

## In the Q: Two Familiar Characters Return to the MedQuarter



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After being refreshed by artist Todd Sabin, the MedQuarter's 'Bounty' statue has returned to the District. The statue was part of the *Overalls All Over – A Grant Wood Experience* last summer, on display at the 4th Avenue Pocket Park. Unfortunately, just days before the conclusion of the display, the statue was vandalized. So, in mid-September the statue was taken back to the artist's shop to be refreshed from exposure to the elements for four months as well as to repair the structure due to the vandalism.

On Monday, April 10th Mr. Sabin delivered the statue to the Physicians' Clinic of Iowa Medical Pavilion at 202 10th Street SE where it will be on display for the next couple of months (photo). Then it will begin its tour of the District – being hosted by different businesses for all to enjoy.

If you were unable to visit the statue last summer, I encourage you to do so. Mr. Sabin's attention to detail and the intricacy with which he applied the materials are nothing short of amazing. Here are just a few of the materials that Sabin used on this statue and why they have special relevance:

- 1) The buttons on the man's shirt are made from limestone found at Stone City where Grant Wood hosted gatherings for artists.
- 2) The man's shirt is made from marble

reclaimed from a room in the former Montrose Hotel where a Grant Wood mural was located.

3) The woman's skirt is made up of profiles from picture frames used by Grant Wood and Marvin Cone, applied to a red and white checker pattern cloth used often in Wood's paintings.

4) The back of the statue is covered with an applique representing four of Grant Wood's paintings titled *Wild Flowers*, *Tame Flowers*, *Fruits*, and *Vegetables* produced in 1938 & 1939.

5) The man's overalls are made up of wood that was reclaimed from several historic structures throughout Cedar Rapids including the Carnegie Library, Mytak Building, Suchy Building, Kurik House, Sokol Building and the Ideal Theatre.

6) The man's boots are made from Douglas fir reclaimed from 5 Turner Alley, now known as Grant Wood Studio, located in the MedQuarter.

Follow along on where the bounty statue goes next on the [MedQuarter Facebook page](#). See you around the District!

