



DEREK ROWE

14 redwood forest mysteries

Redwood Park, 17900 – 20 Avenue (East of 176 Street on 20 Avenue/Stokes Road),
near picnic shelters
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Redwood Forest Mysteries is a wonderful drinking fountain for people and dogs. The sculpture is formed like a large tree stump out of concrete and grooved and stained to look like wood. Embedded in the aesthetically pleasing wood-textured surface are relief sculptures of frogs, foxes, butterflies and lizards — “wound into the very structure of a stump of life” — as well as portraits of Redwood Park’s original homesteaders, Peter and David Brown. The old stump underscores the interconnectedness of the park’s creatures with its forest.

The functional sculpture was created in memoriam to Ken Manton, a resident who loved the park and its dogs, from a generous donation to the City of Surrey. Victoria artist Derek Rowe was selected for his talents with public art and the unique character of his work.

Rowe is the owner of Art Form Sculpture Studio Inc. (formerly Renaissance Studio), which specializes in unique cast concrete sculpture, architectural decoration, fountains, fireplaces and gargoyles for building exteriors and interiors. The Studio’s team of talented craftspeople also built the Veterans’ Park Memorial, Langford Fire Hall Statue and all of the exterior decorations for Shoal Point development in Victoria.

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