

## **I. GHAC Packet 07/12/23**

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**AGENDA**  
**GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION MEETING**

Wednesday, July 12, 2023 - 10:00 a.m.  
Civic Center Executive Conference Room or via Virtual Link

Virtual Meeting Link: <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/97936452399>  
Call-in: (253) 215-8782 Meeting ID: 979 3645 2399

**CALL TO ORDER / ROLL CALL**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Minutes of June 21, 2023

**DISCUSSION ITEMS:**

1. Completed Creative Endeavor Grant Projects
2. Creative District Update from Port Townsend
3. Review of 2023 Work Plan
4. Review of Survey Questions

**COMMISSIONER REPORTS & COMMENTS**

**PUBLIC COMMENT**

**ADJOURN**

Next Regular Meeting: August 9, 2023



**Minutes**  
**Gig Harbor Arts Commission Special Meeting**  
Wednesday, June 21, 2023 – 10:00 a.m.  
Public Works Conference Room or Virtual Link

**Call to Order/Roll Call:** Vice Chair Colette Smith called the meeting to order at 10:01 a.m. Commissioners Sonja Johnson, Lea Basile-Lazarus, Emily Ko Smith, Caasi Dickens, and Robin Avni were present.

**Approval of Minutes:** The minutes of the April 12 meeting were unanimously approved.

**Discussion Items:**

**1. Election of Chair –**

**Motion:** Move to appoint Robin Avni as Chair (Smith/Johnson).

**Vote:** Unanimously approved.

**2. City Processes and Timelines –** City Clerk Joshua Stecker provided an overview of boards and commissions processes as described in the Council Guidelines and Procedures and directed commissioners to funnel all communication through their staff liaison, Assistant City Clerk Tiffany Aliment.

**3. Harborview/Stinson Sidewalk Art Project Update –** City Clerk Joshua Stecker provided an update on the project's status.

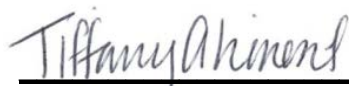
*Staff will bring the latest draft design to the Arts Commission when it's received.*

**4. Creative District Meeting –** The commission discussed the Creative District meeting that was held on May 18.

**Commissioner Comments:** Commissioners announced upcoming art events.

*The commission would like to distribute a community survey regarding the arts in Gig Harbor. Chair Avni will work with staff to develop some survey questions.*

**Adjourn:** The meeting adjourned at 10:52 a.m.



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Tiffany Aliment  
Assistant City Clerk



GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION

## CREATIVE ENDEAVOR GRANT 2023

### PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

If you or your organization has received a **Creative Endeavor Grant**, we ask you to complete this form within 14 days of the event or completion of your project. Your timely submission of this follow-up report is essential for prompt payment by the City of Gig Harbor. Once completed, please email the report to the [Cityclerk@gigharborwa.gov](mailto:Cityclerk@gigharborwa.gov); include copies of your receipts and at least two photos of your project.

**NOTE: Reports/invoices will not be accepted after December 8, 2023.**

#### TITLE OF PROJECT

Coloring the History of Gig Harbor

#### ORGANIZATION/INDIVIDUALS

Downtown Waterfront Alliance

#### ADDRESS

PO Box 771 Gig Harbor WA 98335

#### PHONE | EMAIL

253-514-0071 [executivedirector@ghdwa.org](mailto:executivedirector@ghdwa.org)

#### CONTACT PERSON

Carrienne Ekberg

#### BRIEF DESCRIPTION OF PROJECT AS COMPLETED

(If pertinent, compare the outcome with your own expectations.)

The Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance is excited to announce the release of "Coloring the History of Gig Harbor" on July 14th 2023. To create the book the Alliance held a call for local artists who created the inside pages of the book and engaged local youth for a cover art contest. There were over 40 youth cover art submissions that were also included in the book. The Alliance worked with local non-profits like the Harbor History Museum and Harbor Wild Watch as well as Peninsula Art League to make sure the book represents Gig Harbor past and present. The book features engaging illustrations and informative text that highlights important events, landmarks and figures from the city's past and present. It covers Native American history, important historic landmarks and pays homage to Gig Harbor's maritime connection. The coloring book is targeted towards children between the ages of 5 and 12, but is fun for all ages. The goal of the book is to increase youth access to art, foster a better understanding of the city's history, and encouraging local citizens and visitors to learn more about what makes Gig Harbor such an amazing place to live or visit. The book turned out better than expected and we are excited to share it with the community soon!



GIG HARBOR ARTS COMMISSION  
**CREATIVE ENDEAVOR GRANT 2023**  
PROJECT COMPLETION REPORT

**ATTENDANCE DATA**

(Include comparison with previous events/projects, if applicable.)

Staying in budget, we were able to successfully print 5,000 coloring books that will be handed out to youth in the area, given to restaurants and hotels. Thanks to this grant, the coloring books will be free of charge.

**SUMMARY OF EXPENSES – PLEASE ATTACH RECEIPTS**

(Such categories as materials, royalties, technical production, location rental, professional services, publicity.)

See google drive file for receipts:  
[https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qDAuyBqPYMFryjfdjX\\_p6jDj48BotFybbGCvmUrAFil/e/dit?usp=sharing](https://docs.google.com/spreadsheets/d/1qDAuyBqPYMFryjfdjX_p6jDj48BotFybbGCvmUrAFil/e/dit?usp=sharing)

Please note there is no receipt for staff time to create the book; however if you require future documentation please let us know.

**SUMMARY OF REVENUES, IF APPLICABLE**

(Sales, door receipts, awards, etc.)

N/A

**COMMENTS**

A digital copy of the book can be found on our website here:  
<https://www.ghdwa.org/coloring-book-project>

**PLEASE ATTACH ONE OR MORE PHOTOS OF THE PROJECT/EVENT TO THIS REPORT.  
ALSO, PLEASE PROVIDE COPIES OF PROMOTIONAL MATERIALS SHOWING THE CITY'S LOGO.**



# COLORING

## The History of Gig Harbor



A Downtown Waterfront Alliance Project



## About this book:

This coloring book is a Gig Harbor Downtown Waterfront Alliance Project that was made possible by a grant from the Gig Harbor Arts Commission, as well as support from Gig Harbor Rotary and the Peninsula Arts Commission.

## The Downtown Waterfront Alliance mission is...

to bring the community together, support economic vitality along the waterfront and preserve the historic character of downtown Gig Harbor. The Alliance is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. To learn more scan the QR code below!

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## A note from Mayor Markley...

We are delighted to join the Downtown Waterfront Alliance in presenting this very special coloring book.

Gig Harbor is truly a wonderful place that welcomes everyone.

Located in the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest, our city has a long history to be celebrated and remembered. Originally the home of the s̓w̓əbəc̓ band of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, it became known as an active fishing village, the home of lumber mills and a center for boat-building yards. Today, Gig Harbor honors its history and is a modern, charming city with more than 12,000 residents.

Thank you to the Downtown Waterfront Alliance for engaging our incredibly talented youth with this book! We look forward to celebrating our city with you all!

*Jan Markley*



## Meet our Youth Cover Art Contest Winner

When not exploring Gig Harbor's community and treasures, Norah W. enjoys drawing, reading, baking, playing basketball, and cartwheeling happily around her own world.



## Honorable Mentions

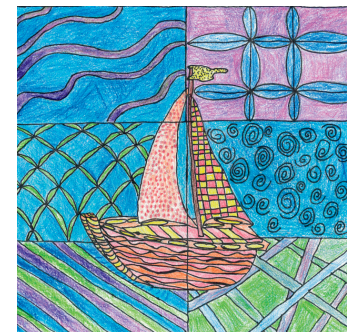
Congratulations to our three honorable mentions. Their cover art designs were colorful, inspiring and close runners up to our cover art winner.



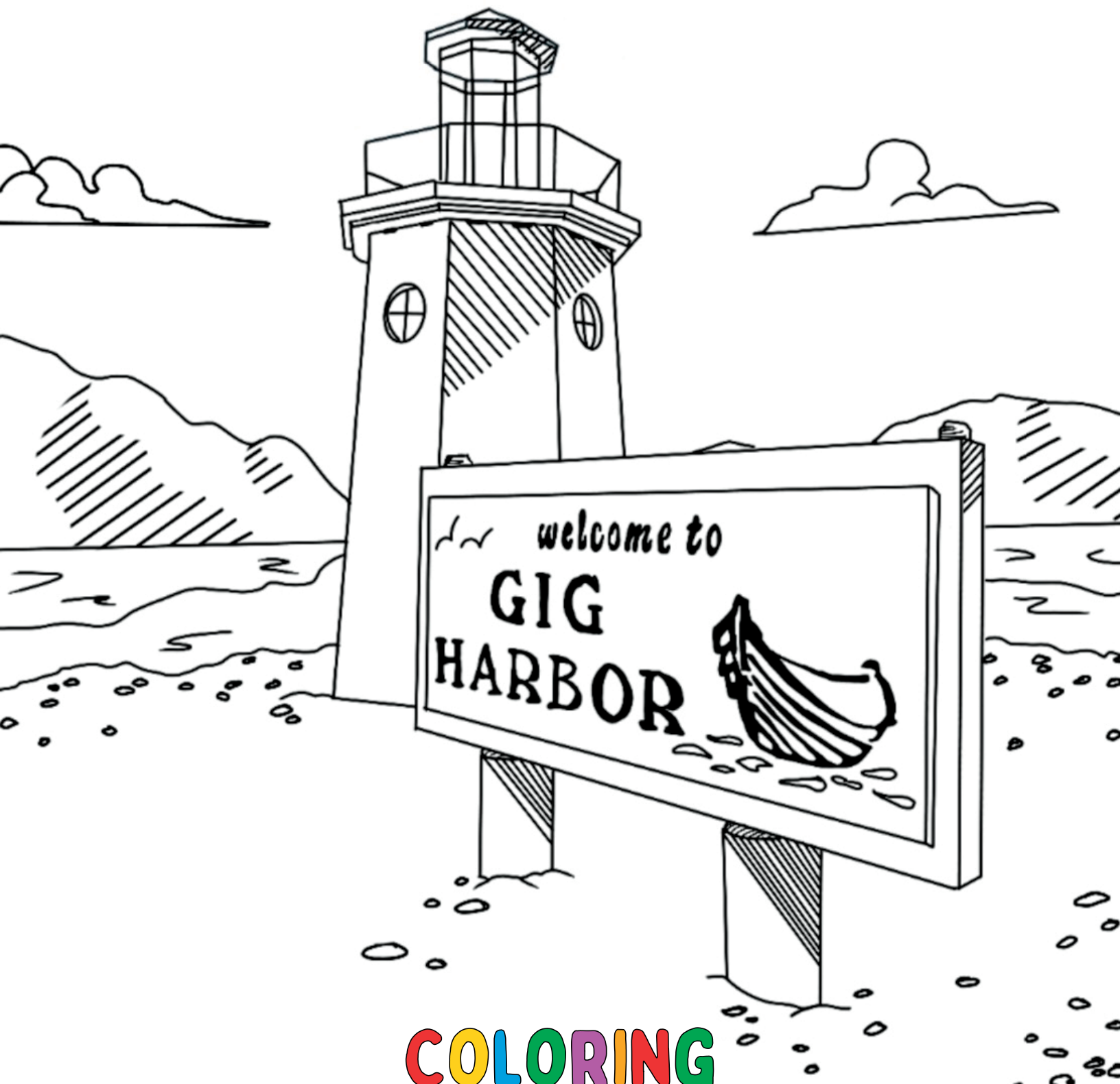
Riley C. Age 7



Aurora F. Age 10



Reagan S. Age 12



# COLORING

The History of Gig Harbor

Illustrated by local artists: Julia Clarke, Jennifer Heater, Amber Stephens,  
Linda Foster, Karen Gore, Stella Sigmund, and Hillarie Isackson.

Authored by: Carrienne Ekberg



Get ready to explore downtown Gig Harbor! Discover the history of this special fishing city as you color your way through the pages in this book.





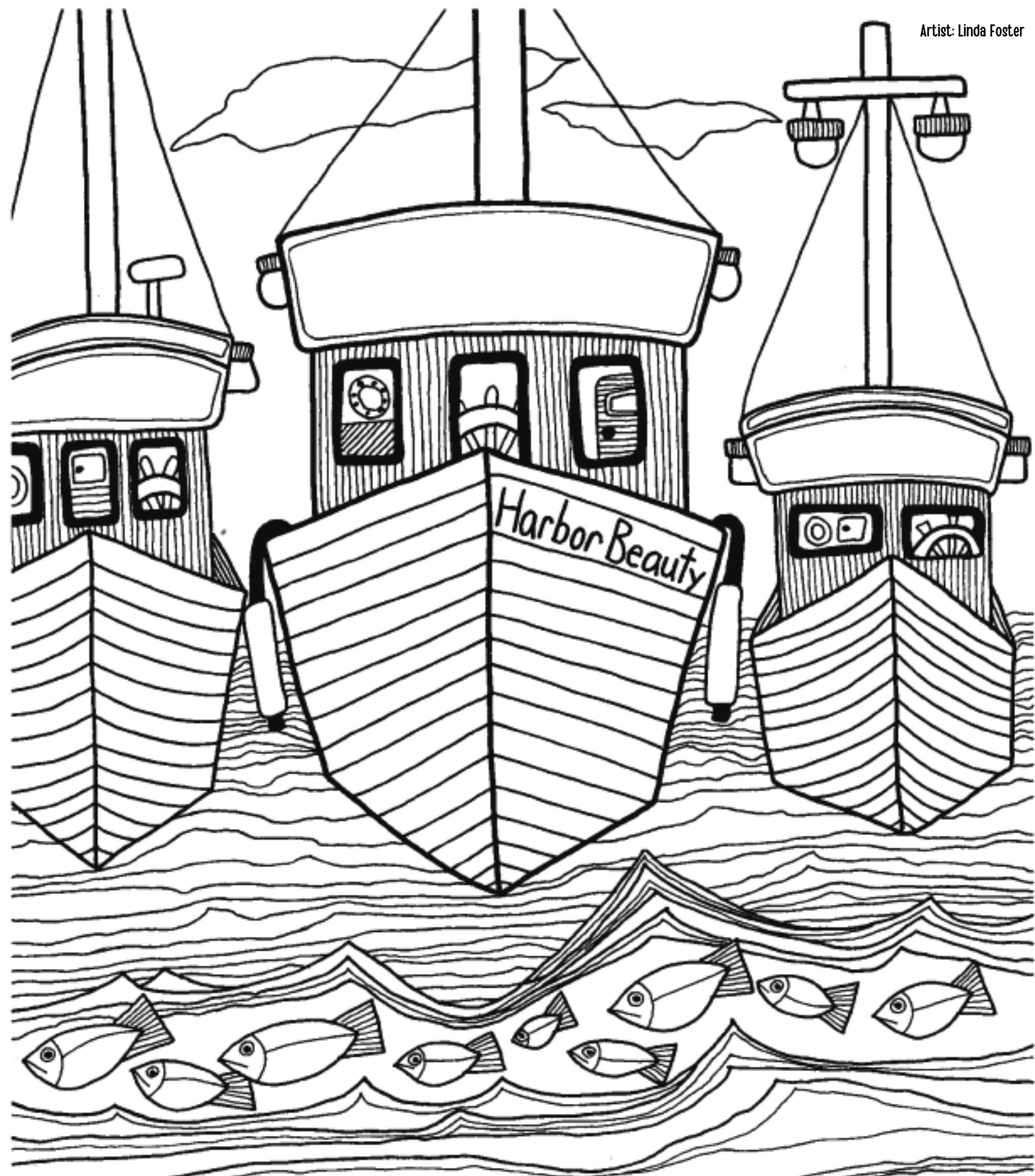


First Peoples called this place  $tx^waaqəł$ , or a place where game is farmed. The Swift Water people, called  $s\check{x}^wəbabš$  in their native Lushootseed language, were skilled canoe builders and carvers. The children liked to play near the shore and help their parents fish for salmon and gather shellfish.



Women often made baskets to carry everything from clams to huckleberries. Fish traps were also woven and placed in nearby streams. One of the last known members of the Swift Water band to live at txʷaalqəł was Jake McKee, also known as "Cyclone Jake." His family had lived here for many generations. Descendants of the Swift Water people still live in the Gig Harbor area today. Many are part of the Puyallup or Nisqually tribes.

Artist: Amber Stephens



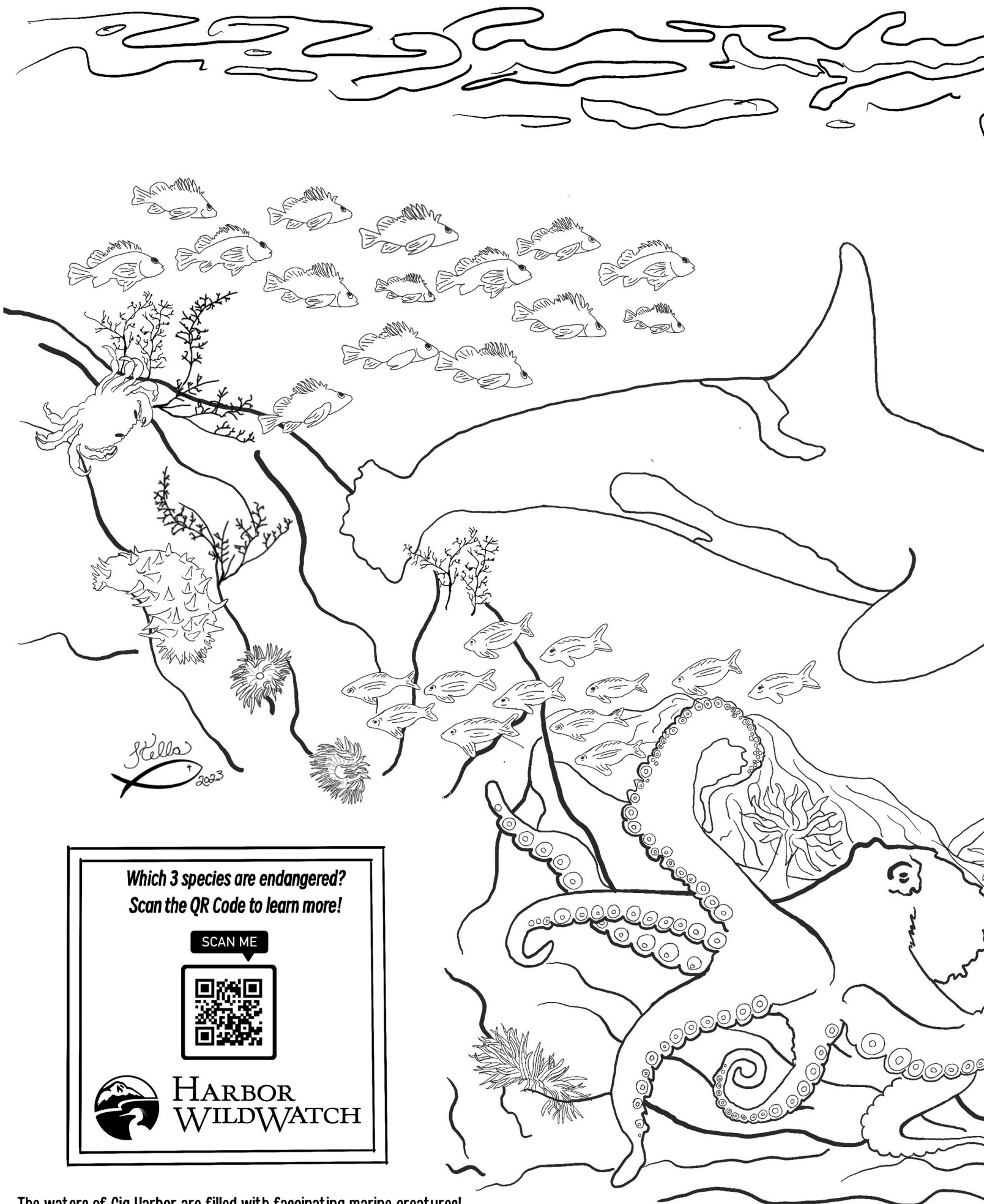
Fishing and boat building plays an important part in Gig Harbor's history. Every summer, the fishing boats make the long trip from Gig Harbor to Alaska or the San Juan Islands to catch fish. Gig Harbor fishermen rely on these boats to bring in plentiful catches of fish, providing food for the world. The most common fishing boats in Gig Harbor are purse seiners and gillnetters.

The Midway School was built in 1893 and is the only original one-room schoolhouse still standing in the area. The first year, the school had 15 students and one teacher who was paid \$21.90 per month.



The name "Midway" was chosen because of the schoolhouse's original location, midway between Gig Harbor and Point Fosdick, each with its own ferry landing.





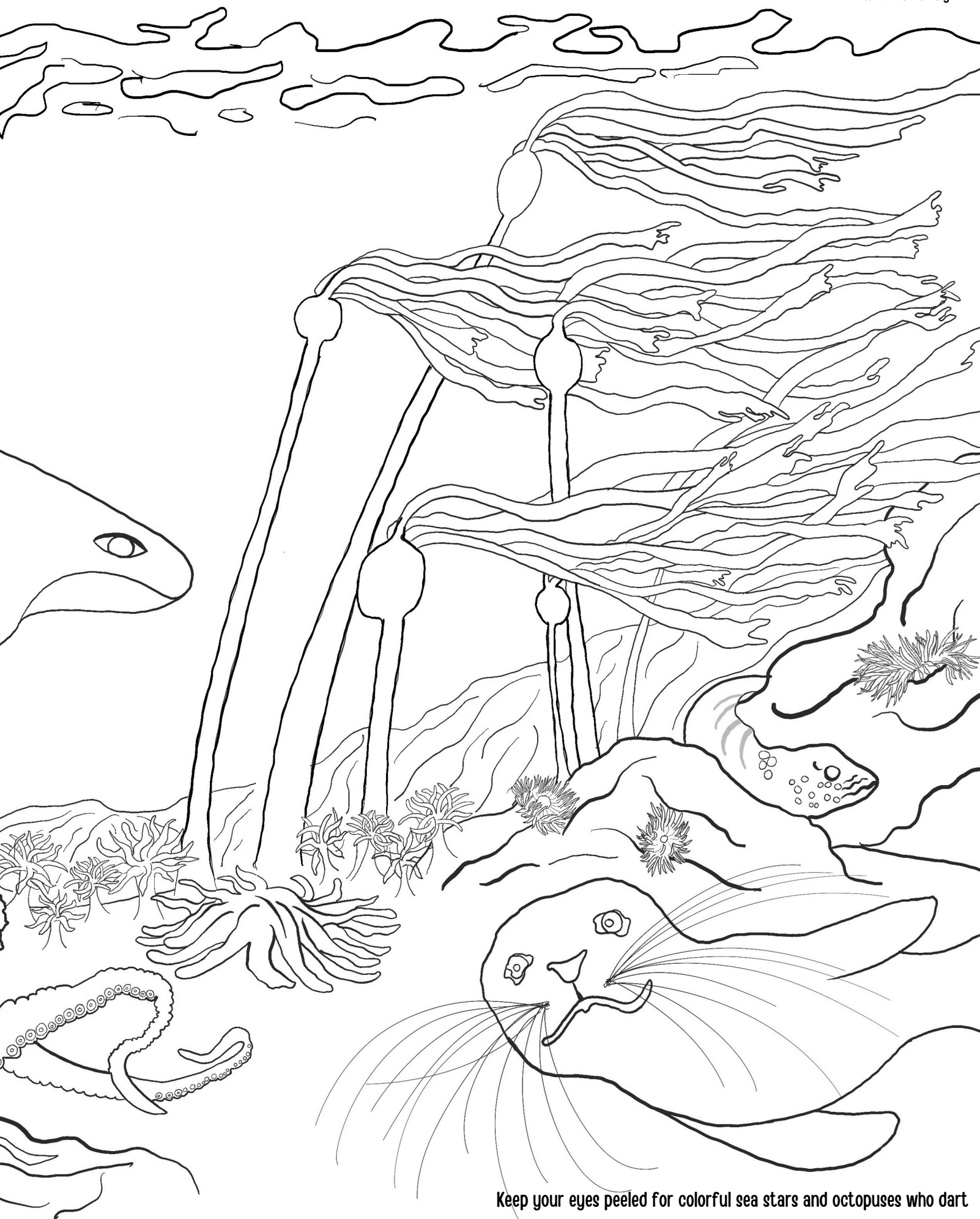
**Which 3 species are endangered?  
Scan the QR Code to learn more!**

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**HARBOR  
WILDWATCH**

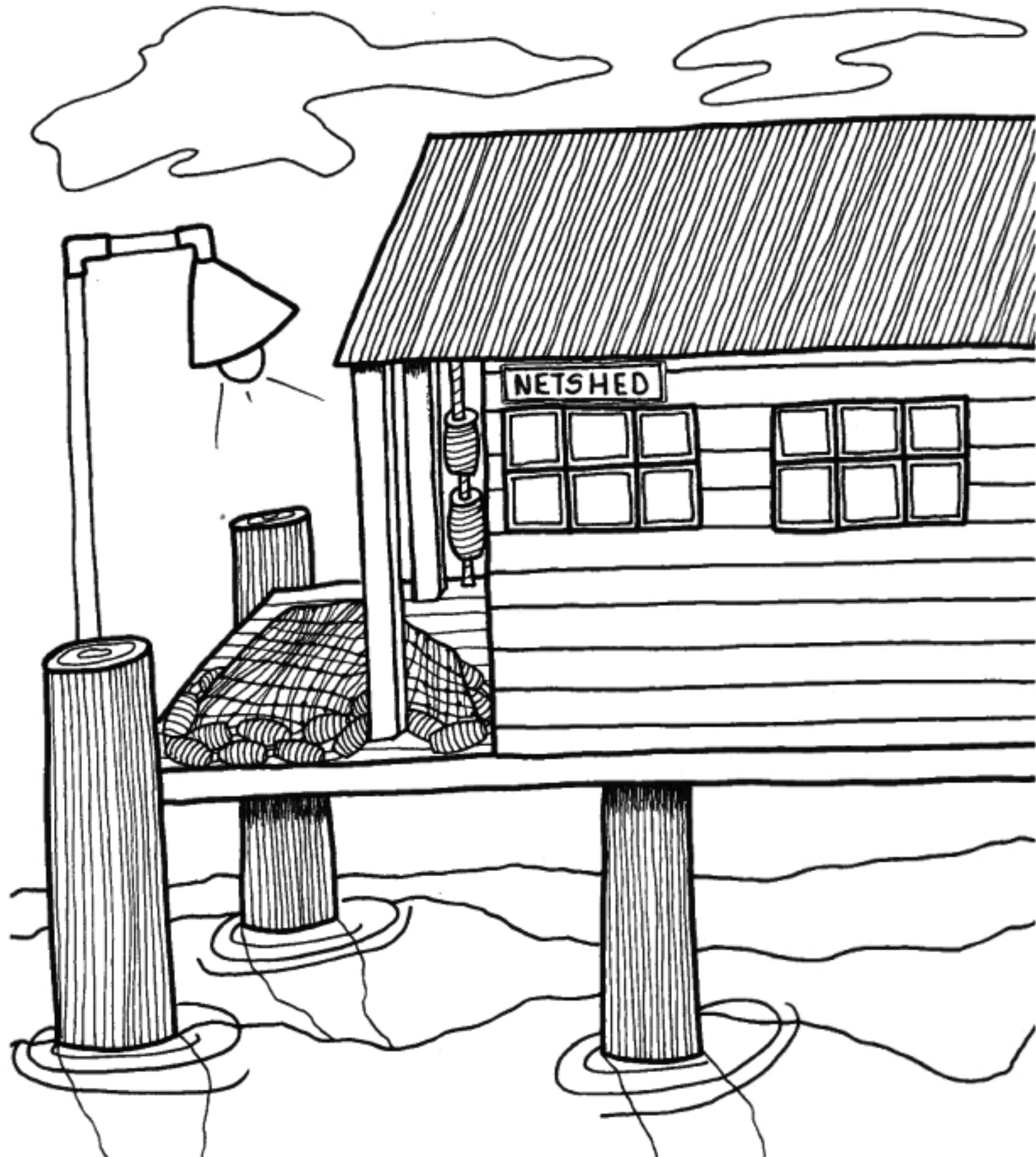
The waters of Gig Harbor are filled with fascinating marine creatures!  
Dive beneath the surface, and you'll discover playful seals gliding through the waves.



Keep your eyes peeled for colorful sea stars and octopuses who dart through the kelp forests, while anemones sway gently with the currents.



The Fisherman's Memorial statue is located in Skansie Brothers Park and is a special place that honors the brave fishermen who sailed the seas. The statue shows a strong fisherman hauling a net, reminding us of their hard work and courage. The statue was created by artist Alexandre Sazonov and stands near Jerisich Dock.



Netsheds were built to make, fix, and store nets easier. Families, mostly of Croatian ancestry, have passed down netsheds and fishing boats for several generations. Before netsheds and docks were built, fisherman moored their boats on pilings at the tideline and rowed to shore.

Artist: Linda Foster

L. FOSTER



The Gig Harbor Waterfront Farmers Market is a super fun event to visit! It's a big outdoor market where farmers bring home-grown fruits and vegetables, and there are lots of colorful flowers, too. You can also find special treats like homemade cookies and fresh bread.







The Shorline Restaurant (now Anthony's) has been a popular spot in Gig Harbor since the 1970's. Not only boaters love this dock...on a warm day, you may see otters and seals basking in the sun .



# MEET THE ARTISTS...



**Stella Sigmund**

Originally from the Midwest, Stella and her husband have proudly called Gig Harbor home since Dec, 2009. Art is a relatively new and emerging passion for Stella and includes both paper and digital art mediums. When not drawing, Stella enjoys spending time outdoors as well as activities with her two collies and her husband. Follow Stella on Instagram @StellasTangles!



**Jennifer Heater**

Jennifer Heater has many interests including drawing, textiles, fashion design, painting, and photography. Her work can be found on multiple social media channels. Jennifer and her family first moved to Gig Harbor in 2007 and then returned to the beautiful south sound in 2020 after living an adventurous few years in Alaska.



**Amber Stephens**

Amber Stephens (Squally) is a game designer and Puyallup Tribal artist based in Tacoma. She has been learning and practicing Salish art since 2010 and continues to branch out into multiple mediums such as: painting, digital design, jewelry, beading, woodworking, printmaking, and weaving. She grew up in Gig Harbor and is inspired by her family, heritage, tattoos, and nature.



**Linda Foster**

Linda Foster retired as an elementary school teacher after 35 years. She has been creating art, both inside and out of the classroom for as long as she can remember. Linda works in a variety of mediums including pen and ink, colored pencil, paper, and quilting. She is fond of saying, "There is nothing I cannot make out of a piece of construction paper!" Linda lives in Gig Harbor.



**Karen Gore**

Karen was born in Minnesota and lived in Utah and Virginia before moving to the PNW in 2009. She has always loved and appreciated art, in all mediums. Two years ago she semi-retired and decided to pursue another passion, glass art. You can find her on Etsy as 2 Gray Hares. Together with her husband, Karen enjoys doing markets, socializing and connecting with people while exploring new techniques for her work.



**Julia Clarke**

Julia Clarke is a local Gig Harbor resident whose family has lived here the past three generations. She loves Gig Harbor for its beauty and serenity. On weekends, she enjoys the many art events in the local area which inspire her daily creative work.



**Hillarie Isackson**

Hillarie is an artist specializing in murals, and painting scenes from her beloved PNW. She achieved her BFA in Fine Art and Graphic Design from the Northwest College of Art. She was born and raised in Gig Harbor where she currently lives with her children. When she's not painting, you can find her walking her dog, Kitty, or on the water in the harbor. View her work at [www.hartstudiosgigharbor.com](http://www.hartstudiosgigharbor.com) or follow her creative journey on Instagram! @hillarieart

## STUDENT ARTISTS

There were over 40 youth cover art contest submissions for this project. Each child was asked to draw what they think of when they think of Gig Harbor, and this is what they came up with...



**Allie M. Age 6**



**Amelia G. Age 7**





Anneliese W. Age 9



Bella C. Age 8



Bruce C. Age 8



Charlotte C. Age 10



Cora E. Age 8



Dane H. Age 10



Emerson D. Age 8



Emmalani W. Age 14



Eric S. Age 7



Ezekiel W. Age 15



Ford G. Age 14



Georgette G. Age 8



Hailey P. Age 8



Holly L.



Isaiah W. Age 8



Kellan F. Age 12



Lacey L.



Lena P. Age 6



Louis P. Age 6



Lucas H. Age 12





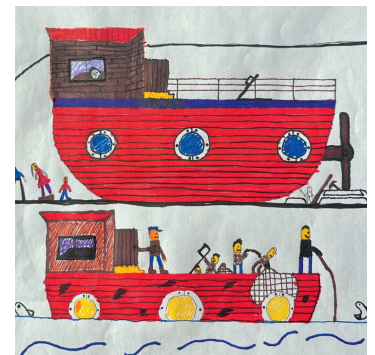
Lucy B. Age 12



Lucy B. Age 10



Madison G. Age 10



Marcus W. Age 10



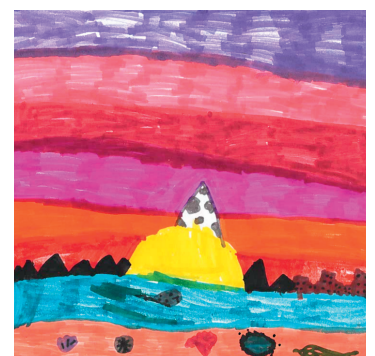
Mari G. Age 9



Matthias W. Age 12



Mia B. Age 10



Micah P. Age 7



Molly G. Age 9



Norah C. Age 7



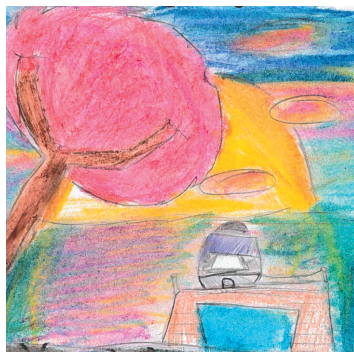
Payton W. Age 12



Penelope H. Age 7



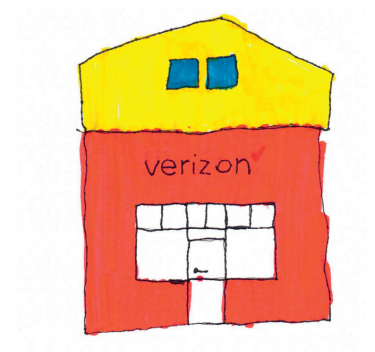
Roxy T. Age 6



Serafina S. Age 11



Reese L. Age 10



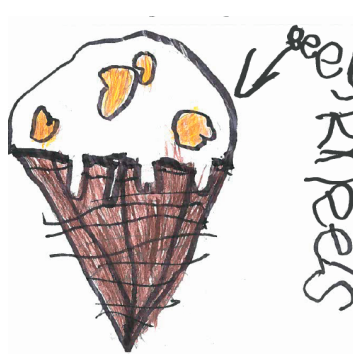
Tate M. Age 6



Vina-Rae F. Age 11



Will L. Age 8



Winter C. Age 7



Wyatt P. Age 6



Remember,  
it's okay **TO**  
color outside  
the **LINES**

**THANK YOU TO OUR SPONSORS**





**BY EMAIL AND HAND DELIVERY**

June 1, 2023

City of Gig Harbor  
Joshua Stecker, City Clerk  
3510 Grandview Street  
Gig Harbor, WA 98335

Re: Gig Harbor Creative Endeavor Program Grant  
Harbor Winds Spring Concert (May 20, 2023)  
Final Report and Invoice

Dear Mr. Stecker,

This will constitute Narrows Music Society's ("NMS") Final Report and Invoice for the Harbor Winds Spring Concert. I am pleased to report that the May 20, 2023 Harbor Winds Spring Concert and Master Class featuring saxophone soloist Erik Steighner was exceptionally successful. Over a dozen high school students and several middle school students attended Professor Steighner's Master Class on May 15, 2023, and the May 20, 2023 concert was very well attended.

Pursuant to the parties' Agreement dated April 24, 2023, I have attached with this Final Report: i) a copy of the funding request; ii) an invoice and itemization of the expenditures of the funds granted by the City of Gig Harbor, including copies of the issued checks<sup>12</sup>; and iii) copies of marketing media and the program for the event.

This project was possible because of the City of Gig Harbor's dedication to bringing arts to the community. NMS looks forward to additional outreach opportunities with Gig Harbor's support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CSB", followed by a horizontal line.

Corey S. Berman, President

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<sup>1</sup> Due to a family health emergency that required his leave of absence for this concert, Harbor Winds' regular conductor, Eric Swanson, was replaced by guest conductor Bill Klouse.

<sup>2</sup> Budgeted expenses exceeding the City of Gig Harbor's grant award, such as music purchases, venue rental costs, additional conductor payments and printing costs, are not included in this invoice.



NARROWS MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Music Clinic

FEATURING ERIK STEIGHNER



MAY 15 | 4 - 5PM | GIG HARBOR HS BAND ROOM

The Narrows Music Society is proud to sponsor a free music clinic with celebrated saxophonist and professor Erik Steighner. The clinic is open to all high school band students regardless of instrument, and we cordially invite everyone to see Erik perform with the Harbor Winds on May 20th, 7pm @ the GGHS Auditorium. Admission is free.

NARROWS MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Harbor Winds

FEATURING ERIK STEIGHNER



MAY 20 | 7PM | GIG HARBOR HS AUDITORIUM

Join us for a wonderful evening of music under guest conductor William Klouse and featuring celebrated saxophone soloist Erik Steighner!

FREE ADMISSION | DONATIONS WELCOME

[www.narrowsmusicsociety.org](http://www.narrowsmusicsociety.org)



NARROWS MUSIC SOCIETY PRESENTS

# Harbor Winds

FEATURING ERIK STEIGHNER



Gig Harbor High School Auditorium  
May 20<sup>th</sup>, 2023 at 7:00PM

Join us for a wonderful evening of music under  
guest conductor William Klouse and featuring  
celebrated saxophone soloist Erik Steighner!

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# Arts Commission Work Plan 2023-2024

NOTES

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| <b>CREATIVE + ECONOMIC VITALITY</b>   | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• To convene and host an open meeting of community arts and culture groups, businesses, and civic organizations. Including but not limited to the Gig Harbor Film Festival, Peninsula Art League, Gig Harbor Peninsula Civic Orchestra, the Gig Harbor Literary Society, the Gig Harbor Arts Center Alliance; Peninsula Hands-on Art, the Harbor History Museum, the Gig Harbor BoatShop, the Downtown Waterfront Alliance, Rotary, Kiwanis, Ocean5, Heritage Distilling, local art galleries, etc.</li><li>• To engage with the Gig Harbor Marketing + Tourism on the Gig Harbor mural project.</li><li>• To call for submissions, evaluate proposals, and award funding via the Creative Endeavors Grant. The Creative Endeavor Grant program began in 2019 with the goal of supporting individual citizen projects, as well as arts and cultural organizations events that provide artistic, cultural, and creative experiences for the Gig Harbor community. All events must be open and accessible to everyone, regardless of their ability to pay.</li><li>• Establish scope, timing and focus for a bi-annual community and business survey in relations to arts and culture; build on the baseline results established by the Gig Harbor Arts + Culture survey from 2018.</li></ul> |  |
| <b>PUBLIC ARTS + COMMUNITY DESIGN</b> | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Participate in master planning for Crescent Creek with Gig Harbor Parks Division.</li><li>• Continue to add carvings to the Harbor Arbor Art project.</li><li>• To advocate for 1% of the building costs for new construction in Gig Harbor be dedicated to public art designed for the project.</li><li>• To create an art inventory and maintenance assessment of existing public art owned by the City of Gig Harbor.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                        |  |
| <b>EDUCATION + ENGAGEMENT</b>         | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Identify potential partnerships for venues and creative offerings for the community.</li><li>• Tour the 19 works of arts from the Washington State Art Collection currently displayed in our schools.</li><li>• Become familiar with ArtsWA Arts in Education programming available for students from PreK-12th grade.</li><li>• Continue to explore potential for highlighting the Gig Harbor official song at community events; educate public about the song.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                |  |
| <b>SPACES + PLACES</b>                | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Be active participants in the Crescent Creek master planning process in relation to the planning for the Masonic Hall.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                          |  |
| <b>CULTURE + HERITAGE</b>             | <b>ACTION ITEMS</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Explore potential to collaborate with the Downtown Waterfront Alliance on light pole banners art.</li><li>• To engage with the Gig Harbor Marketing + Tourism on the Gig Harbor mural project.</li></ul>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                  |  |