



Letter of Interest
Artist: Lin McJunkin
Oak Harbor SE Pioneer Way Improvement Project Public Art

I am applying to develop three site-specific public artworks for the SE Pioneer Way Improvement Project, as announced in the Skagit Valley Herald, Thursday, December 30, 2010, on the theme of "Water ~ Above, Below, On and Of." The locations I am addressing are at City Beach, Ireland St. and Midway Boulevard. (NB: Should I be chosen as a finalist, I am interested in developing a coherent proposal for all four sites, including the three listed below.)

As an artist and science educator for over 30 years, I use the heat of my commitment, as well as that of my kilns and torches, to transform sheets of recycled steel and chunky glass into elegant sculptural elements that advocate for the health of the planet and its inhabitants. I have extensive experience with private and public commissions, as well as gallery collections.

Working in nearby Conway, I'm proud to display my large recycled steel and kiln-cast glass sculptures in neighboring venues such as the Outdoor Sculpture Exhibits in La Conner and Anacortes. It would be an honor to be chosen to contribute my unique artwork to the nearby Oak Harbor community as well. As boaters, my husband and I have spent many pleasant hours in your beautiful harbor and strolling around the surrounding community. I'm most impressed with the architect's renderings for this project and excited by the prospects of enhancing the historic downtown area with all its charming potential. I'd relish the opportunity to participate in this worthy effort to connect the downtown core with the scenic waterfront.

Because art committees are always justifiably concerned about durability and safety, as am I, let me reassure you that my pieces are sturdy and secure while retaining a gracefully subtle appearance, an unbeatable combination. Several of my pieces like the ones I am proposing for Oak Harbor have been located safely, for viewers and artwork, for several years in busy public areas. I offer an extended replacement warrantee to my clients, though I have never had to fulfill that part of my agreement.

One of my strengths, as my references will attest, is my ability to collaborate with all other members of the design and installation teams, including architects, planners, engineers and commissioners. I appreciate the input this process allows into my work and value the give and take of the collaborative experience. Should I be chosen as one of the finalists for this project, I look forward to the interactions with the various committees and consultants.

Thank you for your consideration of my proposal and good luck with this rather arduous process.

Artfully yours,

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**Concept 3
SE Pioneer Way and Midway Blvd.**

NB: I do not currently have anything suitable planned for the Dock St. location as it is rather difficult to photograph right now, but I would be willing to do a comprehensive proposal that coordinates all four locations, should I be selected as a finalist. My budget would be \$72,000 for all four sites.



- Project title:** "Fish Out of Water"
- Concept description:** Colorful fish gracefully leap from the sea in this whimsical portrayal of life around the Harbor.
- Design description:** Existing maquette (this piece is **In Process** and the photos are artist snapshots)
- Size:** Existing maquette: Left: 48" x 10" x 5" total. The glass will be in four pieces 14" x 4" x 4"
Proposed sizes: Center: 5' x 1' x 6" total. The glass will be in 6 sections of 1.5' x 5" x 4"
Right (partial): 2.5' x 6" x 4". The glass will be in one piece 24" x 4" x 4"
- Materials:** Recycled steel and kiln-cast glass. The glass is very thick and sturdy. The cast edges form smoothly rounded beads to safely line the shapes.
- Installation:** The thick cast glass is secured to the frame with internal steel bar and silicone. The bases of the fish will be welded to steel plates with four holes drilled into it, through which expansion bolts attach it to a concrete pad(s).
- Budget:** \$27,000 including all materials, labor, engineering consultation, insurance, delivery and installation
- Maintenance:** Rain washes the piece clean, but a gentle annual washing with a soapy sponge and rinsed with clear water would be helpful as well.

**Concept 3 continued
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CD Image descriptions:



3a) Composite of maquette superimposed on site photo



3b) Maquette, full view showing central "spine" – open to allow light to pass through



3c) Maquette detail, ½ fish front without frame, allowing light through central "spine"



3d) Maquette detail, ½ fish side in frame



3e) Maquette detail, "spine" with smooth edges

All snapshots by the artist