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Public Art Program

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Introduction

Five Lagunas is the redeveloped and reinvigorated shopping center formerly known as Laguna Hills Mall. The shopping center retains much of the existing north interior mall as well as surrounding pad buildings. The remaining mall building is converted to an indoor/outdoor shopping experience. A new building housing shops and a cinema as well as a park replace the south mall. Residential apartment buildings are added to the south side of the property to create a true mixed use property that will allow its residents to live in a lively space with plenty of entertainment available at their doorstep.

The Five Lagunas name comes from the five Lagunas neighborhoods that surround the property - Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Canyon, and Laguna Beach. These distinct ecological areas have also informed the architectural and landscape design of the project with different areas of the project including materials and characteristics inspired by each of the five Lagunas.

The proposed architectural and landscape design have provided ample opportunities to incorporate public artwork. This document will define the Public Art Program for the administration of public art for the project's retail portion. Artwork in the residential portion will be implemented separately. The Five Lagunas vision for the property's architectural and landscape design will be supported by artwork as described in this Public Art Program. The development of the public art will seek to align with each of the Lagunas enclaves that have inspired the project. A sixth piece of artwork is proposed to pay tribute to the city of Laguna Hills' Team Dark Horse volunteer group that facilitates events surrounding its adoption of an area marine battalion.

The artwork will help make the Five Lagunas shopping center more visually stimulating, livable, and welcoming. The goal will be to create a more meaningful interaction between visitors by celebrating the similarities and differences found in the natural environment of the Lagunas communities. To achieve this goal, the integration of public art has been included in the early planning stages for Five Lagunas.

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Goals and Objectives

The inclusion of public artwork in the Five Lagunas shopping center will serve several purposes. The artwork will add visual interest and beauty, provide wayfinding markers, create an opportunity to celebrate area artists, and to represent the local region through a unique visual medium.

Public art engages people in the environment. Art that directly relates to the community where it is located offers a unique commentary on and representation of that community. It also creates opportunities for people to stop, discuss, and sometimes interact with the artwork.

The public artwork at Five Lagunas will include 6 pieces of art, 5 of which will each represent one of the five Lagunas communities: Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Canyon, and Laguna Beach. A 6th piece of artwork will honor Team Dark Horse and the marine battalion it represents. Artist selection, artwork concept approval, and supervision of fabrication and installation will be carried out by an art consultant employed by the developer, Merlone Geier Partners. This consultant will be experienced in working with public art projects and familiar with the Five Lagunas development. The art consultant will ensure that the following objectives are met:

- Artwork will be attractive and welcoming.
- Artwork will suit the architectural style of the buildings and the landscape architecture of the property.
- Artwork pieces will individually represent the five Lagunas communities.
- Artwork pieces will provide destinations for visitors to use in wayfinding as well as a place to meet and congregate.
- Artwork pieces will be permanent to ensure success of art program through the life of the project.

Artwork Selection Criteria

Criteria to be used in the selection of public artwork, whether by commission, purchase, or gift, shall include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Context: Artwork pieces must be compatible with the architectural surroundings and the identity of the Lagunas community it is meant to represent. Materials, form, scale, and content must all be considered.
- Artistic Quality: Artwork pieces shall be composed of high quality materials, be original in concept, and be fabricated with excellent craftsmanship.
- Permanence and Public Safety: All artwork pieces that are to be permanent will be evaluated for structural and surface soundness. Pieces are to be designed for resistance to weather, vandalism, theft, and excessive maintenance. Artwork shall also be evaluated to ensure it will not pose an obvious public safety risk.

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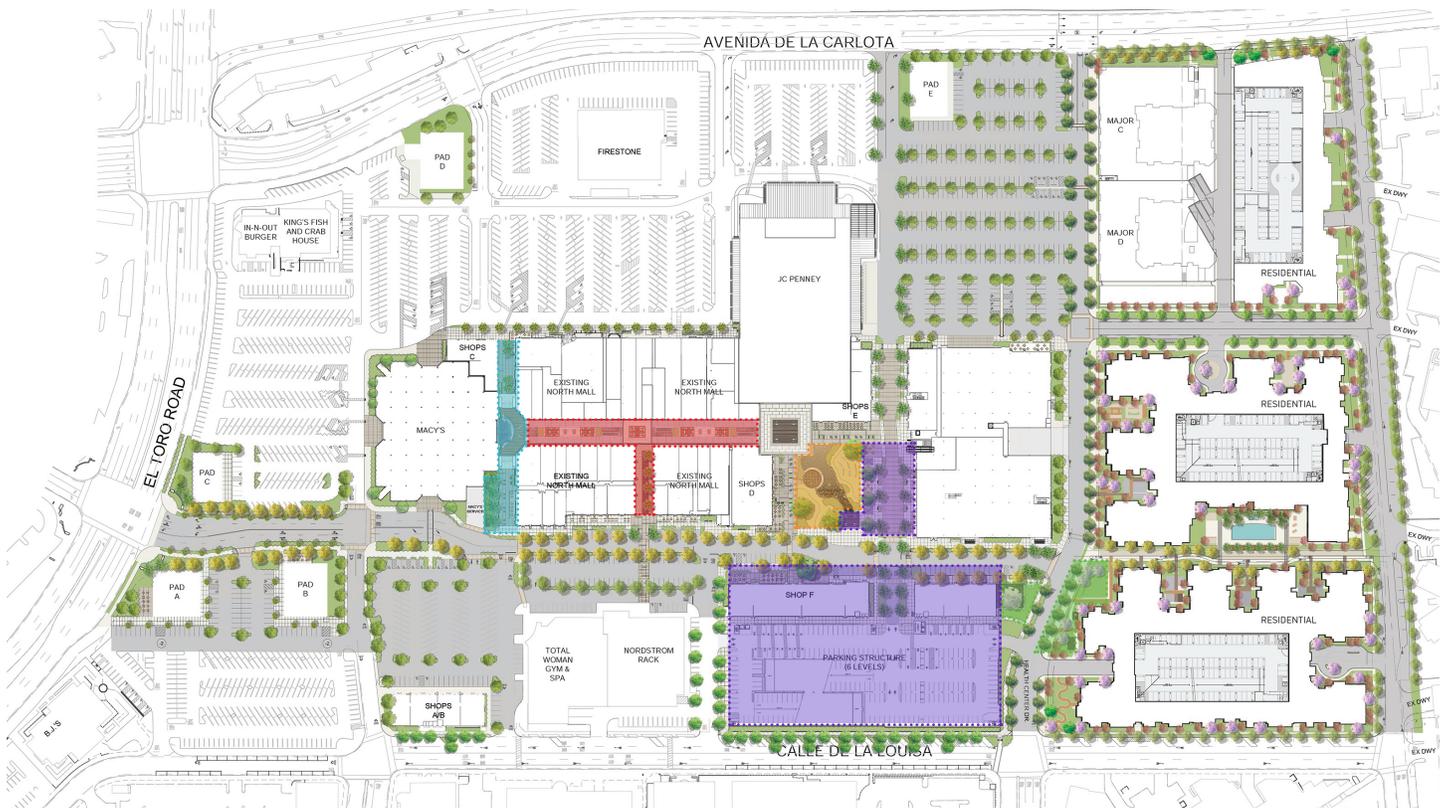
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Public Art Master Plan

The communities of the Five Lagunas represent a unique geography and geology along the Southern California coast.

The natural landscape of the Five Lagunas is often distinguished by water. Aliso Creek joins Laguna Hills, Laguna Woods, Laguna Niguel, Laguna Canyon, and Laguna Beach -- with a number of distinct environments along its path. Its canyons (such as The Aliso and Wood Regional Park) feature Sycamore trees, sandstone geology, and a rich collection of native fauna. Laguna Niguel Lake is home to a protected bird sanctuary and numerous varieties of freshwater fish. Aliso Creek terminates in the Pacific Ocean at Aliso Beach, one of Laguna's quintessential locations -- famous for its deep sands, rock formations and clear waters.

Water plays a defining role at Five Lagunas therefore the site plan reflects the idea that different spaces are linked by the continuous presence of water. For example, the landscape design includes water elements to represent Aliso Creek and saltwater aquariums with native Giribaldi fish to illustrate the aquatic environs exclusive to the Lagunas. Palm trees, sculptural succulent plants, and flowing grasses capture the essence of the beach, while Sycamore trees and lush shade plants evoke the spirit of its canyons.



Laguna Hills Laguna Woods Laguna Niguel Laguna Canyon/Creek Laguna Beach

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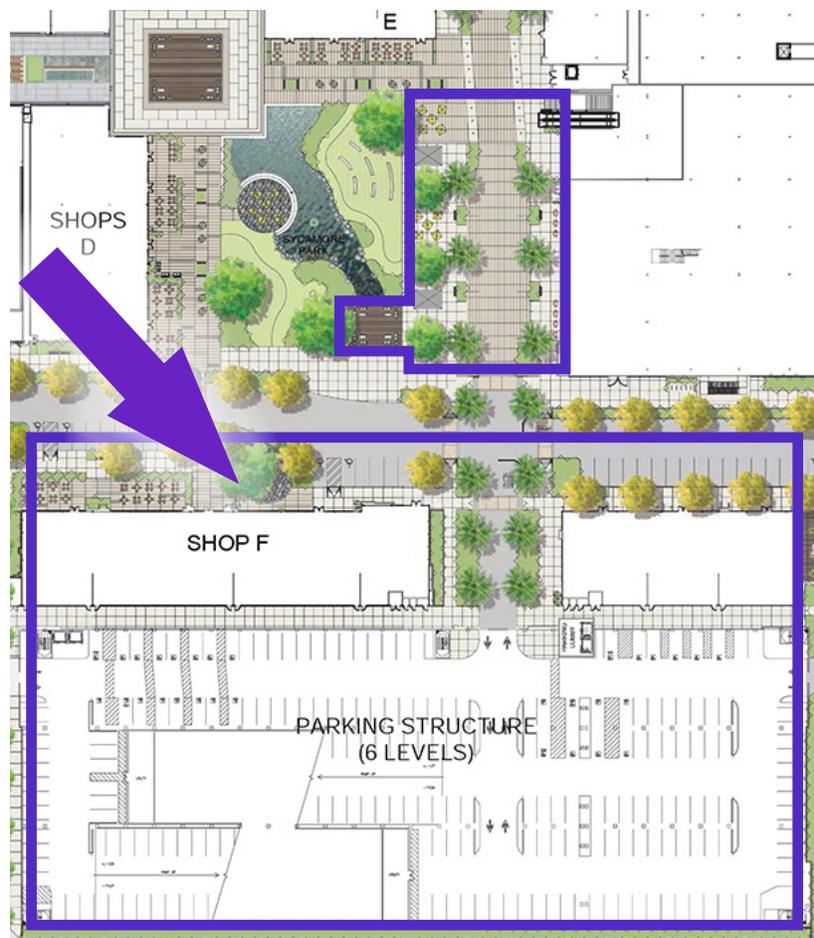
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Laguna Hills

The Laguna Hills landscaping area will be located in front of Shops F and in the plaza area between Sycamore Park and the cinema building. It is highlighted in purple below. Landscape features of the Hills area include mounded landscaping with stone walls.

Artwork is proposed to be included adjacent to a primary pedestrian street crossing that connects the parking structure and the Shops D/Sycamore Park area that is central to the Hills landscaping area (identified by arrow).

Custom designed graphics applied to the exterior of the parking structure (likely a painted application) will be a second piece of artwork within the Laguna Hills area.



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Laguna Hills Artist - Linda Brunker

Linda Brunker has several pieces of public artwork installed in Laguna Beach and had a studio here for many years. Some examples of her work are shown below.



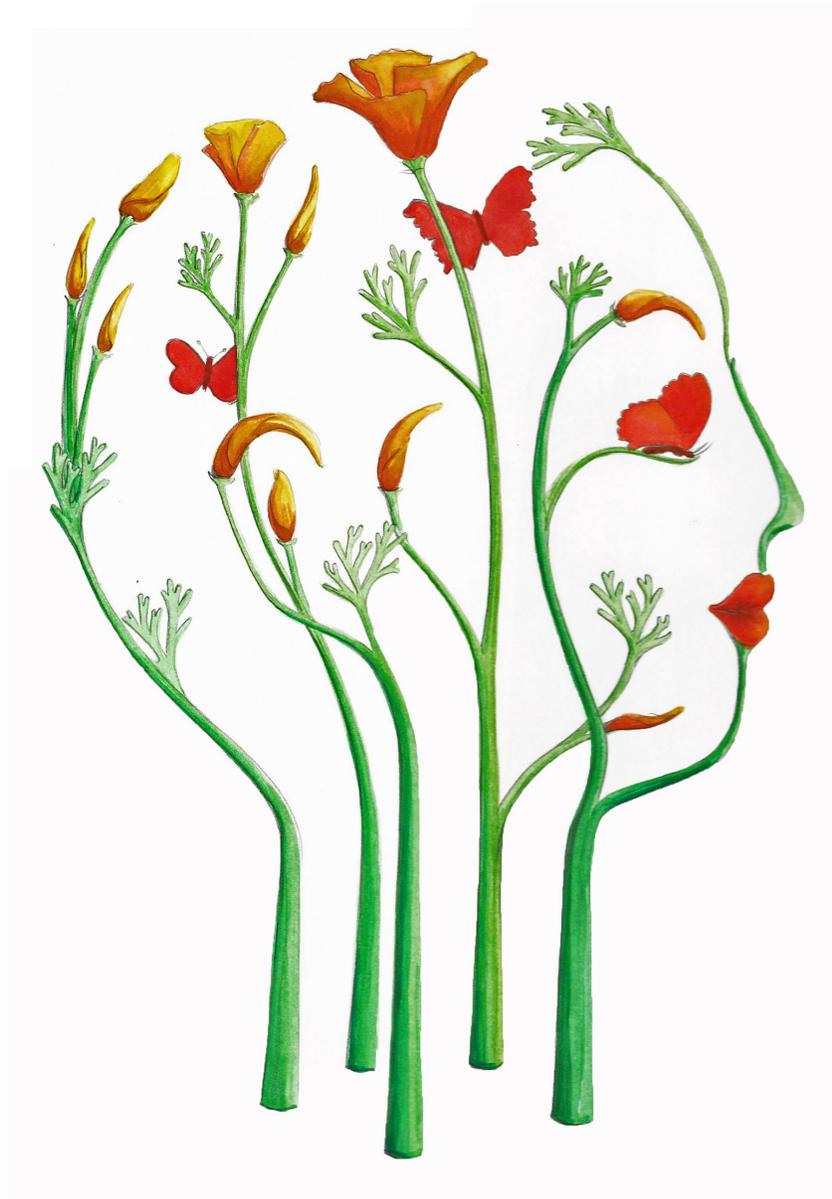
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Laguna Hills Artist - Linda Brunker

Linda's concept for her piece of artwork includes Mother Earth depicted by the wildflowers (California-native poppies) that appear after rain and the butterflies that accompany them. The "face" of Mother Earth is seen when viewed from a certain angle; other viewing angles only show a grouping of wildflowers.

This is similar to a piece she recently completed and installed in China (image on previous page), however this will be of smaller scale, with finer details, and made up of elements specific to Laguna Hills. A conceptual sketch of the piece is below:



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Laguna Woods

The Laguna Woods landscaping area will be focused on either side of Health Center Drive as cars enter the project via the main entry from Calle de la Louisa towards the cinema and residential buildings. It is highlighted in green below. Landscape features of the Woods area include large specimen trees.

Artwork is proposed to be included in the seating area adjacent to Shops G (identified by arrow). Sculpture is an appropriate medium in this area.



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Laguna Woods Artist - Terrence Martin

Terrence Martin's studio is in Sacramento and his work can be found throughout California and beyond. He specialized in metal sculpture. Some examples of his work are shown below.



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Terrence's concept for his piece of artwork is inspired by what falls to the ground in a wooded area, but magnified in size. It will be large enough and designed to allow for people to sit on the artwork. A conceptual sketch of the piece is below:



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Laguna Niguel

The Laguna Niguel landscaping area is the new Sycamore Park. It is highlighted in orange below. The primary landscape feature of the park is a central lake with grass and seating on either side. Sycamore trees will also be featured.

Proposed artwork is a sculpture located near the lake.

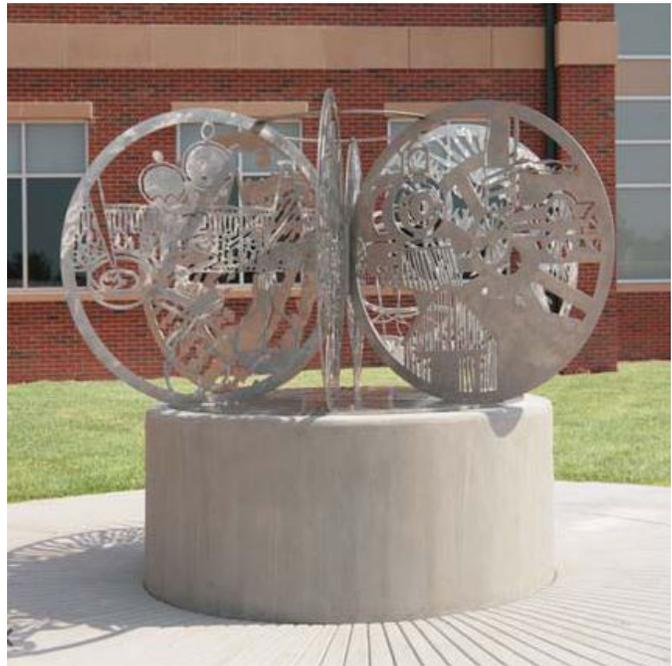


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Laguna Niguel Artist - Marsh Scott

Marsh Scott resides in Dana Point and has several pieces of public artwork installed throughout Laguna Beach and Orange County. Some examples of her work are shown below.

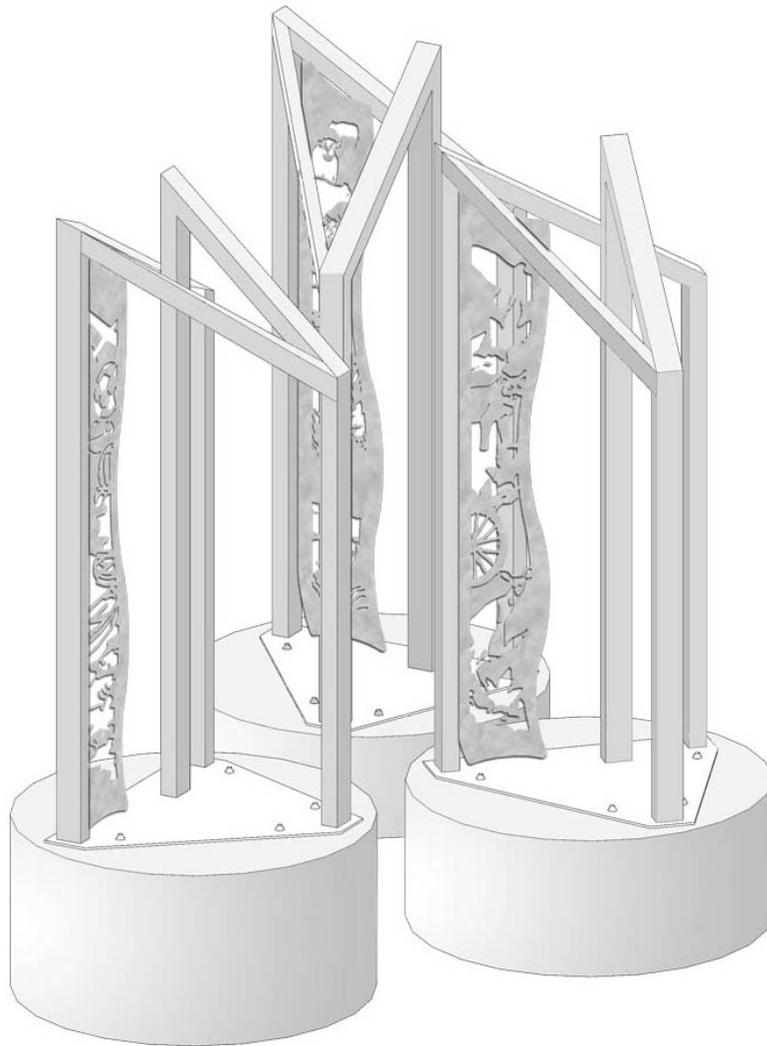


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Marsh's concept for her piece of artwork is inspired by both the original nature and current inhabitants of the area. The frames are in the shape of simple home silhouettes - a nod to the housing communities that were developed here; the laser cut panels within include elements referencing the historic "Kite Hill" and the canyons, creeks, and roads that lead to the ocean vistas found in Laguna Niguel. A conceptual sketch of the piece is below:



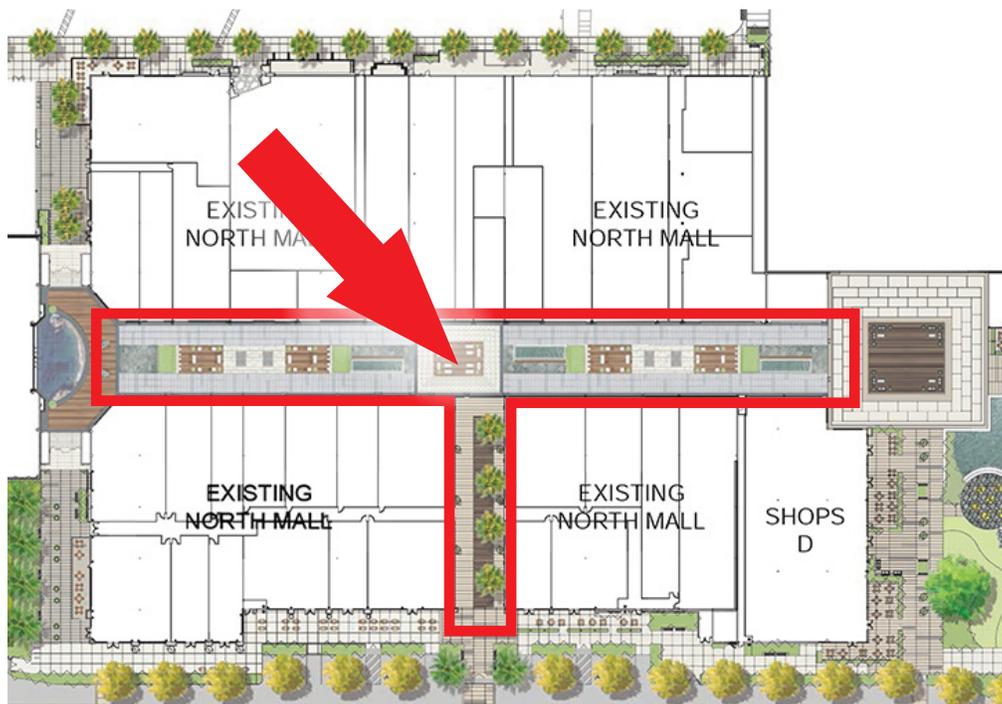
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Laguna Canyon/Creek

The Laguna Canyon/Creek landscaping area will be located in the central mall area. It is highlighted in red below. Landscape features of the Canyon/Creek area include canyon-inspired hardscaping in the east-west corridor and water runnel features in the north-south mall concourse.

Artwork is proposed to be included in the central intersection point between north-south and east-west paths (identified by arrow). Artwork proposed to be sculpture tall and eye-catching enough to be seen from a distance to ensure artwork will also be a useful wayfinding point.

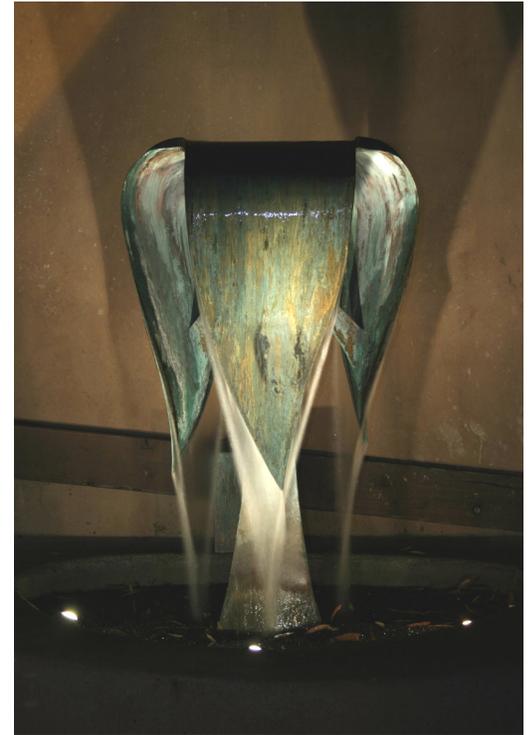


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Laguna Canyon Artist - Larry Gill

Larry Gill's work can be found throughout the Lagunas. His studio is in nearby Santa Ana. Some examples of his work are shown below.

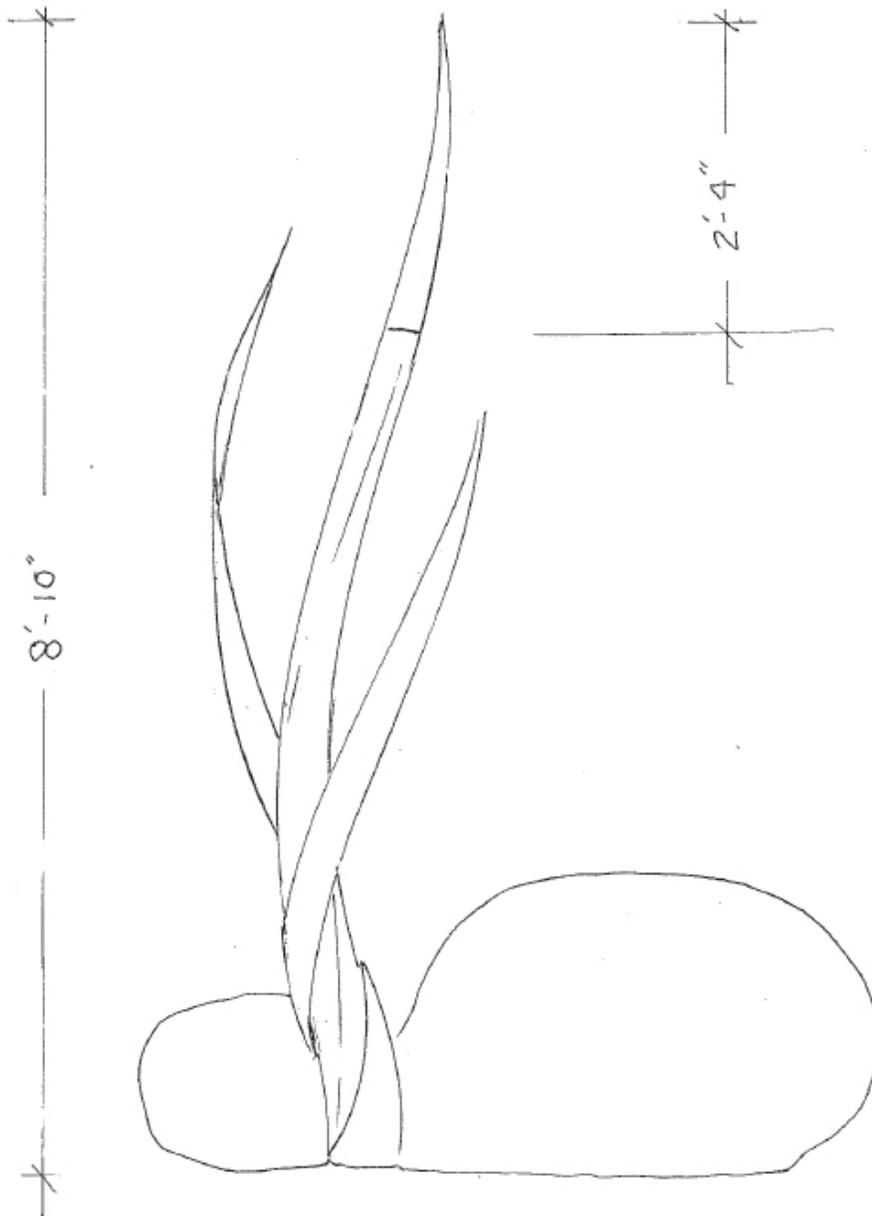


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Larry will work with his frequent collaborator, glass artist Gavin Heath, to bring to life his sculpture concept that emulates the grasses and boulders of the canyon. It includes detailed glasswork elements representing the many plants within it. A conceptual sketch of the piece is below:



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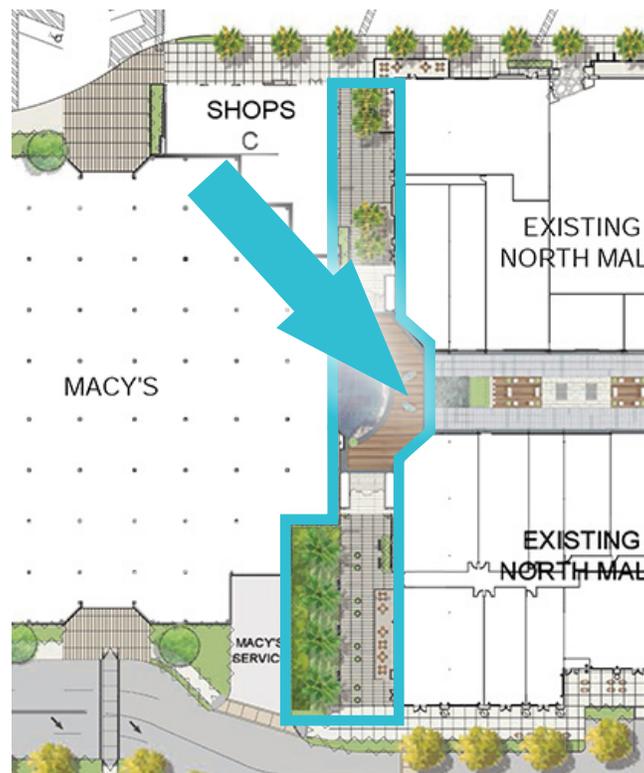
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The Laguna Beach landscaping area will be located in the corridor that passes through the mall in front of the mall-facing Macy's entrance. It is highlighted in blue below. Landscape features of the beach area include boardwalk-inspired hardscape and two large saltwater aquariums.

In addition to the aquariums, additional artwork is a proposed floor-based mosaic representing the sea and beach to be located in front of the Macy's entrance (identified by arrow) at the base of each aquarium.

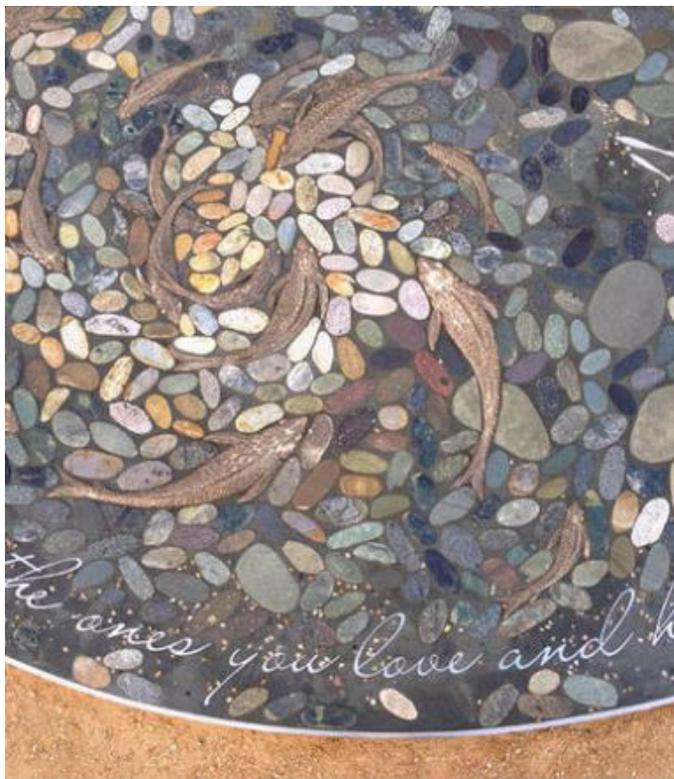


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Laguna Beach Artists - Scott and Naomi Schoenherr

Scott and Naomi Schoenherr are a husband and wife team who live and work in Laguna Beach. They have public artwork installed near the downtown area. Some examples of their work are shown below.



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Aquariums

One of the large aquariums installed at the Malibu Lumberyards shopping center is pictured below. The proposed aquariums will be of similar size and design.

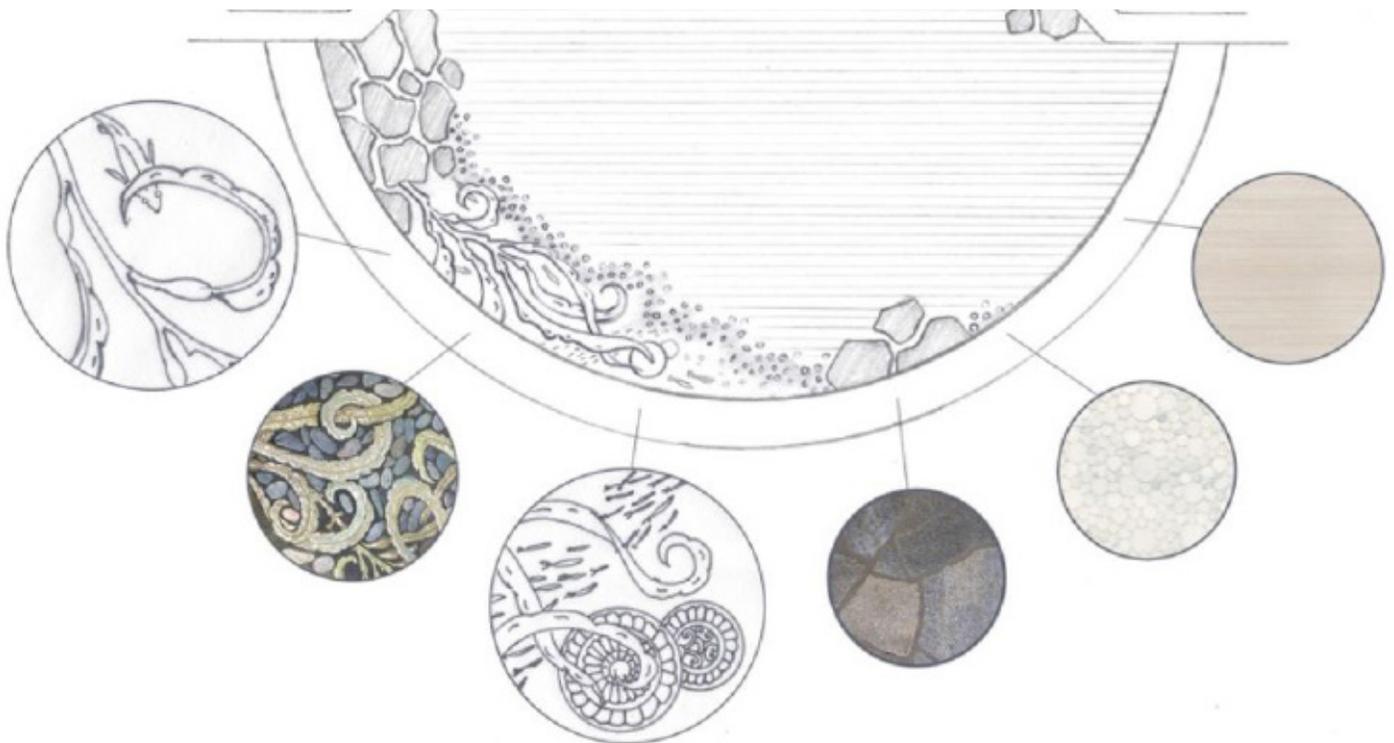


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Laguna Beach Artists - Scott and Naomi Schoenherr

Scott and Naomi's concept for their piece of artwork will follow a similar theme to their Heisler Park mosaic pieces (bottom and right images shown on previous page). Their initial concept was located within a half circle at the Macy's entrance (and is shown below). The artwork location has been revised and will now be at the base of each of the two aquariums within the interior mall. The shape of the mosaic area will mimic the shape of the aquarium bases and total approximately 80SF of area. The overall concept remains unchanged.



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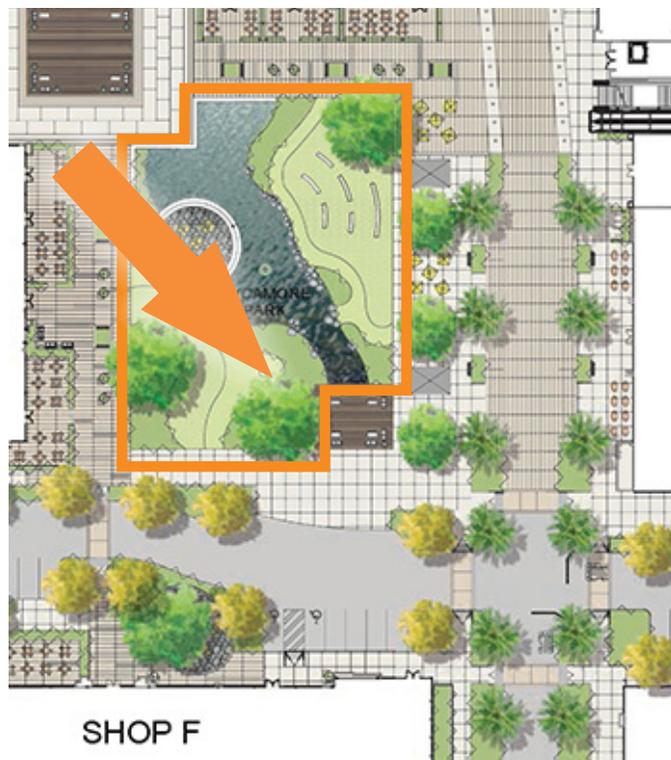
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Team Dark Horse

The city of Laguna Hills adopted the 3rd Battalion, 5th Marine Regiment, 1st Marine Division based at Camp Pendelton (Dark Horse Battalion) in 2007. Team Dark Horse is the support group that encourages and coordinates the city's support of their adopted battalion. They organize multiple events throughout the year including a 5K/10K/half marathon race on Memorial Day whose starting line is on the west side of the shopping center.

Artwork inspired by Team Dark Horse and their adopted battalion will be outside of the visual theme of the five Lagunas neighborhoods. Initial discussions with TDH's committee chairperson have shown an interest in including benches or other seating for the shopping center with an inscription or design honoring TDH, its battalion, or fallen soldiers from that battalion.

Terrence's concept for this sculptural bench is focused on using scrap metal and laser cut metal pieces in shapes that reference TDH and the marine battalion it serves to create a three-dimensional horse head. A bench surface to create seating opportunities is integrated into the sculpture. It will be located in Sycamore Park across a walking path from the sculpture by Marsh Scott creating a small sculpture garden within the park.



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Team Dark Horse Artist - Terrence Martin

Terrence's concept for this sculptural bench is focused on using scrap metal and laser cut metal pieces in shapes that reference TDH and the marine battalion it serves to create a three-dimensional horse head. A bench surface to create seating opportunities is integrated into the sculpture. Conceptual sketches of the piece are below:

