, with the sculptor building the sculptures right in place, taking advantage of the terrace levels and stairs to create a world of odd creatures.

Made of rough-hewn wood painted in bright colors, the works derive from Greek and pre-Columbian sources. There is a snake that wanders over a flight of steps, double-headed so that it goes both up and down. A Cyclops eye waves and moves in the breeze, as does a blue and yellow structure called "Light," with jagged yellow diagonals seeming to soar through space. A marvelous "Lizard" in primary colors dominates one level while above him a "Mouth" seems ready to snap his head off momentarily.

Children will love this show, which also should impress adults with how much can be made with the simplest of means.



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Sculptor Russell Sharon at work

RUSSELL SHARON: SCULPTURE, through May 29. Center for the Fine Arts, 101 West Flagler St., Miami; 375-1700. Mon. - Sat., 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.; Thurs., 10 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Sun., noon to 5 p.m.