

Architecture Center Houston and the Houston Public Library are pleased to announce the beginning of the second season of Authors in Architecture.

**Author Jill Nokes**  
**will present *Yard Art and Handmade Places***

Jill Nokes is a landscape designer and author living in Austin, Texas. Her special interest and experience is in the planning of naturalistic landscape designs that incorporate local materials and plants to re-create authentic settings with regional flavor.

Relatively few Americans build their own homes, but many yearn to make the places they live in more truly their own. Nokes traveled across Texas, seeking out residents who had transformed their yards and gardens into oases of art and exuberant personal expression to assemble her second book, *Yard Art and Handmade Places: Extraordinary Expressions of Home*. Rather than viewing yard art as a curiosity or oddity, she treats it as an integral part of home making, revealing how these places become invested with deep personal and social meaning. Nokes presents their stories, told in their own words, about why they created these handmade places and what their yard art has come to mean to them and their communities.

**Thursday, June 17 | 6 PM**

**Central Library - Program Place (4th Floor)**

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**Reception | 7 PM**

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Debuting in January 2009, Authors in Architecture is a collaboration between the Houston Public Library Downtown and Architecture Center Houston (ArCH). Our aim is to create a dialogue between these two downtown cultural centers and their patrons. This monthly series is free and open to the public.



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