“Natural Cycles: A Celebration of Art in the Forest”

Julian Voss-Andreae (pictured) and his daughter Juliana hoist a piece of his 30-foot diameter steel sculpture “Large Buckyball Around Trees” into the spot where it will remain for about a year as part of Tryon Creek State Natural Area’s “Natural Cycles” art exhibit. Voss-Andreae’s work sits among a group of trees and is based on the structure of a molecule, serving as a metaphor for the connection between nature and culture. His work is part of a five-piece juried show (now in its second year) that takes up a temporary home in the forest of Tryon Creek. The collaborative project between Friends of Tryon Creek State Park and the Regional Arts and Culture Council chose five installations from more than 50 applicants. Other artists showing installations in the park are Carrie Bodle, Charissa Brock, Leta Evaskus and Christine Harrington and Martha Morgan.

“Natural Cycles” opens with a family day featuring hands-on art projects for adults and children along the Trillium Trail. Participants can make a nature journal that includes bamboo prints, a lichen collage or drawings. Family day events 1-4 p.m. Sunday. Meet at the nature center, 11321 S.W. Terwilliger Blvd. Free. Details: 503-636-4398.

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