

Sculpture at project to live—di-vinely

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An unusual "living" sculpture, called Vaulted Arbor, was unveiled yesterday at a housing project in Canarsie.

Housing Authority Chairman Joseph Christian, Deputy Borough President William Thompson and Donald Moore, president of the

Brooklyn Botanic Garden, were among those attending the unveiling ceremony in the central mall of the Glenwood Houses on Ralph Ave. between Glenwood and Faragut Roads.

The 20-foot-high steel sculpture, the creation of a Manhattan artist named Hera, will serve as support for several varieties of flowering vines, including honeysuckle and ivy. Vines planted at the base of the now-bare artwork will grow to cover the sculpture by next spring.

HERA IS working on another sculptural arbor, called Arborway, for the Greenwich House Children's Garden in Manhattan's James J. Walker Park. The Vaulted Arbor project, which was begun last month, was produced by the Brooklyn Botanic Garden with its own funds and a grant from the city's Department of Cultural Affairs' Community Arts Program.



Senior citizens' chorus entertains at ceremony.



Vaulted Arbor sculpture at Glenwood Houses: Bare now, but soon to be covered with vines.

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Glenwood Houses Tenant Association president, Arnold Beres, said the residents had the option of accepting or rejecting the artwork when the idea was presented to them.

"We were very glad we made the decision," he said, adding that workshops in maintenance and care of the vines will be conducted by the Botanic Gardens for the tenants.

She noted that, under the program, two murals have been placed in Bushwick, and sculptures are slated to be erected in Brighton Beach, Coney Island and Sunset Park.