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“Daphne” Announced Winner of the 2019 *Something New* People’s Choice Award

BAINBRIDGE ISLAND, WA - The Public Art Committee (PAC) is pleased to announce that the winner of the 2019 *Something New* People’s Choice Award is *Daphne*. Community members were invited to weigh in and vote for their favorite piece in *Something New* and the majority chose this work, crafted by Karsten Boysen.

Something New is an ephemeral art exhibition which debuted in downtown Winslow in 2018. The project brings a collection of sculptures to outdoor sites around Winslow for a yearlong exhibition. New pieces are selected and rotated into these permanent locations annually, bringing “something new” to Bainbridge Island year after year.

The other 2019 *Something New* sculpture was *Stargazer* by Timm Duffy, located along Winslow Way near its intersection with Ericksen Avenue. *Daphne* can be found in the harborside plaza at the southern end of Madison Avenue. Both pieces were installed in July 2019 and will be on display until summer of 2020.

On May 1 Boysen will be presented with a \$1,000 check and a letter from COBI at a ceremony in the harborside plaza. More details will follow.

If you voted for *Stargazer*, there is still an opportunity for you to voice your support. PAC is pleased to announce that all sculptures are available for purchase. Visit bainbridgecurrents/publicart for further details.

The most recent push is for the procurement of *Iris Flare*, the 2018 People’s Choice Award winner, sculpted by Lin McJunkin and Milo White. The purchase of public art is greatly welcomed by artists. McJunkin emphasized that for artists, it’s important that their work find a permanent place. The acquisition of public art would fulfill this desire and support PAC’s mission to “enhance the vibrant culture and natural beauty of Bainbridge Island, inspiring communal conversation and individual contemplation through art in public spaces.”

For more information about *Iris Flare*, visit the ‘Resources’ page under ‘Collaborate’ at bainbridgecurrents.com or contact the Arts & Humanities offices at 206.842.7901.

About PAC: The Public Art Committee (PAC) is a program of Arts & Humanities Bainbridge. PAC is a group of citizen volunteers who are dedicated to enhancing public space through access to public art. PAC administers the City of Bainbridge Island’s Public Art Program and is responsible for proposing new works to the City Council, assisting with design and implementation of installations, and advising the City on maintenance of the existing collection. More information can be found at ahbbainbridge.org/public-art.

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