

About the Artist

Tom Moran was born in 1960 and was the sixth of seven children. He was son of lumberjack from Onaway, Michigan. Academics never came easy to Tom due severe dyslexia. So, he figured out he had to play on his strengths: a spatial intelligence that enabled him to build and fix things. His high school had a wood shop, but for whatever reason, metal was where his interest lied. He convinced his shop teacher to haul out the old metal equipment and let him work with it. From there on, his passion and abilities flourished.

Following graduation, he logged with his dad during the day and welded at nights and on weekends. In 1978, he began renting an old glass window shop and using it to do odd jobs such as welding broken springs on Chevettes or fabricating towing assemblies for cars.



From an old glass window shop, he moved to a parcel of land his Uncle owned and built a 320 sq. ft. pole barn for a welding shop. As he could afford, he expanded the building and land for a total of 34 additions in all. Today, Moran's headquarters are a mere 125,000 sq. ft., with an additional facility in Cheboygan and a deep-water port located on Lake Huron at Roger City's Port Calcite.

A proverbial Jack-of-all-trades: industrial welder, avant-garde artist, and a bona fide son of a lumberjack. Tom expresses his creative passion by creating ornamental sculptures. He works primarily with plate steel, occasionally incorporating copper and stainless steel into his work. Tom shares his metal creations by donating most of his work to non-profit organizations, museums and educational facilities for fundraising opportunities or public display in Onaway. The sculptures have quickly become their own tour destination around Northern Michigan.



Moran Iron Works

Moran Iron Works (MIW) is a dynamic fabrication facility specializing in large, modular, custom welding and industrial fabrication projects. With 40 years of experience, MIW provides a full range of custom design, engineering, fabrication, installation, service, repair and modification services throughout a number of industries including powergen, marine, and large industrial.

Their unique affiliation with the Industrial Arts Institute, northern Michigan's premier trade school, gives them the ability to educate and train their staff to meet the needs of an ever-changing market. MIW maintains indoor overhead crane, CNC plasma cutting, rolling, forming, and robotic welding capabilities. Additionally, they have access, via a high-wire corridor to their facility at Port Calcite in Rogers City, Michigan for haul-out and launching needs.

Since 1989, Moran Iron Works has constructed a unique and intriguing float to enter in the Onaway, Michigan Grand Parade on the 4th of July. The float entry is the town's best kept secret until the citizens see it coming down Washington and State Streets for the very first time. Most Sculptures are located in Northern Michigan, so you may admire them as much as the citizens of Onaway have on the 4th. The community of Onaway is as proud of Moran Iron Works, as Moran Iron Works is of its unique iron sculptures.



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Part Creations



2018

AMERICAN FLAG
Moran Iron Works
Onaway, MI



2016

**LOBDELL & EMERY
LOCOMOTIVE**
Awakon Park
Onaway, MI



2014

**WORLD'S LARGEST
STEERING WHEEL**
Awakon Park
Onaway, MI



2013

**OUR
PRESIDENT**
Awakon Park,
Onaway, MI



2012

STURGEON
Corner of 211 and M68
Onaway, MI



2017

**AWAKON PARK
SCULPTURES**
Awakon Park
Onaway, MI



2015



USS BUNKER HILL
Moran Iron Works' Field
Onaway, MI



2013

SOURCE
Northwood University
Midland, MI



2011

USS LEXINGTON
Private Owner
Onaway, MI



2010

IRON MAN
Awakon Park
Onaway, MI



2008

MISS LIBERTY
Awakon Park
Onaway, MI



2006

ATLAS
G&T Used
Truck & Auto
Parts
Chesterfield,
MI



2004



2003

LIBERTY TORCH
Lakeside Park
Rogers City, MI

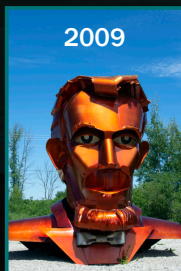


2002

BUTTERFLY
Charlevoix Library
Charlevoix, MI



2001



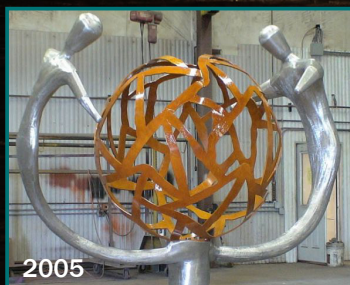
2009

**ABRAHAM
LINCOLN**
Awakon Park,
Onaway, MI



2007

**UNKNOWN
SOLDIER**
Awakon Park,
Onaway, MI



2005

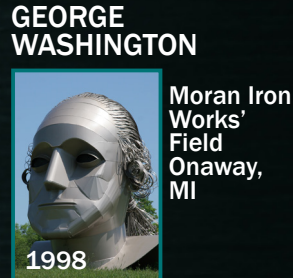
COMMUNITY CONNECTED
McLaren Northern Michigan
Hospital
Cheboygan, MI

**STONE HEAD
INDIAN**
Fairview, MI



2000

BALD EAGLE
Jesse Besser Museum
Alpena, MI



1998

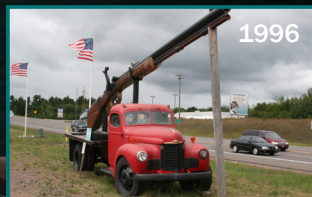
**GEORGE
WASHINGTON**

Moran Iron
Works'
Field
Onaway,
MI



1997

AQUARIUM
Private Owner
Onaway, MI



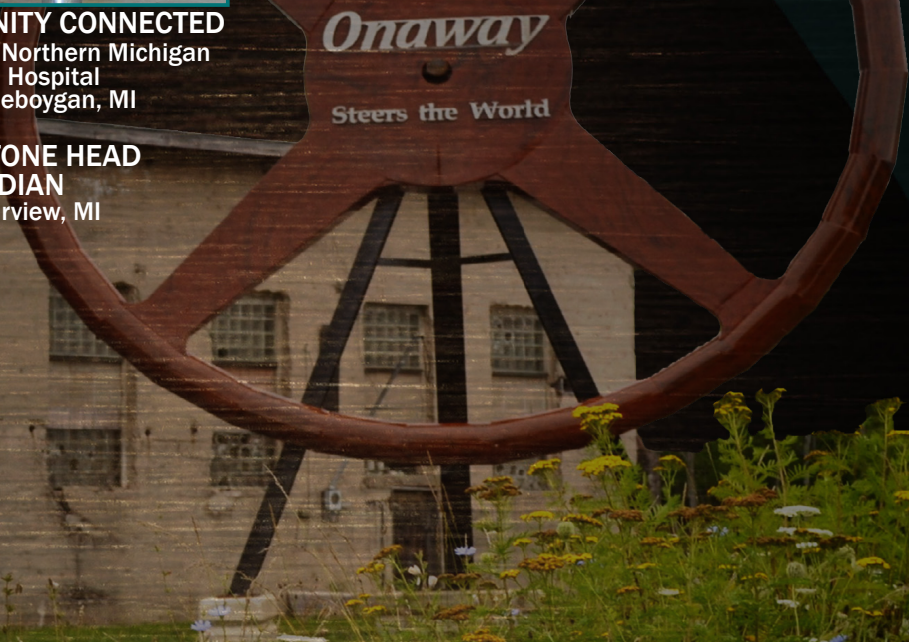
1996

BIG ERNIE (MUSKET)
Yoopers Tourist Trap
Ishpeming, MI



1994

BIG GUS (CHAINSAW)
Yoopers Tourist Trap
Ishpeming, MI



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