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Savanna Maue: NOTO Arts Center to auction off groundbreaking shovels from Redbud Park

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Hey all —

Throughout August the NOTO Arts Center is hosting a special exhibit partnered with a silent auction fundraiser. Hanging on the walls are shovels, each decorated with a unique design.

The shovels were used May 14 in the NOTO Arts and Entertainment District, as NOTO board members, city leaders and other advocates broke ground on Redbud Park, a \$900,000 community improvement project the district has been working on for years.

Through the end of August these NOTO shovels will be up for bid. Artists like Jordan Brooks, DeAna Morrison, Barbara Waterman-Peters and other NOTO artists each put their own take on beautifying the tools, adding colorful flower touches, spray-painted crows or a colorful pattern to make the piece their own.

The minimum bid requirement is \$25. Photos of the shovels can be viewed on the NOTO Arts Center's Facebook page. To place a bid, online bidders can email info@notoartsdistrict.org with the shovel choice number, bid price and contact info. Lucky bidders will be notified by the First Friday Art Walk in September.

Through the heat, Senne Company Inc. has been working diligently on the park, preparing for a fall opening. The park is located at the corner of N. Kansas Avenue and N.E. Gordon Street, and is a little over a half-acre. Plans call for it to feature a sculpture park, gazebo and pergola, redbud garden and indoor event space.