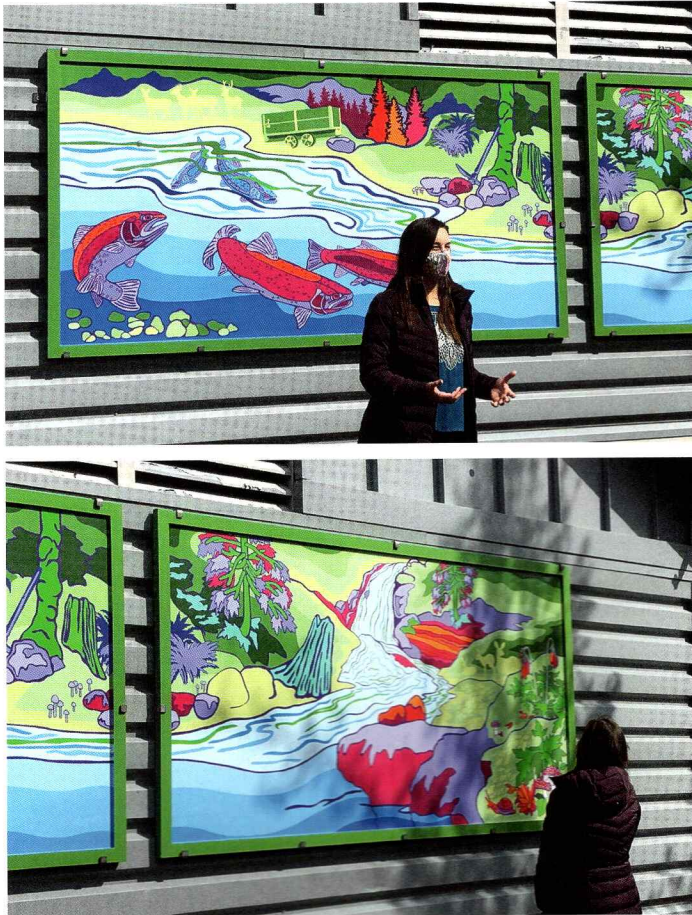


NEW MURAL UNVEILED AT LAKE BOREN PARK

Article & Photos by Amy George



THE NEWCASTLE ARTS COUNCIL (NAC) and the City of Newcastle unveiled a new mural at Lake Boren Park last month. From its salmon-filled stream to its coal mining tools, the mural is a colorful celebration of Newcastle. It was installed on the exterior of the bathroom building and greets visitors as they enter the park from the main parking lot.

Earlier this year, the NAC put out an artist call and narrowed the selection of artists down to three. Seattle-based artist Beth Gahan was chosen as the finalist. Her public art installations are found throughout the Puget Sound and the state. While also a studio artist, she enjoys creating public art because "it's an opportunity to put art out in the world so that community can enjoy and be a part of it."

In addition to the 4Culture grant, the project was made possible with the support of BECU, Acorn Custom Cabinets, City of Newcastle, the Kari Hass team with Windermere Real Estate, the Tina Mitchell team with Highlands Residential Mortgage, and KCLS Newcastle.

Learn more about the mural, the artist, and the NAC by visiting bit.ly/NewcastleMural to view the YouTube video of the unveiling ceremony.

FRIENDS OF NEWCASTLE LIBRARY HOSTS SPRING FUNDRAISER

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WHAT DO A MURDER MYSTERY NIGHT, art classes, ukulele lessons, and story time supplies all have in common? These are just a few of the Newcastle Library programs supported by the Friends of Newcastle Library (FONL) organization.

The pandemic has prevented FONL from holding its annual book sale this May. Instead, FONL is hosting a virtual spring fundraiser to benefit the local KCLS branch here in Newcastle. There are three ways to participate:

- online at Amazon Smile
- on Facebook @FriendsofNewcastleLibrary
- via USPS at Newcastle Library

All funds raised stay here in Newcastle to support library programs for all ages. Over the years, this has included art and photography workshops, special events, supplies and refreshments for youth programs, and more. This past year, FONL funding supported subscriptions to Padlet Pro for the Teen Creative Society.

Friends of Newcastle Library is a volunteer 501c3 nonprofit started by community members when the library opened in 2012. Current members of the board are President Beatriz Wallace, Vice President Connie Futrell, Treasurer Carol Simpson, Secretary Shivani Caplan, and at-large members Sun Burford and Sonal Khurana. There is currently an open position for a two-year term on the board. Contact FONL by email at friendsnewcastlelib@gmail.com or Facebook to learn more.

