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### **Art Thief in Willoughby?**

**Willoughby- October 7, 2010** - The DiVine District collective (consisting of numerous businesses such as My Song Boutique, Spray U Tan, Schultz Upholstery, Molta Bella Pizza, Pure Color Bar, Joe's Music and more) has installed more than 20 modern art sculptures along the sidewalks of Vine Street from Erie to Skiff. Sometime over the weekend one of the pieces was stolen!

A beautiful work called "3 Goddesses", which was located in front of Spray U Tan and created by the owners, has gone missing. "The piece was a symbolic Celtic type image, which symbolizes a mother and two daughters....it is worth much more to us than the cost of the metal," said Sherrie Ryan, Owner of Spray U Tan and co-creator of the art.

"It makes me sad. We are trying to do something innovative and exciting in Willoughby. We hope that folks will respect the remaining art and any further items we may put up," says Jackie Bertolette, Co-owner of My Song Boutique and DiVine District Co-Director.

The piece, which was constructed of stainless steel and copper, was a depiction of a sun surrounded by two half moons. A police report has been filed and the case is being approached as either an art or scrap theft. We encourage anyone with information about the theft or the whereabouts of the sculpture to contact Willoughby Police.

"The heist does put a damper on our upcoming DiVine District ArtStock event on Friday, October 15th, but will not derail our efforts to beautify the area," adds Mrs. Bertolette.

ArtStock is scheduled for Friday, October 15<sup>th</sup> from 5-9pm and will offer artists creating art. Come be a part of a creative assembly celebrating artistic pursuits! Free to all! More information at [www.thedivinedistrict.com](http://www.thedivinedistrict.com) or 440.918.1480.

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