

Deaf Culture Question of the Week – November 8 - 12, 2010  
Bill Newell, Principal Washington School for the Deaf

Which of the Deaf artists listed below created the De'Via sculptures that adorn the outside of Clarke Hall at the Washington School for the Deaf?

- a. Susan Dupor
- b. Ann Silver
- c. Chuck Baird
- d. Maureen Klusza

Go to the bottom for the answer.

Answers: “b” - Ann Silver. Look on the outside of the main entrance to Clarke Hall at WSD and on the directly opposite east entrance (internal to the campus) on the outside walls you will see Ann’s De’VIA sculptures created to bring Deaf and ASL related themes and make our campus a visually inviting place for all visitors. Check out Ann Silvers other artwork at her website:

[http://www.deafart.org/Biographies/Ann\\_Silver/ann\\_silver.html](http://www.deafart.org/Biographies/Ann_Silver/ann_silver.html)

But What is De’VIA Art?

As quoted from the De’VIA art website:

De’VIA represents Deaf artists and perceptions based on their Deaf experiences. It uses formal art elements with the intention of expressing innate cultural or physical Deaf experience. These experiences may include Deaf metaphors, Deaf perspectives, and Deaf insight in relationship with the environment (both the natural world and Deaf cultural environment), spiritual and everyday life.

Check out the De’VIA Manifesto here:

[http://www.deafart.org/Deaf\\_Art\\_/deaf\\_art\\_.html](http://www.deafart.org/Deaf_Art_/deaf_art_.html)

All of the other artists listed in the answer choices above are also Deaf artists of distinction. Please also visit their websites and support their work.

- a. Susan Dupor - <http://www.duporart.com/>
- b. Ann Silver -  
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- c. Chuck Baird - <http://chuckbaird.com/>
- d. Maureen Klusza - <http://www.moeart.com/>