

PRESS RELEASE

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Rio Dell's Avenue of the Sculptures

Rio Dell - As part of the City's recent Wildwood Avenue enhancement project, the City of Rio Dell has installed two pedestals for the purpose of displaying art sculptures. "Jumping Salmon" an old growth redwood carving by James Davis of Ferndale is on display on one of the pedestals. Although Rio Dell artist Benji Banderas's "Top of the World" metal sculpture was selected for the other pedestal, it turned out to be too large for the pedestal. Therefore the City is encouraging all Humboldt County artists to submit an application to display their work on the vacant pedestal.

As part of the City's Avenue of the Sculptures concept, the City, Chamber of Commerce and the Eagle Prairie Art District (EPAD) are pursuing grants and donations to construct a number of pedestals and concrete display slabs to display additional sculptures, including Mr. Banderas's "Top of the World" piece. In addition, the City intends on providing lighting, kiosk interpretive panels displaying the artist and artwork information, decorative light standards and benches throughout the City.

If you or someone you know is interested in displaying their artwork or are interested in donating money to make the Avenue of the Sculptures a reality, please contact the City at 764-3532 for an application and additional information regarding the Sculpture Guidelines or the Avenue of the Sculptures.



Benji Banderas's "Top of the World"

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