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**For immediate release****Public art will prevail! COVID-19 has not stopped artists for Tigard's Outdoor Museum**Photos  
supplied by  
artist, Jennifer  
Kuhns

COVID-19 has not stopped Tigard's public art plans. City of Tigard, along with the assistance of Tualatin Valley Creates have been working with large-scale visual artists, MJ Lindo-Lawyer (muralist), Jennifer Kuhns (mosaicist), and Christine Clark (metal sculptor) to stay on schedule for the upcoming Tigard Outdoor Museum. The Museum will artistically interpret the rich and sometimes complicated palimpsest history of Tigard and the surrounding region. The project is a three-quarter-mile linear exhibition following the former railroad bed that connects Main Street to employment and housing areas. Development for the Outdoor Museum began early 2019 when the City was awarded a \$75,000 National Endowment for the Arts grant.

Artist, Jennifer Kuhns joins the project from Elma, WA where she maintains her very active mosaic studio. Kuhns has accomplished more than twenty-nine installation projects throughout the Pacific Northwest since 2005. Kuhns says her designs for the Museum "celebrate the essence of [this] land, and that the passage describing Louis Kenoyer's lesson learning native words for Earth, Water and Wood kept ringing in her ears like a mantra." Kuhns continued that she "will be interpreting history and origins through the installation of basalt rock seating along the trail, featuring mosaic inlays that invoke the essential elements that supported the Tualatin Valley's first inhabitants, and created a foundation for future communities that slowly grew and developed into what is now the City of Tigard."

The entire trail is tied together by upright steel panels by Portland-based urban artist, Suenn Ho. Ho's series of interpretive works also include plaque cards sharing pivotal stories in the region's history. Works by Suenn Ho are installed and available for viewing pleasure now. Official unveiling is scheduled for early summer 2020. For questions, please contact Tualatin Valley Creates at 503-567-1713 or info@tvcreates.org

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