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Miami Shores enlarges Optimist Park for a sculpture garden



In 2010, during a Miami Shores Village Council meeting, then Vice Mayor Prospero Herrera suggested Optimist Park at 204 NE 94th St. as a location for a sculpture garden. Thanks to the determined efforts of the Miami Shores Fine Arts Commission (FAC) and the Village's recent acquisition of the adjacent half-acre property at 9301 NE 2nd Ave., it has become a reality.

The Miami Shores Village Sculpture Garden's celebrated opening ceremony took place November 11, with a complimentary wine and mimosa bar. Venezuelan artist Alberto Cavalieri greeted guests and spoke about his five-piece installation of cast-iron sculptures, *Solid Knots*, on loan from the artist for a year.

Cavalieri, who has lived in Miami since early 2016, tells the BT that each piece weighs approximately 2000 pounds and that his inspiration comes from observing architectural elements, as well as nature. *Anemoi*, *Eolo*, and *Skurge* were created in 2008; *Cronos* and *Temis Curtus* were cast in 2009. "I try to make rigid materials look natural," says the sculptor.

His artistic process is seen in a video: <https://youtu.be/ZQz2CTQNVdQ>.

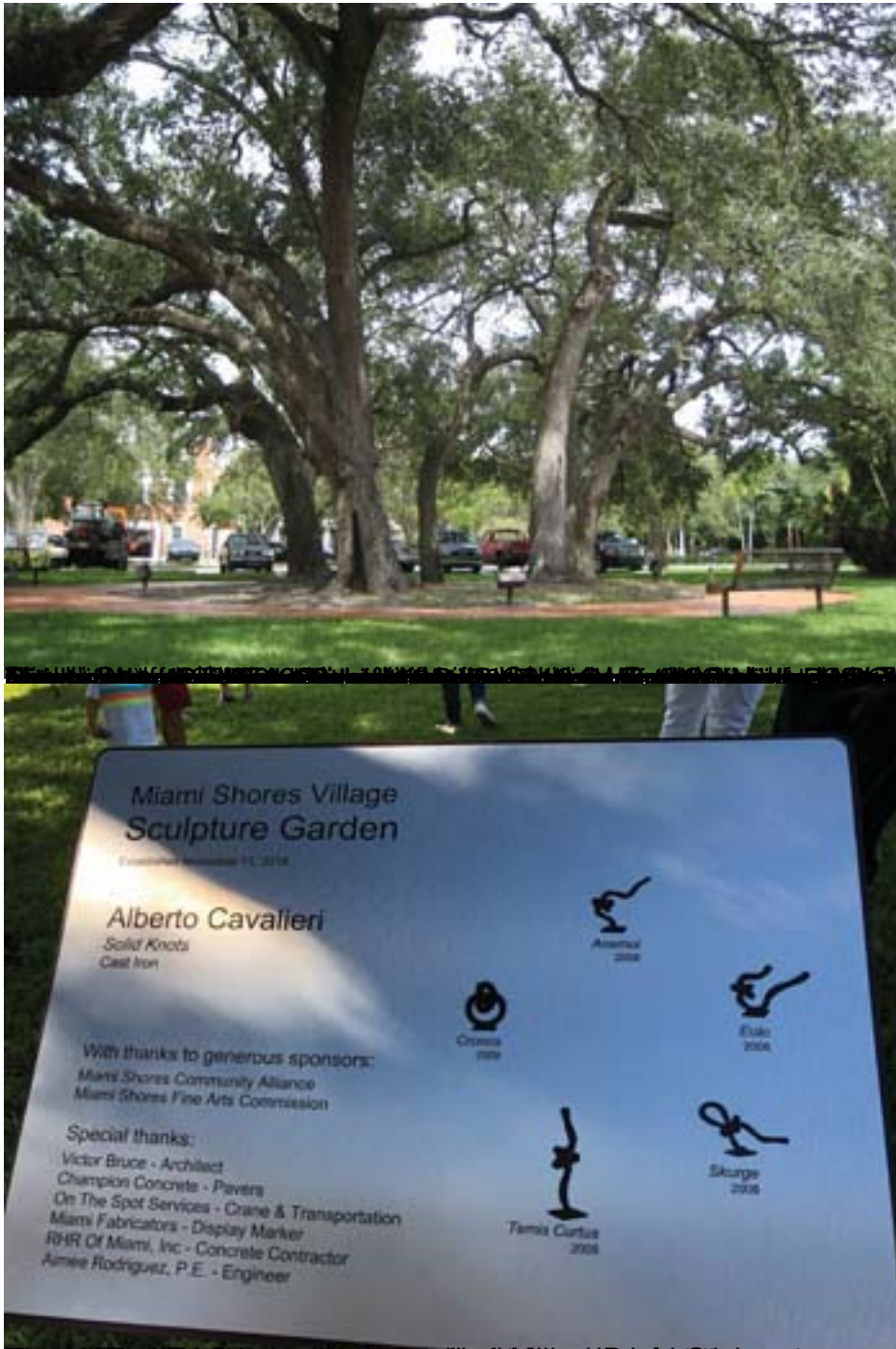
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Solid Knots
Cast Iron



Anatomical
2018



Crissis
2019



Elio
2018



Tennis Court
2018



Skurge
2018

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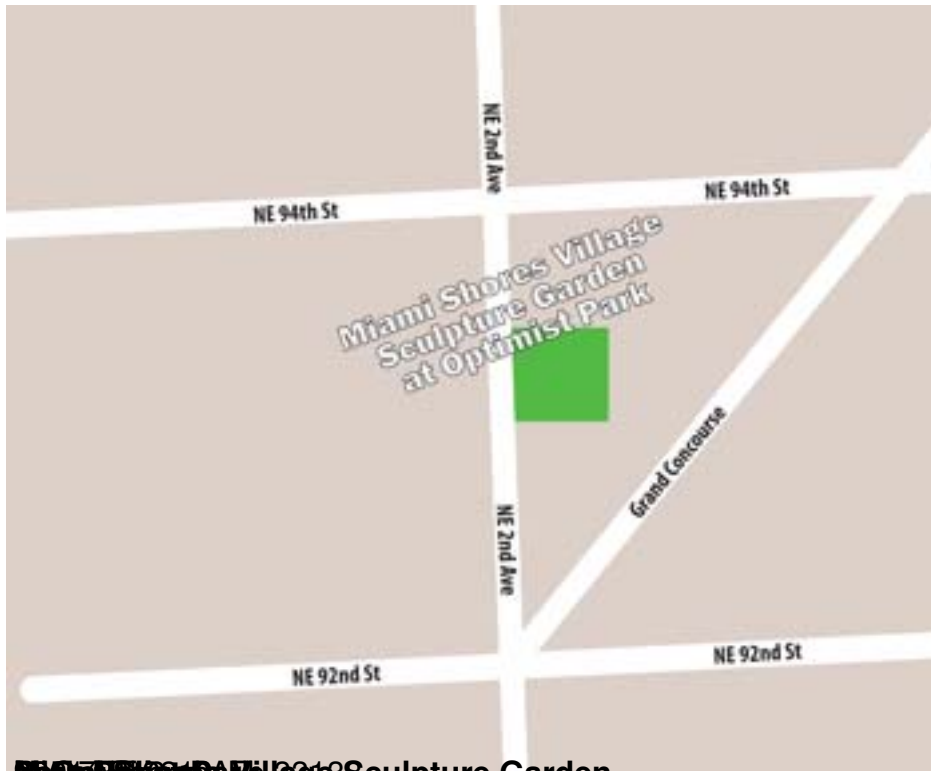
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5:30 - 7:00 PM

Day to dusk