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Dynamic New Sculpture Exhibition Captures and Reflects Nature at New England Botanic Garden

***Art in Motion: 25 Years of Sculpture by George Sherwood on display
May 3 – October 12***

BOYLSTON, MA, April 7, 2025 – [New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill](#) has announced an exciting new kinetic sculpture exhibition coming to the Boylston-based garden this spring. *Art in Motion: 25 Years of Sculpture by George Sherwood* opens May 3 and will run through October 12. Created by artist and engineer [George Sherwood](#), based out of Ipswich, MA, this exhibition of abstract, moving sculpture captures the dynamic forces of nature and reflects the beauty of the living world.

Art in Motion is a career-spanning exhibition that features 17 of Sherwood’s sculptures, each made with extreme precision from highly reflective stainless-steel. These captivating sculptural designs draw inspiration from patterns and perspectives in nature such as birds in flight, floral forms, and ripples and reflections on the surface of water. Each piece is comprised of smaller components—sometimes several and sometimes thousands—that move in response to the slightest breeze. Placed with intention throughout New England Botanic Garden’s formal garden spaces, the sculptures invite visitors to find moments of tranquility and joy while appreciating the subtle changes that take place in nature all the time.

“Each sculpture is a three-dimensional painting of shifting light, drawing all the colors of the environment, pulling down the sky, drawing up the earth and gathering everything in between,” Sherwood says.

The exhibition is not only a retrospective. It includes a new, never-before-seen sculpture. Titled “Beneath the Sea,” Sherwood’s latest piece evokes the shimmering sense of looking up from under water. Each sculpture is unique and interacts with its surroundings in its own special way. They vary in shape, size, and movement, ranging from smaller more intimate pieces to large-scale works reaching up to 21 feet.

Born and raised in Fairfield, CT, Sherwood developed a fascination with movement in the 1970s through physical theater, which led him to create performances featuring animated props and sculptures. He holds degrees in art and engineering, and worked with LEGO Futura, where he contributed to developments that inspired his sculptural journey. Sherwood's work is part of permanent collections at the Currier Museum, the Dana Farber Cancer Institute 20th and 21st century Contemporary Art Collection in Boston, Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, Atlanta Botanical Garden, and One International Place in Boston, MA. He has participated in both public installation projects and solo exhibitions. A collection of his work, *Wind, Waves and Light*, was featured at New England Botanic Garden in 2019. A few favorites from this collection will be returning as part of *Art in Motion* along with pieces not previously displayed at the Garden and one new sculpture.

"Having my work displayed outside in a garden space provides a powerful interplay with the environment. You'll get this subtle, sometimes more than subtle, reflection of color from the gardens back in the sculpture. It's all about the light," Sherwood says. He hopes his work inspires an emotional connection for visitors as they tour both the Garden and the collection.

"It's a privilege to work with such a talented artist as George," says Lea Morgan, exhibitions manager for New England Botanic Garden. "His sculptures are mesmerizing. They move effortlessly and complement our garden spaces in surprising and beautiful ways. We hope our visitors will enjoy seeing these pieces again and again during their time here, especially as the seasons change."

Visitors can experience *Art in Motion: 25 Years of Sculpture by George Sherwood* with general Garden admission May 3 through October 12, 2025. Sherwood's book *Wind, Waves, and Light* will be available for purchase in the Garden Shop. New England Botanic Garden is open daily from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. To learn more visit nebg.org/art-in-motion or contact Public Relations Manager Liz Nye at lnye@nebg.org.



Image Caption: *Flock of Birds* by George Sherwood, pictured at New England Botanic Garden in 2019, is one of 17 sculptures situated throughout the Garden in the new exhibition, *Art in Motion: 25 Years of Sculpture by George Sherwood*.

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About *New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill*

New England Botanic Garden at Tower Hill is a nonprofit organization located at 11 French Drive in Boylston, Massachusetts. A regional destination, the Garden is operated on 200 acres by the Worcester County Horticultural Society, one of the oldest of its kind in the country, and is open to the public for garden viewing, trail walking, educational programs, private events, weddings, exhibitions, and more. This year New England Botanic Garden was voted "Top Botanic Garden in the U.S." by *TravelAwaits*. New England Botanic Garden is an [AAM-accredited](#) museum that includes an irreplaceable collection of plants and creates opportunities for visitors to experience the wonder of plants, learn about the natural world, and make joyful connections. Learn all about New England Botanic Garden including its history, mission, and its staff at www.nebg.org.

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