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and services.

"I have never seen so much warm and positive support for a project in my life," Savett said.

With construction about to begin, Dubben says, Saratoga Arts still needs \$45,000 to meet the \$196,000 budget.

So far, she says, individuals and organizations have contributed.

She's made presentations to various groups, such as the Saratoga County Chamber of Commerce and Elks Lodge. And she plans next week to start visiting the six elementary schools in Saratoga Springs to introduce the "from pocket change to public art" initiative.

Savett and Van Alstine say that once the rain stops they can complete the sculpture in four to six weeks. It will stand no more than 26 feet high, they say. It will

be unveiled on Sept. 11, the 10th anniversary of the terrorist attacks.

When they discuss the project, they use the words sensitive, respectful, positive, moving and compelling.

"We're not trying to take the steel and turn it into something it's not," Van Alstine said. "The beauty is in the material. And the material speaks for itself."

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