

Bugs & Books by Kala Escobar



Pierce County
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

JANUARY
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PIERCE COUNTY ARTS FIVE YEAR REPORT 2021-2025

THE PIERCE COUNTY ARTS COMMISSION

Formed in 1985 to serve as a volunteer advisory group to Pierce County government. The commission is appointed for their interest, experience, and support of the arts.



THE COMMISSIONERS

District 1 - Pending

District 2 - Pending

District 3 - Kate Cendejas Thun

District 4 - Cathy Satava

District 5 - Mizu Sugimura

District 6 - Christopher
Michael Escobedo Sr.

District 7 - Anna Jensen

At Large - Faaluaina Pritchard

At Large - Pending



Rebecca Morgan

Sprinker Recreation Fitness Court Mural

- Represents regional history and culture; reflects current community
- Budget: \$25,000

Status: Completed



1% FOR THE ARTS FUND

The mission of the 1% for the Arts Fund is to increase access to the arts for all Pierce County residents through a lasting legacy of publicly held artwork located in county-owned or county-leased facilities. The program has facilitated the establishment of the Rotating Art Collection (110 pieces), and the completion of the Election Center Mural Project brings the Permanent (site-specific) Art Collection up to 17 pieces.

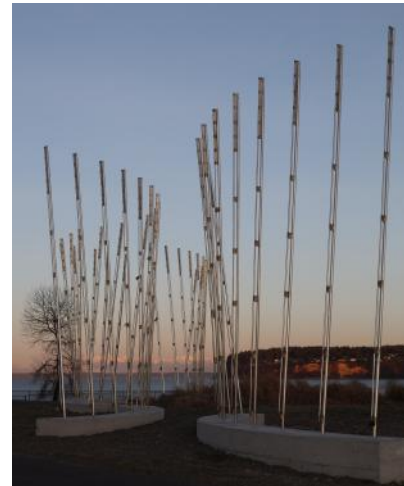
SINCE 2021, 3 NEW PROJECTS HAVE BEEN REALIZED

Swoon by Rohleder Borges Architecture

Chambers Creek Love Locks Project

- Sculpture title: *Swoon*
- Constructed to house approximately 6300 locks
- Location: Chambers Creek Regional Park
- Budget: \$136,700

Status: Completed





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Election Center Mural Project

- 2,200 sq. ft mural for the exterior of the Pierce County Election Center
- 72 applicants from across the country and beyond
- 4 selected finalists received \$1,000 stipend for design proposal
- Budget: \$60,000

Status: Completed



C. Stanley Creative



GENERAL ARTS FUND:

TRAFFIC SIGNAL BOX ART WRAPS

100 LOCATIONS COMPLETED TO DATE

- 100% Pierce County Resident Artists
- County logo on each box
- Website updated as locations are completed
- Artist compensation: \$500/ selected work



Traffic Utility Wraps
By Pierce County Arts Commission



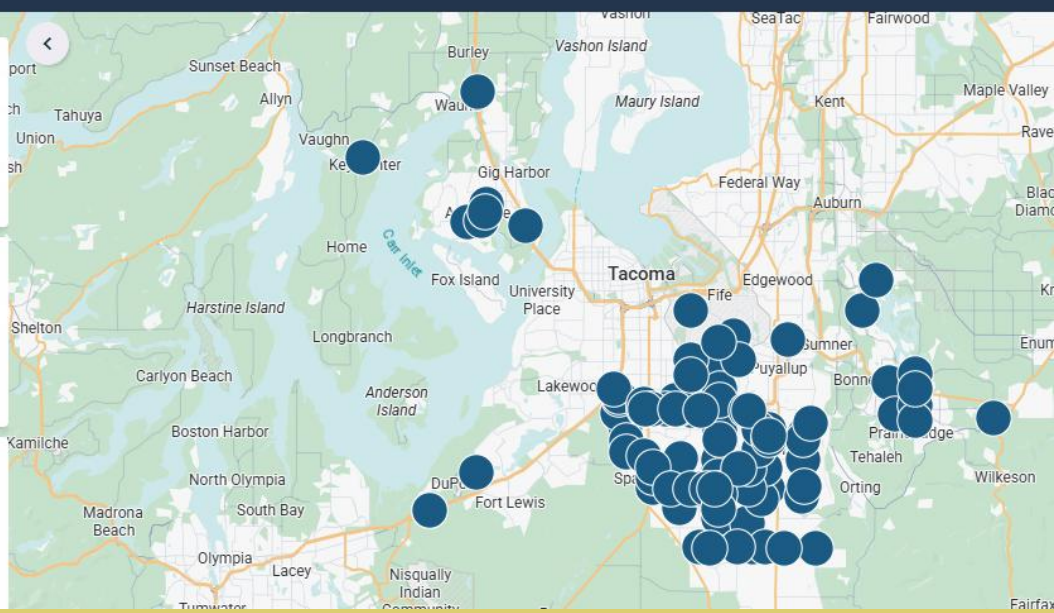
Art Wraps
#2 Neutrals
 Park Avenue South & 108th Street South, Parkland, ...
 Artist
 Linda Harrison



Art Wraps
A Flower and the Butterfly
 112th Street East & Waller Road East, Clover Creek, ...
 Artist
 Edwin Gilven



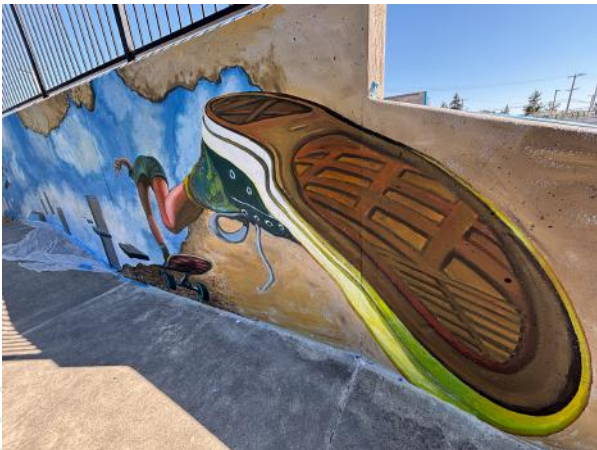
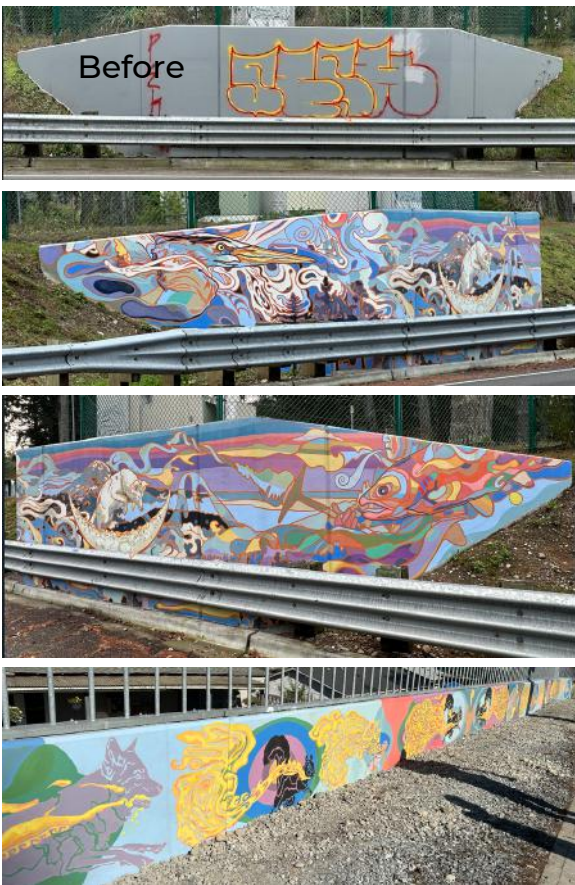
Art Wraps
A Foxes Fond Hope
 Steele St S & 102nd St S, Parkland, WA 98444, USA
 Artist
 Hillarie Isackson



PC MURAL PROJECT

This County-funded project creatively reduces vandalism and graffiti by transforming frequently targeted areas into vibrant works of public art. Through community engagement and the involvement of artists, the program seeks to beautify public spaces, promote civic pride, and foster a sense of ownership and respect for shared environments.

- Walkway barrier and retaining wall near **152nd St E & 22nd Ave E** (Parkland/Spanaway). Artist Raul Ayala created 'Two Winds' (left), inspired by the community's request to honor local Native American culture.
- **Sprinker Recreation Center's Harold E. LeMay Skate Park** (Tacoma-Parkland community). Artists Brady Black, Timothy Robert Smith, and Joseph Brooks transformed the skate park into an immersive work of art reflective of the skate and riding community (below).
- Four artists, 14,500 sq. feet of mural, \$250k total budget



ANNUAL ART GRANT PROGRAM 2021-2025

834K

HOURS OF PROGRAMMING SUPPORTED

- 250% increase in number of applications
- Over \$120,000 invested in regional art opportunities for local residents
- Continued year over year growth in number of participants, hours of programming and number of applicants.



Funded through EDD's general fund to provide art grants in underserved areas of the County outside the City of Tacoma.

- **34 PROJECTS**
- **48,707 ART EXPERIENCE PARTICIPANTS**

Thank You Community Partners!

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| • Northwest Sinfonietta | • Hilltop Artists | • Fred Oldfield Western Heritage Center |
| • Peninsula Hands on Arts | • Tacoma Art Museum | • Museum of Glass |
| • Greentrike | • Spanaway Lake High School | • Lakewood Playhouse |
| • Ariva | • Jump Into Music | • Two Waters Art Alliance |
| • Ted Brown Music | • Friends of the Arts | • Shining Mountain Elementary |

