



Sculpture Walk is growing!

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The Art Sculpture Walk at Cantrall Buckley Park is growing! To find Cheryl D. Garcia's newest sculpture, the Shooting Star, look to your right in the upper lawn as you approach the fee booth at the entrance. There stands our community-supported Shooting Star in all its 12 feet of beauty. By "community-supported," we mean that many individual community members as well as the Oregon Community Foundation contributed funds to create this sculpture. As a community, you came together to make it happen.

Park in the first parking area to the right after the fee booth and you might also notice the Acorn Woodpecker sculpture (the woodpecker is looking busy on a pine tree) as you pass under him to go into this lot. Then you can walk back to get a close-up of both sculptures.

The Shooting Star sculpture is larger than life but very true to the form and shape of the real flower. The flower of the real Henderson's shooting star requires a different kind of pollination from the usual. Since bees can't land on the flower to collect pollen, they buzz very closely under the flower blossom, causing the flower to vibrate and the pollen particles to drop onto the fuzzy backs, sides, and legs of the bees.

On each of the 11 sculptures, an interpretive sign will be erected in the coming months that will provide interesting facts like this. The Park Enhancement Program team decided to have the signs designed and printed in one batch in order to get much higher quality at an affordable cost. So we are waiting our turn to have our signs printed. Then Jackson County Parks will do the installations.

Cheryl is a busy artist and has plans to complete three more donor-supported sculptures for the park in the spring of 2020.

Thank you again to the many wonderful donors who have helped make all of this possible. We all look forward to seeing the completed sculpture walk in the park next year. This is a very special community-building project, and community members, schoolchildren, visitors, and tourists will all get to benefit from it.

Anyone wanting to get involved with park projects and continuing restoration activities can join the family work day



Mission accomplished! Artist Cheryl D. Garcia and her newly installed Shooting Star sculpture.



Matt Katzensen, Chad Sobotka, Cris Garcia, and Cheryl Garcia carefully unload the sculpture.



The crew sets the sculpture in place.

on Saturday, September 28, from 9 am - noon. Watch for the announcement on the Applegate Valley Connect calendar (applegateconnect.org) and local flyers. There's also volunteer work available through the rest of the summer for individual tasks and small group activities. Contact me if you are interested.

Thanks for being such a supportive community.

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Outdoor School Day at Cantrall Buckley Park

In May, students from Ruch Outdoor Community School enjoyed a day at Cantrall Buckley Park that included various learning activities. Members of the Applegate Partnership and Watershed Council and A Greater Applegate's Park Enhancement Team organized the day and provided experts and volunteers from the community.

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During their solar studies time, students learned how to use the park's sundial.



Students release native species from the encroaching invasive ivy in the park.



The youngest students look at sprouting acorns and the long taproot that grows before any stem or leaves start to grow.

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