



City of Poulsbo
Johnson Parkway/SR 305 Roundabout Centerpiece Art

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Johnson Parkway/SR305 Roundabout Centerpiece Artwork Concept – Released for Public Comment

Please send your comments to the City Clerk's Department by January 30, 2021 at: cityclerks@cityofpoulsbo.com.

The centerpiece is to be an artistic expression that welcomes and delights residents and visitors to the City of Poulsbo. The chosen artwork and landscape elements will reflect Poulsbo's eclectic character and community charm and its spectacular location with views of Liberty Bay and the Olympic Mountains.

Six Artist teams submitted proposals. The Artists' concepts included 4 submissions of Viking Ships/Norwegian boat, a Mother and Child, a whimsical mosaic of abstract lingonberries, flowers, ocean waves with a fish, and a Viking compass with Oden knot and fish.

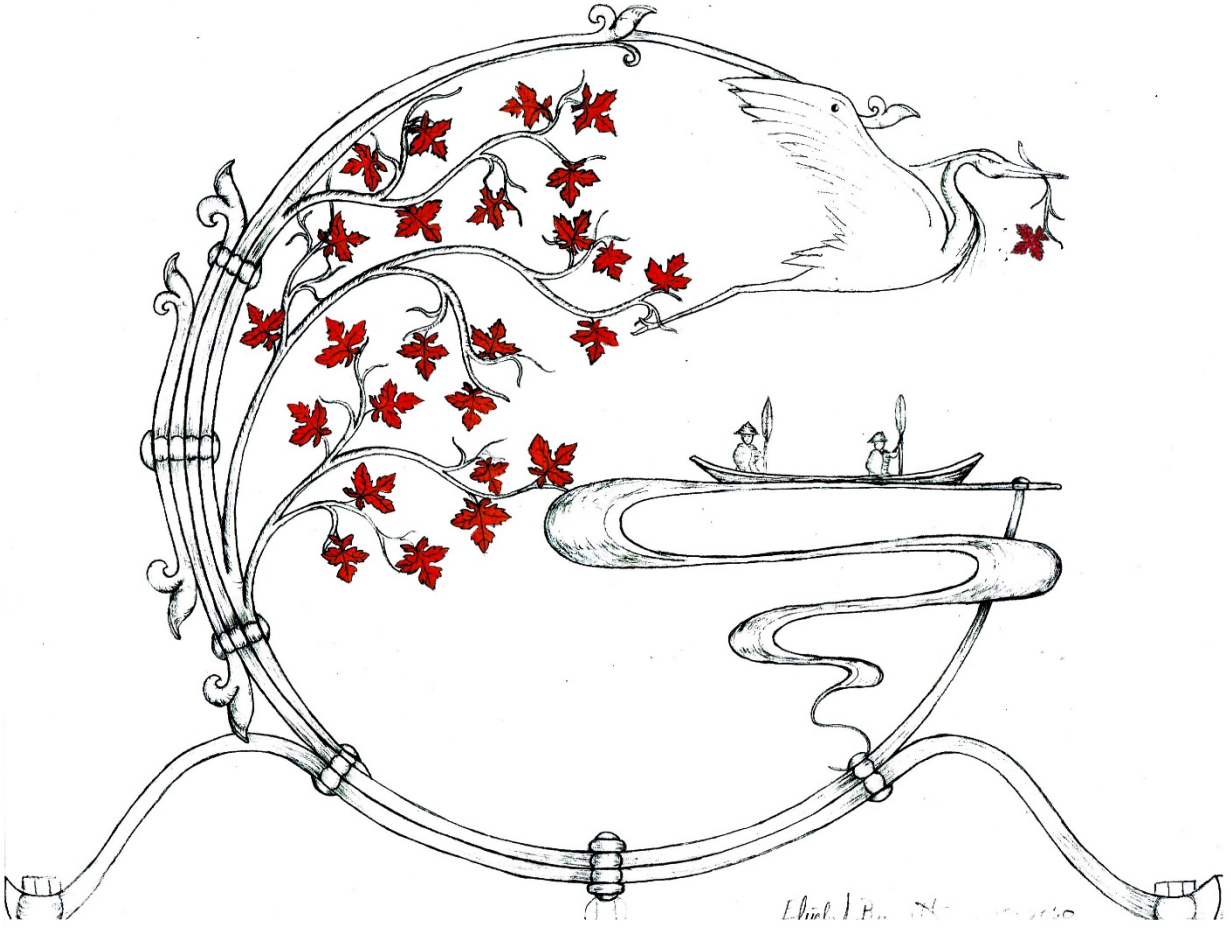
An artwork selection team was organized to evaluate the artists proposals. The team consisted of 3 City Council members – Connie Lord, Britt Livdahl and Andrew Phillips, the Director of Planning Karla Boughton and was facilitated by Mayor Becky Erickson and Engineering Director Diane Lenius. The team narrowed the proposals down to two artists who were interviewed. Based on those interviews, one of the artists team was selected to move forward.

The artwork selection team and the artist, Elijah Burnett, held multiple collaboration meetings to provide feedback and develop an art installation that would be a landmark piece of art that would be timeless for generations to come. From this collaboration with the selection committee, Elijah developed a proposed sculpture called “Looking through the porthole into the land of the maples” which celebrates nature and the surrounding environment. This 3-dimensional sculpture will be forged by hand from steel. It will stand 13-14’ high and will be 12’ in diameter. It is planned to include colored glass accents throughout the sculpture. The roundabout will also contain a knee-high concrete wall (3’ high) that will provide another opportunity for an artistic welcoming message.

The selection committee has shared the concept with City Council members and the community during the January 6th, 2021 City Council meeting. An updated presentation will be given at the January 20, 2021 City Council meeting and the City invites our community to hear our story and provide their thoughts on the proposed concept. Please send your comments to the City Clerk’s Department by January 30, 2021 at: cityclerks@cityofpoulsbo.com. The City will put the finishing touches on this sculpture after consultation with our Suquamish Tribe neighbors and the thoughts from our community. The artwork will be installed at the completion of the Johnson Parkway – SR305 Roundabout project scheduled for July 2022.

For additional information and a look at the additional proposed centerpiece artwork , please follow this link: <https://cityofpoulsbo.com/sr305-johnson-parkway-south-segment-noll-road-construction-project/> and look for the Project Art section.

Current Conceptual Design



Welcome sign on a low wall, conceptual layout including forged maple branches and paddles.

