

**EXPLORER'S GUIDE** 

# Seward Johnson

Celebrating the Familiar



# Seward Johnson believed in the joy of discovery. Consider the following as you explore his artwork.

Seward Johnson was born in New Jersey, and following the auspicious clipping of a newspaper ad for a beginner's sculpture class, became well-known worldwide for his figurative sculptures. Spurred to strengthen communities through his artwork, Seward built an international community of artists with the Johnson Atelier, which continues to weave his sculpture into the fabric of everyday life through music, dance, poetry, food, all the things Seward loved.



It's easy sometimes to forget the simple things that give us pleasure. If we open our eyes, life is marvelous. -Seward Johnson

#### **OBSERVE**

- Where are the figures in the sculpture looking and what do they see?
- What looks real and what looks imaginary about the sculpture? About the landscape?

#### REFLECT

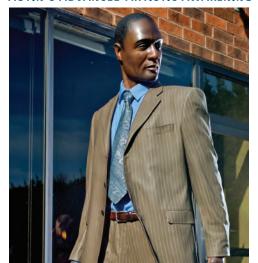
- Does being with art in nature cause you to see the artwork, or nature, differently?
- When and where can you find ways to engage a sense of discovery in your daily life?

#### CREATE

- Seek a moment that is universally appreciated as a quiet gesture for the public good and describe it in no more than 6 words, or in a poem.
- If you were to create a sculpture of you - what would it be like?



#### **AUTIN'S ADVANCED ARTISTIC AWAKENING**



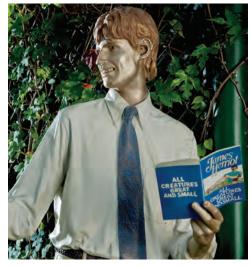
75 Bayard Street Seward Johnson, Autin's Advanced Artistic Awakening, ©2013 The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc., Photo by Ken Ek

#### **CAPTURED**



344 George Street Seward Johnson, Captured, ©2013 The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc., Photo by Ken Ek

## **BETWEEN CLASSES**



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### **WAVING GIRL**



11 Livingston Avenue Seward Johnson, Waving Girl, ©1982 The Seward Johnson Atelier, Inc., Photo by Matt Yao

# **RELISH, TOO?**



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