



JEFFREY BLACKWELL Staff photographer

Ken Smith, left, and Scott Grove of Smith + Associates Architects are turning the space around their office into a sculpture garden. Grove designed and built an 8-foot piece titled *Trailways*.

## Smith+Associates adding a dash of artistry to city life

A Rochester architecture firm is bringing a little style into its city neighborhood with a new sculpture garden to catch the eye of the passing public.

Smith+Associates Architects recently installed the first piece of sculpture at its 263 Central Ave. office. The work is called *Trailway*, a 5-ton, 8-foot-high tower of rocks modeled after a cairn, a stone marker used to identify mountain and wilderness trails.

"We are committed to the downtown Rochester area. And for me, when you go to a city and see

sculpture out in the city, you are going to sense that this is a happening place," said Scott Grove, the firm's creative director and a sculptor who designed and built *Trailway*.

"You may not like the sculpture but it always conveys a sense of growth and contemporary edginess," Grove said.

The base stone is a 1-ton rock salvaged from the demolition of the Trailways Bus Terminal downtown.

The sculpture garden is adjacent to the firm's building

— the old city dog pound off St. Paul Street north of the Inner Loop — which was renovated by Smith+Associates.

Future works planned for the garden are a 12-foot set of ribbons entitled *Support*, and a large origami dog made from recycled appliance sheet metal.

"This city has a wealth of creative people," said Ken Smith, founder of Smith+Associates. "Supporting its local artists and displaying public art adds to the rich fabric of Rochester."