

DEC THE WALLS EXHIBITION

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JOHN SCAROLA, *CREATIVE INDIVIDUAL GRANT 2018*

DEC PROJECT: "*BREACHING WHALE*"

Gray whale handcrafted from poplar with a silvered finish.

ABOUT THE ARTIST

John is self-taught artist from Northport, NY. His father was also an artist and taught him a lot. Creating art through drawing, painting, and sculpting has been a life long endeavor for John. For the past 40 years, the artist has also run a business designing and building custom furniture and accessories. Past jobs as a carpenter, tree-climber, and clammer have all influenced Scarola's approach toward art, as well as his love of natural materials. The wood with which he creates is found locally, often reclaimed, and used for both sculptural and functional works. In addition to participating in trade shows and art exhibitions, John has large scale public art displays in Cold Spring Harbor. His work has been featured in magazines such as Country Living, Metropolitan Home, and Architectural Digest. It has also been purchased by Bloomingdale's, Ralph Lauren, Red Barron Auctions, and a number of designers and celebrities.