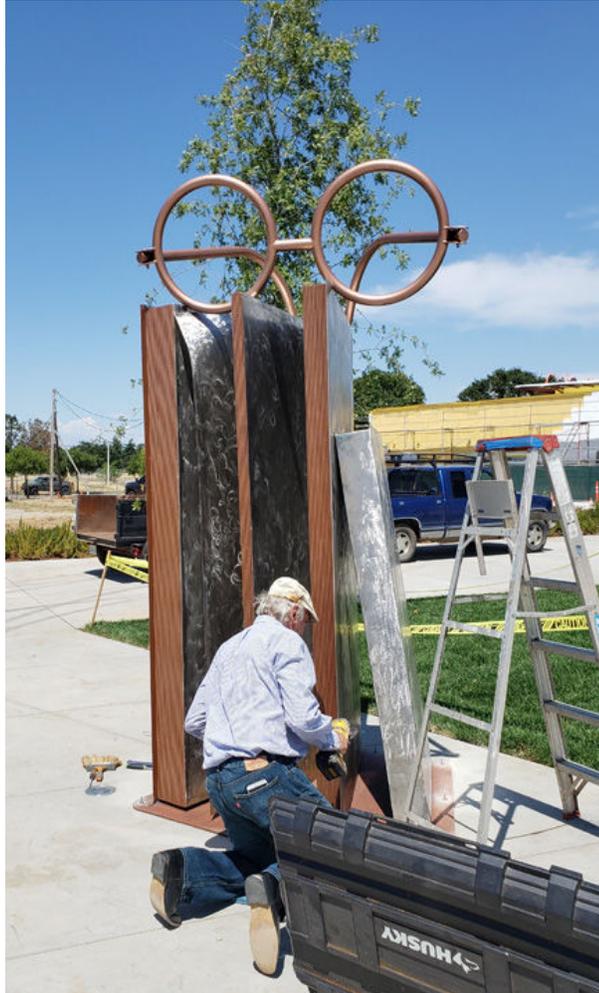


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## Civic center's new art to be dedicated

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'Literature,' a work-in-progress by Adrian Litman

The public is invited to check out the new art at the city of Elk Grove's future civic center on Saturday, June 8.

This dedication will feature comments by Elk Grove Mayor Steve Ly and then a self-guided walking tour of the art pieces. The Elk Grove Art Commissioners will be stationed at the pieces to serve as docents to explain the works.

The artwork is part of the “Avenue of the Arts” in the civic center’s Commons area, and once installed, they will be part of the fabric of the campus, the city’s community event center manager, Lana Yoshimura said.

Plans are to complete the civic center’s first phase this summer and then the second phase in early fall.

The art was solicited via request for proposals in 2017. The city received proposals from 21 different artists which were reviewed by a Review Committee comprised of Elk Grove Art Commissioners and city staff. They interviewed the artists and the finalists were approved to move forward to the Elk Grove Arts Commission and the Elk Grove City Council for approval, Yoshimura said.

The Review Committee did the initial screening of the artwork and the Elk Grove Arts Commissions reviewed their selections. The City Council approved the final selection on Oct. 25, 2017.

When completed, there will be eight artworks at the new Elk Grove Civic Center, five of which were commissioned for the exterior plaza and together create an “Avenue of the Arts.” Saturday’s dedication will celebrate four of the works. The remaining artwork will be installed this autumn.

Artwork by the following artists will be featured: Gordon Huether of Napa, Adrian Litman of Santa Rosa, Trevor O’Tool of Arizona, and Viktor Verhovod of Sacramento.

“Cloud Fountain,” a 24-foot-tall sculpture by Huether marks the entrance to the Civic Center at the corner of Big Horn Boulevard and Civic Center Drive.

As patrons walk east towards the new Aquatic Center, Community and Senior Center and the Veterans Grove, they will encounter artworks representing four artistic disciplines including, “Artist and Model,” a sculpture representing the visual arts by Verhovod; a stainless steel sculpture representing literature by Litman; and “Ravishing Retire,” a 14-foot-tall sculpture representing dance by O’Tool.

Litman’s sculpture is a 10-foot-tall stack of books that features John Steinbeck’s classic novel, “The Grapes of Wrath.” The Elk Grove Arts Commission chose that book since it is about the migration of farm laborers to California during the 1930s Dust Bowl era.

The dedication will be held from 5:30-8:30 p.m. at 9701 Big Horn Blvd.