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### Arts alumna urges environmental stewardship



Windsor visual arts graduate [Carla Winterbottom](#) (BFA 1987) has a work on display on Chicago's lakefront as part of that city's [CoolGlobes public art project](#), creating awareness about global warming.~

"I first developed my love of nature growing up in Windsor, under the towering elms," says Winterbottom, who is now a trained Chicago TreeKeeper, a Chicago Conservation Leader, and co-founder of Keeping Beverly Green, a neighbourhood tree advocacy group. "CoolGlobes combines my two passions: art and the environment."



Her work, with its theme of "Be a Volunteer," incorporates collages of photos depicting activities of the Chicago Conservation Corps. The organization brings people together to tackle a range of environmental causes — from cleaning up neighbourhoods to preserving Chicago's natural resources.

"I've depicted our relationship to the sun throughout history, with images inspired from the neolithic through to NASA, including Aztec, ancient Celtic and Viking disks," Winterbottom says. "The suns along the equator and snowflakes at the poles are symbolic of the balance and order of our world that has worked for us — and now we have to work to keep it that way."

Learn more about [CoolGlobes: Hot Ideas for a Cooler Planet on its Web site](#). The exhibit runs through September, after which the works will be auctioned off. Proceeds will go toward environmental education efforts in

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