



*** For Immediate Release ***

Detroit Lakes Kicks Off 150th Anniversary Celebrations with Sailboat Regatta

(March 31, 2021, Detroit Lakes, MN) The year 2021 marks Detroit Lakes' 150th Anniversary. Leave it to this "City by the Lake" to kick off the celebrations with a Sailboat Regatta!

The Regatta is the result of the "150 Sails Up in DL" project, a regional public art project driven by Mary Beth and Hans Gilsdorf. With support of area businesses, the project has resulted in 150 one-of-a-kind sailboat sculptures, decorated by over 80 regional artists.

The sailboat structure was designed by artist Hans Gilsdorf and the 150 sailboats were built and donated by BTM, a metalwork manufacturer based in Detroit Lakes. The sailboats range in size of 20 inches to four feet high. "People are going to be blown away by the work these artists are creating," says Hans. "It is the same sailboat to start with. But each now has a totally different look, unique to each individual artist."

The sculptures will be unveiled on Friday, April 30 from 4pm-7pm at the Kent Freeman Arena (1310 Rossman Avenue, Detroit Lakes, MN 56501).

This will be the first, and only, opportunity to see all of the sculptures together, before they sail to their new homes throughout the community. Everyone is invited to stop by to see the sailboats and meet the artists who have now made their mark on the sailboats, on this project, and on the community.

"It will be incredible to see all 150 sailboats in one spot," said Mary Beth Gilsdorf. "But I also cannot wait for the opportunity to gather with the artists that I've been communicating with in every way, except in person. I've got 80+ new fun and creative friends, and I'm excited to give them a celebratory elbow bump!"

Admission to the arena is \$5 for adults, and free for children and students. Outdoor festivities include music by The Cropdusters, tasty food options from area food trucks, and a cash bar.

To continue to celebrate Detroit Lakes 150th Anniversary, additional events are being planned throughout the year including recognition of the City's official founding date on July 29. Watch www.DL150.com and follow @DL150Events on Facebook for details!

###