

PAYING HOMAGE

A new Lac du Bonnet monument honours Canadian pilots.

LAC DU BONNET is home to a spectacular new monument designed by one of Manitoba's best-known sculptors.

Gordon Reeve is proud to see his latest work erected in Lac du Bonnet. Reeve designed the Silver Meridian sculpture now on display at the Lakers Ski Club park property along Hwy. 502.

The sculpture, a steel replica of the Vickers Vedette airplane that operated in the community in the early 20th century, took 10 years to complete and was spearheaded by Lac du Bonnet's Municipal Heritage Advisory Committee (MHAC).

"I designed this to be an homage to pilots. Not just pilots in the traditional sense, but also in a more general sense. Every community needs a pilot, someone who can lead it and be an inspiration. That's the true vision here," Reeve says.

Reeve, known throughout Manitoba for his public sculpture displays like Justice, which stands outside the Manitoba Law Courts, hopes Silver Meridian will become more than just a standalone sculpture, and part of a whole green space at the Lakers property.

Reeve said without the hard work and dedication of the MHAC and its chairman Gord Emberley, as well as countless donors, the piece of art would not have been possible.

A half-size replica of the Vedette, the sculpture is mounted atop a 20-foot



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steel column. It will include a water pump that will emit jets of water out the side of the plane, which will rotate in response to wind movement.

The Vickers Vedette was basically a flying canoe used primarily for aerial surveying and photography.

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