

Site for "The Ascent".



40 year old dry stone wall constructed by Dr. Rosen.

Autumn 2007

Rocks harvested locally and stacked without power equipment.



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“A man’s reach should exceed his grasp, or what’s a heaven for”  
Robert Browning



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Preliminary armature for  
"The Ascent"

2007



Verifying  
proportions

Rock step  
placed

2007





Pennsylvania blue stone from Quarry Ducharme, Hemmingford QC





Michelle Lavoie's sculpture atelier. Winter project 2008.  
Creating armature access openings.



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Transfer of winter production from atelier to site.

2008





Assembling layers on site. Verifying proportions





View from turnabout above 40 year old dry wall





Transfer of  
pre-cut layers.  
Armature on  
site to be cut  
to gain  
access.





Each stone is  
numbered to  
facilitate re-  
assembly













Armature cut at strategic level to permit assembly of subsequent layers – buttocks and waist of sculpture.

First cuts have been repaired by telescoping.





Armature reassembled again with telescopic tubing – waist to upper body.  
Whole upper section of armature is removable, not yet cemented.









Roughing out  
arm, shoulder,  
neck levels





Upper body complete,  
except for right arm and  
grasping hand on left.





Refining layers for 'reaching' arm





Superimposing layers for 'reaching' arm.





Working on ladder to  
assemble layers





Verifying  
shape





Access opening to be filled with mortar.





Cementation  
and seating of  
individual  
sculpted layers.





Refining shape

October 2008





Sculpture complete except for stone carved hands.





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Sculpture measures eight  
feet in height

October 2008





Sculpture garden autumn 2008





Sculpture garden 2008  
Inukshuk now eleven years old





Sculpture  
garden 2008





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