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## What's that? Yonkers ash urn gets explained

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*(Photo: Ernie Garcia/The Journal News)*

A giant, metal ash urn installed as industrial sculpture at Yonkers' new Boyce Thompson Center has a new description to end befuddlement.

The developer of the new Boyce Thompson Center, Simone Development Cos., put the urn in front of its retail-medical complex earlier this year and it had some people wondering what it was.

The new [sign](#) mounted in front of the urn explains its use inside the former plant research center.

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The text on the description states:

"Found mounted in the ceiling of the lower level of the institute building, the [pyramidal](#) hopper installed in the 1930s captured ash from the building's coal-burning [furnace](#). Now preserved as a sculptural object, its design was patented in 1933 by Eugene Hahn of Philadelphia (US1933012A) and illustrates the institute's early commitment to utilize the most modern, responsible means to collect and [dispose](#) of coal ash waste."

The giant iron contraption sits near North Broadway at the southwest entrance to the center's parking lot.



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