The University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens invites student sculptors to submit work interpreting the theme “Nature’s Armature.” An armature is both a sculptural framework and a protective covering for plants and animals. Sculptors are asked to interpret this duality of frame and skin in artwork which can support the many forms of nature. Materials and concepts can range from the synthetic to the natural. Works submitted will be installed in an area of the Display Gardens from May through September 2008.

Artwork Information
Title ____________________________________________
Medium __________________________________________
Size _____________________________________________

Please list any special conditions on the back of this application.

Student Information
Name ____________________________________________
UMID _____________________________________________
Year ______________________________________________
Concentration ______________________________________

Contact Information
Phone _____________________________________________
Address ___________________________________________
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Email _____________________________________________

I agree to allow the University of Michigan Matthaei Botanical Gardens to publicly display my artwork from May 1 through September 30. I agree to the future documentation and publishing of my artwork in any Matthaei Botanical Gardens publications.

Signature ________________________________________  Date ____________________

Application Details
Submitted work must:
• be weather-durable
• interpret “Nature’s Armature”
• have the capability to support, contain, and manipulate plant-life, precipitation, sunlight, soil, etc.

Send this Application with two images of the entering piece to:

Andy Sell
c/o Catriona Mortell
1800 N. Dixboro Rd.
Ann Arbor, MI 48109

Email sella@umich.edu with questions.

Applications are due:
April 18 2008

Artists whose sculptures have been selected will be notified of their acceptance by April 25 2008.