

Teruko Nimura
Eighteen Hundred Lucky Cats

Location: Austin Animal Center

District: 3

Duration: November 5 - December 12, 2016

Materials: ceramic, threaded rod, hardware

Description: 1,800 slip cast ceramic Japanese lucky cat figurines no more than 6 inches tall each. They are placed in a giant spiral based on the Fibonacci sequence, a mathematical number pattern where each number is the sum of the two preceding numbers. This is significant because the mathematician Fibonacci conceived of the sequence when he considered the growth of a rabbit population in one year. Each cat is glazed with alternating shades of yellow, so that the piece will look like a giant sunflower from above.

Concept: Each four-inch cat represents 1/10th of the 18,000 animals the shelter serves every year. The sculpture raises awareness about the no-kill animal shelter.

Programming: November 11 will be the opening event for the East Austin Studio Tour. Partnering with the Friends of the Austin Animal Center organization to sell the individual sculptures framed as an “adopt a lucky cat,” the installation will function as a fundraising tool to help the center with pet adoptions. People can purchase each cat to help sponsor individual animals that are in need of adoption.



Cats will be glazed different shades of yellow



Lucky cats will be arranged in a Fibonacci spiral and will look like this formation from above

