

Green Hills News Release

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Munson Captures Florida Beach Attention with Sand Sculptures

March 21, 2019 (Ames, Iowa) – Green Hills residents, Bruce Munson and his wife Barbara, enjoy their yearly get away to Saint George Island in Florida. While many people would use this time to sit and soak in the sun, Bruce has opted for a much more creative use of his time, saying, “I started sand sculpting fifteen years ago and thought ‘what the heck are people going to say about a grown man digging around in the sand?’” However, he did not let worries stop him from pursuing this fun pastime, which now provides a point of interest for beach walkers. “People stop by to watch. When you start, people always want to know what you’re going to make. It is surprising how much fun people have and how much they enjoy it” says Bruce.

Bruce aims to create unique sculptures, saying, “I think the appeal is creating something unusual and what people wouldn’t expect to see at the beach.” Traditional sand castles are not on his radar. Instead, Bruce’s work includes musical instruments, household items, animals, food, symbols, and so much more. Some years he will pick a theme and only craft items fitting this theme. During the last Olympics, he opted for a series of sculptures representing various sporting events.

Some of Bruce’s favorite sculptures include a half life-sized Alfa Romeo replica. “Our long-time friends joined us on vacation one year which inspired me to build their Alfa Romeo.” These large pieces take several hours to complete, depending on the level of detail needed and scale of the project. “The thing that makes any of these interesting are the details. It takes as much time in the detail work as it does to make the general shape. You need to outline the steering wheel, windshield, and more” says Bruce.

When asked about his plans for next year, Bruce says, “I am open to suggestions!” Bruce has no idea what he will make yet but is always happy to try new things. He says, “The thing I learned is that you are never too old to try something new.”

Green Hills is a Life Plan Community with the motto, “Live Life...The Way You Want It.” For residents like Bruce, this means continuing to pursue his active lifestyle with new experiences.

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