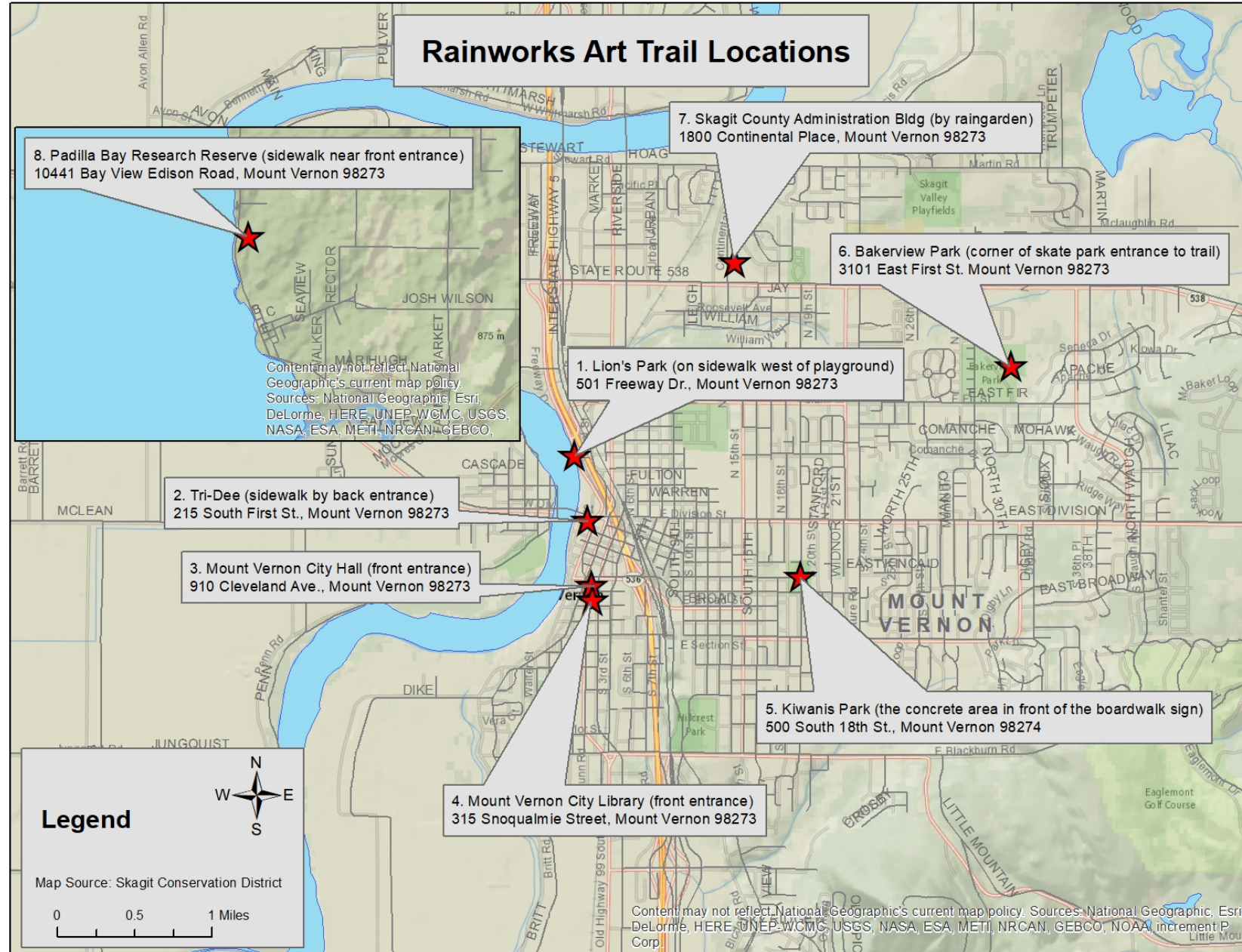


# Rainy day fun for kids of all ages!

Discover these seven creative and unique images that have been designed and applied to city sidewalks at 8 locations by local artists with a special invisible spray. Like chalk art, the artwork is temporary and will fade away in a couple of months. The images, which only appear when wet, provide positive messages to inspire stewardship of our local water resources and to celebrate our connection to the beautiful Skagit River and its watershed - the place we all call home! See if you can find them all!



## Rainworks Art Trail Images & Descriptions

(Numbered to correspond with placement on map)

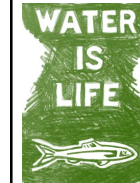
*Celebrating our connection to the Skagit River and its watershed*



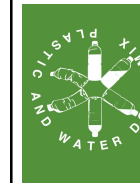
**1. "The Fish" by Nicolette Harrington**  
Think of the effort it took for the Cat In The Hat to remove the pink bathtub ring! It's easier to keep pollution out of water than it is to remove it. Bit by bit, we all change Puget Sound. From melting snow and falling rain to storm water run off- a watershed forms the streams and rivers that flow from forest to farm to city and into the ocean. Do your bit to help protect the Skagit River.



**2. "Clean Rains" by Christine Wardenburg-Skinner**  
Water conservation is a team sport with every one of us as members. The hope of the rivers, the sea, the planet depends on our winning. Keep drains clean, recycle, compost, pick up garbage. Play to win because every life depends on our team.



**3. "Water" by Kathleen Faulkner**  
Water is a transparent and nearly colorless chemical substance that is the main constituent of Earth's streams, lakes, and oceans, and the fluids of most living organisms. Water covers 71% of the Earth's surface. It is vital for all known forms of life.



**4. "Plastic and Water Don't Mix" - by Natalie Niblack**  
The work is an encouragement to those passing by to use reusable containers and not single-use plastics. We each have a responsibility for how we manage the use and disposal of our purchases and where they go when we have finished with them. It is also a reminder that plastics are here for the duration, down cycling to micro plastics that enter our watershed, oceans, and our bodies.



**5. & 8. "Wetlands" by Dee Doyle**  
Wetlands, marshes, ponds, wet grasslands and estuaries account for 6% of the earth's landmass. They filter out pollution and purify the waters that are seeping toward the rivers, and act like sponges against flooding and drought. Since 1900 half of the world's wetlands have disappeared.



**6. "Native" by Christie Houston**  
A clean watershed is essential for all of us natives, humans and salmon alike. This image embodies the idea that we are all interdependent and we all rely on our surrounding native watersheds.



**7. "Stormwater to Stream" by Stella Spring**  
Our driveways, parking lots, and streets are headwaters to urban watersheds, and the runoff flows largely untreated to rivers and lakes downstream. We can all play a part by preventing pet waste, soaps, and other pollutants from entering the stormwater system.



## Meet the Artists

**Dee Doyle** - Dee teaches weekly art classes and workshops in Skagit County. Dee says, "I am happiest when I am creating and sharing through teaching and making art. My artistic journey is a series of 'what ifs'. I choose to push the boundaries in my work, and try new ways to paint, while letting viewers interpret my work through their own filters and visions. Whatever I am painting at any time is my favorite thing to paint, and it all makes me smile."

**Kathleen Faulkner** - is a jewelry artist and painter living and working in Anacortes. Born and raised in Seattle, her formal art training was at Cornish School of Arts in Seattle. Kathleen creates work to remind us of the Northwest environment that we still have and document that which may soon be gone. Lately she's felt a sense of urgency. Her jewelry work is represented at Facere Jewelry Art Gallery, Seattle. All other artwork is represented by Smith Vallee Gallery in Edison.

**Nicolette Harrington** - has taught art her entire life, dedicated to enabling others to use visual art to express their true inner voice. She offers workshops in her LaConner studio, Wingshadowstudios. She has recently published "Draw A Line," a drawing workbook for cancer patients. Her paintings and prints have been shown locally on many occasions.

**Christie Houston** - Christie Houston's art work has been purely printmaking, or making her prints into collage works of art. Current work explores symbolic imagery about contemporary times. See more work at her Sibling Studio Facebook page: [sibling\\_studio@houstonsiblingstudio](mailto:sibling_studio@houstonsiblingstudio)

**Natalie Niblack** - Natalie Niblack is a visual artist working in drawing, oil painting, printmaking and ceramics. She lives on the Skagit River on Fir Island. From this viewpoint, she is able to observe the pressure of conflicting demands on a fragile landscape. This environment of beauty, conflict and change has increasingly informed her artwork since moving to Skagit Valley in 2000.

**Christine Wardenburg-Skinner** - Christine is an artist and teacher living in Edison. Art offers not only beauty but creates awareness. "Living on the edge of the Salish Sea, I marvel and draw from its beauty each day. I am honored to be a member of this team of creative individuals helping to bring vital awareness of keeping the Skagit Watershed clean and alive."

**Stella Spring** - Stella Spring has a background in science, stormwater, and geographic information systems. As a printmaker she's participated in Skagit Women Print, Resist, and steamroller printmaking projects. "What I love most about art is the process, experimentation, and element of surprise."

*Turn a rainy day into something  
to look forward to!*

## About the Project

Seven local artists have teamed together to create a unique trail of "rainworks" art images that provide positive messages to inspire stewardship of our local water resources and to celebrate our community connection to the Skagit River and its watershed - the place we all call home! The images have been applied to sidewalks at eight locations in Mount Vernon with a special spray that is rain activated and the art will only appear when it is raining.

This fun and creative public art project provides a rainy day outdoor adventure for kids of all ages. Spending time outdoors and in nature improves our health and wellbeing - especially after a long cold winter! Follow the art trail to visit local parks and other community sites of interest, to stay physically active, to have fun by playing in the rain, and to discover the art and messages created by this talented group of local artists.

### What is Rainworks?

Rainworks is an invisible spray that repels water. When sprayed on outdoor surfaces, the sprayed concrete remains light while water darkens the untreated surface. Using a stenciling technique, words and images can be applied to the ground that are only visible while the ground is wet. Rainworks are completely non-toxic, environmentally safe and biodegradable. Like chalk art, the artwork is temporary and will fade away over time - typically after two to three months. For more information about rainworks visit: <http://rain.works>

### What if I want to visit the art trail but it's not raining?

While we want to encourage everyone to make this a rainy day adventure, we also wouldn't want anyone to have to miss out because scheduling your outing on a rainy day doesn't work out. If you must go on a dry day, bring a spray bottle of water to spray the sidewalk at each location to find the images.

### Special Thanks

We would like to extend gratitude to all of the wonderful local artists who volunteered their time and artistic talents for this community project with special thanks to Nicolette Harrington and Stella Spring for inspiring the idea and their time and role in bringing the "April Showers" Rainworks Art Trail to life.

### **We would love to hear from you!**

After exploring the trail, send an email telling us about your experience! Your photo(s) posing with "Rainworks" art encouraged too! Kids completing the trail can earn their "Drain Ranger" badge.

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# Rainworks Art Trail

*"A reason to smile on a rainy day"*



**April 1st - May 31, 2018**

***Take a walk in the rain to discover a trail of invisible art  
created by seven local artists that appear magically on  
pavements when wet.***

***Hosted by:***

***Skagit Conservation District, Watershed Master Volunteers,  
Mount Vernon Parks & Recreation, City of Mount Vernon,  
Skagit County, and Local Artists***

