



**CITY OF DUVALL
CULTURAL
COMMISSION**

**2025-2026
BIENNIAL
ART PLAN**

I. INTRODUCTION

The Duvall Public Art Policy specifies that with each biennial budget cycle, the Duvall Cultural Commission will provide the Duvall City Council with a two-year art plan that discusses the Duvall Cultural Commission's mission, vision and goals and identifies projects for which funding is sought in the City of Duvall's two-year budget.

Vision Statement of the Duvall Cultural Commission

The City of Duvall's Cultural Commission's vision is to maintain and expand the City's already vibrant art scene across various disciplines and crafts so that the residents of Duvall may engage with and participate in our community through the arts.

Mission Statement of the Duvall Cultural Commission

The Cultural Commission's mission is to maintain, update and inspire the diverse and equitable art of, about and from the residents of Duvall. The mission is also to provide narrative storytelling of the cultural, tribal, agricultural, ecological, and economic heritage of Duvall, the Snoqualmie Valley, and surrounding areas. With these, we hope to enrich the lives of the people of the City of Duvall while encouraging economic development and tourism.

Goal Statement of the Duvall Cultural Commission

The goal of the City of Duvall's Cultural Commission is to provide opportunities for artists to exercise their myriad crafts, offer partnerships with arts organizations to create presentations and programs and seek opportunities for future cultural enrichment as the city grows.

II. 2023-2024 ACCOMPLISHMENTS

The Cultural Commission was re-convened in late fall of 2023, with its first meeting as a reappointed Cultural Commission on December 11, 2023. During the first meeting, the Cultural Commission received a list of projects that had been pre-approved in the City of Duvall 2023-2024 Biennial Budget. Included in that initial list were the following projects:

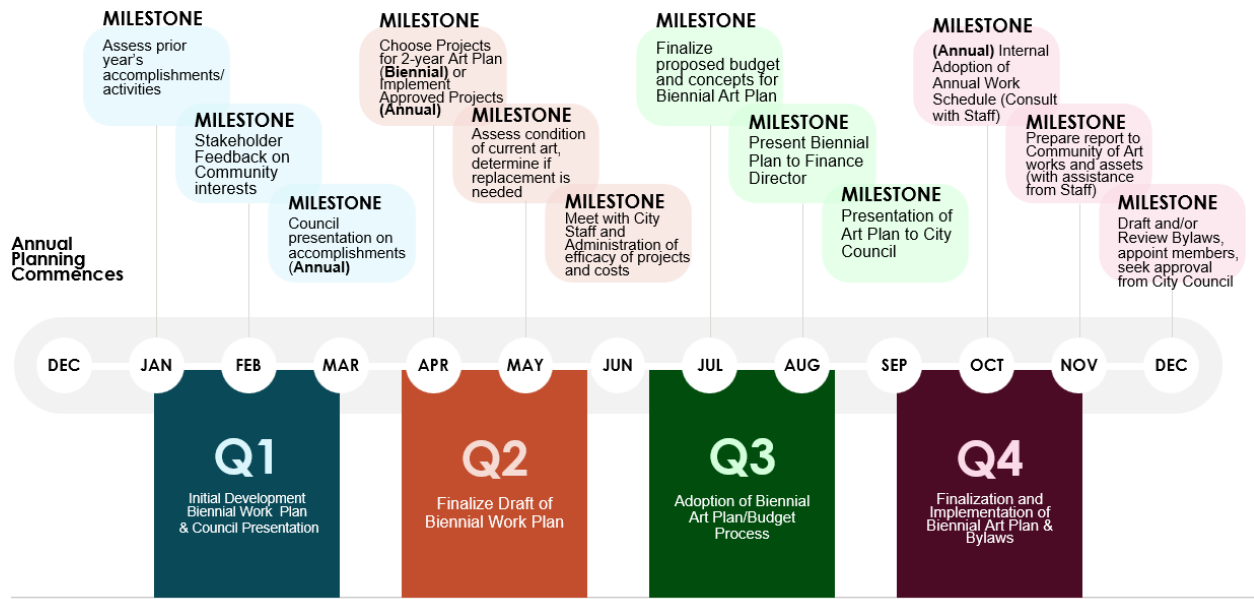
- \$10,000 for a mural at 1st & Virginia
- Design of Park Signs throughout the City of Duvall
- \$50,000 for completion of the "Plank" Project in Duvall

In addition, city staff identified a \$9000 budget line item that could potentially be redeployed, with City Council approval, for additional art projects in 2023 and 2024.

At its first meeting in January 2024, the Cultural Commission discussed its workload ahead. The 2024 workload of the Duvall Cultural Commission was dictated by the newly adopted City of Duvall Public Art Policy and a list of projects that needed to be completed within the year.

CULTURAL COMMISSION PLANNING TIMELINE

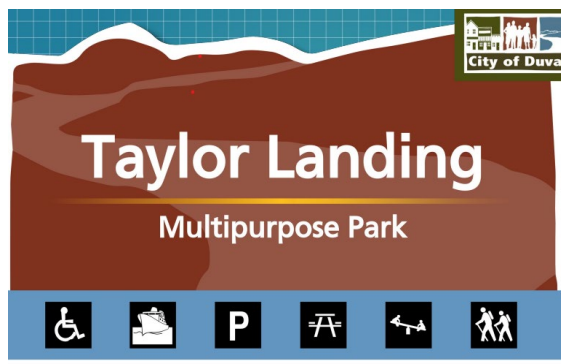
Annual/Biennial Roadmap



The above chart was presented for consideration during the January 3, 2024, Cultural Commission meeting. It reflects the work ahead in 2024 and the normal cycle of deliverables for the Duvall Cultural Commission. The Duvall Cultural Commission immediately concerned itself with ensuring that the pre-programmed art projects were initiated and familiarizing the Commissioners with the Duvall Public Art Policy elements and the process for considering proposed art projects.

During February and March of 2024, the Duvall Cultural Commission accomplished the following:

- Developed and designed the artistic rendering for new park signs to be used throughout city parks in Duvall.



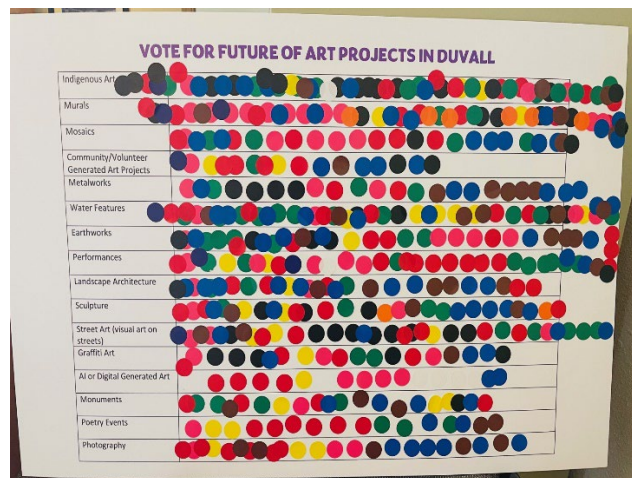
- Released the “Call for Artists” for the Main Street Plank Project. Approved placement of the older cedar planks in Depot Park in an artistic installation.
- Considered and developed a public outreach plan for an art installation at Duvall City Hall celebrating inclusivity to pair a ribbon cutting with a Duvall Pride Event.

- Considered concept and public engagement regarding the theme and design of the 1st & Virginia mural.
- Proposed questions for the Comprehensive Plan Update Community Survey regarding Public Art in Duvall.

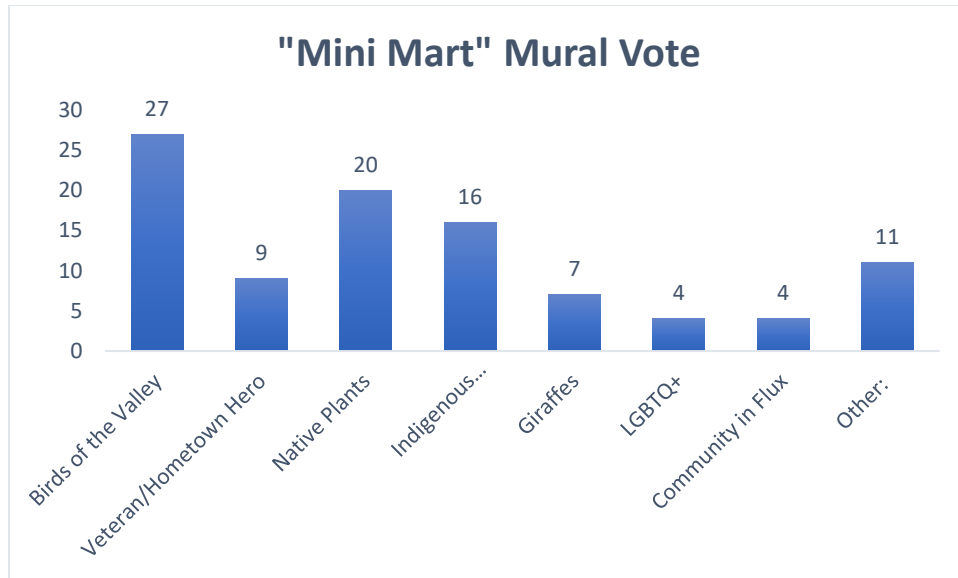
The Duvall Cultural Commission regularly met throughout April and May of 2024. In addition, the Cultural Commission held its first Public Art Open House, in which it solicited public feedback to inform the creation of this 2025-2026 Biennial Art Plan. Of note, the Cultural Commission accomplished the following in April and May of 2024:

- Public engagement, including advertising for public comments, regarding the “Pride/Inclusivity” art project for Duvall City Hall.
- Presentation to City Council on May 7, 2024.
- Attended the Ribbon Cutting for the Duvall City Hall art installation and assisted with and co-sponsored the city’s inaugural Pride in the Park event.
- Held an Open House on May 13, 2024, in the Duvall Visitors Center. The community was asked to provide feedback on the design and theme of the 1st & Virginia mural, the theme of the mural in front of Duvall Market, the community wishes for future art installations in Duvall relative to types of crafts, genres and/or design elements, and what themes of art the community wanted to see represented in Duvall. Community participants in the Open House identified themes around nature and ecology in the Snoqualmie Valley and an interest in additional murals, community events, and water features. Community members also identified indigenous art as an interest.

Following the Open House, the Duvall Cultural Commission assisted city staff in generating additional community feedback regarding the future of art projects at the city-wide Duvall Days event. The Cultural Commission received robust community input from the Duvall Days event regarding future art projects in Duvall.



For the Duvall Market mural, the community offered the following feedback:



For “other,” community members suggested murals with the themes of Starry Night, Positive Words, the American Flag, kayak/canoe on the river, the Kraken, change through the years, a mural of Duvall, and native history/people.

The community was offered the opportunity to vote on the types of art/crafts/genres for future art projects within the city. In responding to that question, the community offered the following feedback:

Indigenous Art	57
Murals	49
Water Features	47
Performances	36
Street Art (visual art on streets)	33
Earthworks	32
Sculpture	28
Landscape Architecture	27
Mosaics	25
Metalworks	23
Photography	23
Monuments	20
Graffiti Art	19
Poetry Events	16
Community/Volunteer Generated Art	16
AI or Digital Generated Art	15

During the summer of 2024, the Cultural Commission accomplished the following:

- Finalization of the theme of the 1st & Virginia mural; securing economic development capital from the Duvall City Council for a community-involved painting event and releasing the Call for Artists. The Duvall Cultural Commission selected the finalist for the mural at the September 9, 2024, meeting;
- Approving and securing funding from the Duvall City Council by using the remainder of arts funding for a “Trolls” refresh painting project for the Troll painting on the Woodinville-Duvall Slough Bridge;
- Approving and securing funding from the Duvall City Council for a “Birds of the Valley” mural in front of the Duvall Market, along with a scavenger hunt of metal cast birds throughout the City of Duvall.
- Engaging in a series of workshop-style activities during Duvall Cultural Commission meetings to select projects for inclusion in this Biennial report.
- Engaged in community feedback opportunities at SummerStage and Duvall Farmer’s Market

III. 2025-2026 BIENNIAL ART PLAN REQUIREMENTS

The bi-annual/biennial public art plan of the Duvall Cultural Commission requires the following elements to be included in the plan (Sec. 1.6):

Section 1.6 of the Public Art Plan articulates the following:

- Goals for Public Art in the City of Duvall during the biennium
- Anticipated site selection and projects for the biennial period
- Identification of opportunities and needs for public Art across the City
- Strategy for the equitable distribution of public Art in public places
- Criteria for ensuring equitable access to displaying public Art across artistic disciplines and viewpoints
- Plan for maintenance requirements for Public Art
- Identification of opportunities for collaboration with outside entities and agencies to broaden the impact of public Art in Duvall
- Identification of any known funding mechanisms for public Art in Duvall

A. Goals for Public Art in the City of Duvall during the biennium

As articulated in its goal statement, the Duvall Cultural Commission, in this bi-annual art plan, has developed five main goals for the next two years:

- Select art projects throughout the city for a wider distribution of projects throughout the City of Duvall.
- Prioritize selecting projects from a diverse collection of artistic disciplines and crafts.

- Emphasize artistic engagements that emphasize community collaboration and collective cultural enrichment; and
- Seek new and expand existing partnerships to enhance opportunities for art projects throughout the city. Specifically, work to advocate with various organizations for the establishment of a “Creative District” in Duvall.
- Create a complete inventory, with a maintenance schedule, of all art within the City of Duvall.

B. Anticipated site selections and projects for 2025-2026

In support of the goals of the Duvall Cultural Commission, the Duvall Cultural Commission submits its project list for the 2025-2026 Biennial Art Plan.

SCULPTURE: Book Bench on Main Street; Giraffe Flood Gauge Statue

PAINTING INCLUDING MURALS: Night Sky Mural on Big Rock Ball Field Snack Shack; "Native Plants of the Northwest" painting on outside stairs at Visitor Center

EARTHWORKS/PORTABLE ART: Rain Works throughout City, emphasis at school bus stops

TEMPORARY PERFORMANCE OR TIME BASED ART: Poets and Performances in Depot Park -- emphasize small performances in renovated structure

PHOTOGRAPHY: Duvall-focused photography contest for World Photography Day in August

ORNAMENTAL ART OR FUNCTIONAL DECORATIVE ELEMENTS: "Color Pop" Pilot Project -- block painting on retaining walls

SPECIAL EVENTS WITH ARTISTIC FOCUS: "The Hive" -- 4 part seasonal art workshop focused on the environment; New Year's Festival at Depot Park; Bubble Festival; Recycled Giraffe Art at Earth Day celebration

The Cultural Commission also considered other bodies of work throughout the next biennial cycle, including (1) working with city staff to choose a unifying “theme” for new additions/replacements play structures in parks throughout the city; (2) ensuring completion of the “plank” project; (3) refreshing the self-directed art walk literature from the Mountain to Sound Greenway; and (4) partnering with the Duvall Farmer’s Market to staff a booth to encourage no-buy/swap events around artistic genres such as art supplies, fabrics, and other household materials.

1. *Proposed timeline and potential cost of proposed projects*

2025 Jan-June

- Rainworks throughout City (\$2000)
- Book Bench Sculpture (\$5000)
- Night Sky Mural at Big Rock Ball Field (\$3500)
- 1 Poet/Performer at Depot Park Performing Stage (\$1000)

2025 July-December

- 1 Poet/Performer at Depot Park Performance Stage (\$1000)
- Duvall Photography Day August 2024 (\$1500)
- New Year's Eve Celebration at Depot Park (\$1000)

2026 Jan-June

- Giraffe Flood Gauge Statue (\$5000)
- Native Plants of the Northwest Mural on outside stairs at Visitor Center (\$4000)
- Recycled Art at Earth Day celebration (\$1000)
- 1 Poet/Performer at Depot Park Performance Stage (\$1000)

2026 July-December

- Color Pop Pilot Project (\$2000)
- 1 Poet/Performer at Depot Park Performance Stage (\$1000)
- Bubble Festival (\$1000)

Additionally, the Duvall Cultural Commission intends to seek grant funding for the educational “Hive” series as well as seeking funding for a “digital” mascot to add to City of Duvall event advertisements and, potentially, add an animal “mascot” to events throughout the city such as Duvall Days (likely a tourism-related grant.) Finally, the Cultural Commission continues to explore a “girafing” event on the river to celebrate summer in Duvall.

C. Opportunities and needs for public art across the city

The Duvall Cultural Commission identified the need to augment both an expansion of locations throughout the city where art would be featured and opportunities for artists to perform in the city. Further, in this biennium, the Cultural Commission will focus on completing existing art projects as well as refreshing bodies of work involving the arts that have become dormant or inactive.

Public comments regarding art and potential art projects emphasized a desire for art to reflect Duvall's natural environment and feature art that captures the city's unique cultural and historical heritage.

D. Strategy for equitable distribution of public art in public places

The Cultural Commission, in developing its proposed Biennial Art Plan, sought to expand art throughout the City of Duvall. Specifically, the Duvall Cultural Commission identified projects that would allow a great enjoyment of art and artistic disciplines beyond Main Street and Depot Park. Selection of sites and projects that meet this goal include:

- Mural at Big Rock Ball Field
- Rain Works throughout the City of Duvall
- “Color Pop” Pilot Project on city-owned retaining walls throughout the city
- Giraffe Flood Gauge in McCormick Park

E. Plan for maintenance requirements for existing public art

In 2024, the Duvall Cultural Commission identified the Trolls of the Woodinville-Duvall Slough Bridge as an immediate priority project for maintenance. This project has been completed, with a planned ribbon cutting in the very near future.

The Duvall Cultural Commission has identified the following art installations or artistic signage in need of maintenance:

- Era art pieces on Stevens
- City of Duvall signs at the north and south ends of the city
- Trellis at McCormick Park

The cost of maintenance for these items is anticipated to be approximately \$10,000 for the 2025-2026 Biennium plan.

Of the proposed projects in this 2025-2026 plan, the Rain Works project will require occasional maintenance as the materials used degrade over time and/or the Cultural Commission may decide to emphasize additional or different stenciled art following the initial installations of art.

F. Identification of opportunities for collaboration with outside entities and agencies to broaden the impact of public art in Duvall

The Duvall Cultural Commission has identified the following organizations to collaborate or partner with relative to the proposed projects in the 2025-2026 Biennial Art Plan. This is a non-exclusive list with the hope that additional partner organizations are identified:

- Seattle Astrological Society for Night Sky Mural
- Oxbow Farm & Conservation Center for the Native Plants Mural on the Visitor Center stairs
- Duvall Chamber of Commerce to begin the process of becoming a Creative District
- Duvall Foundation for the Arts to begin the process of becoming Creative District; support for Poets/Performances
- King County Library System for support and collaboration on Book Bench project

G. Identification of any known funding mechanisms for public art in Duvall

In alignment with the goals as articulated in this Biennial Art Plan, the largest and most robust area of funding for the purposes of public art in Duvall is for Duvall to become a certified Creative District through Arts Washington. As a result, the Duvall Cultural Commission has prioritized this goal for the upcoming biennium.

In addition, the Duvall Cultural Commission will seek funding from 4Culture when a proposed project meets the requirements of specific grant opportunities advertised by 4Culture. The Duvall Cultural Commission has also identified the following grantor agencies that have funding available for projects like the ones identified in this plan:

- State of Washington Tourism
- National Endowment for the Arts
- Paul G. Allen Family Foundation
- Seed Grant (environmental education) from e3Washington
- Russel Family Foundation for environmental enrichment programming

IV. COMMUNITY INPUT

Community input on public art projects is part of the overall conceptual design development and is a crucial element of this Public Art Policy. The Duvall Cultural Commission is encouraged to seek community input and information sharing in as broad of a manner as possible, including in the following ways:

- Open public meetings of the Cultural Commission
- Neighborhood and home-owner association meetings
- Review of existing plans, histories, or public art plans
- Meetings of the Planning Commission and City Council
- Surveys or interviews of nearby residents or site users
- Hosted or facilitated Internet discussions
- Events such as public meetings, forums, or design workshops
- Cultural events and gatherings.

As referenced in the 2023-2024 Accomplishments section of this report, the Duvall Cultural Commission sought community input in the following ways in consideration of the projects in 2024 as well as in selecting projects for the 2025-2026 Biennial Art Plan:

- Addition of Public Art survey questions in the Duvall Comprehensive Plan survey
- Advertising Public Comment periods.
- May 11, 2024, booth at Pride in the Park
- May 13, 2024, Open House & Workshop at Duvall Visitors Center
- Duvall Days Community Feedback
- August 14, 2024, booth at SummerStage
- August 15, 2024, booth at Duvall Farmer's Market

The Duvall Cultural Commission deeply appreciates the community support it receives and the support from the Mayor, Duvall City Council, and city staff, all of whom make celebrating the arts a reality in the City of Duvall.

Examples of project ideas:







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