

Art* as Part of the Keremeos Beautification Initiative

South Similkameen Arts Society Vision

Long Term Objectives for Art Program

1. To give a reason for people to stop and leave a lasting impression of Keremeos
2. To engage with other community groups, activities and events through art
3. To be recognized as having a thriving arts community in the South Similkameen including all genres of art
4. To create an artistic icon that helps define Keremeos

*art includes all genres including visual arts (painting, murals, drawing, etc.) 3d art including sculpture, multi-media art, music, theatre, dance, etc.

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- A major art installation/sculpture in a central location in Keremeos (iconic, photo ops, etc.) with community participation to keep it fresh
- A series of “art stops” (art walk) that are shaded stops that showcase art and/or information plaques throughout the town. (start with 4 stops with themes such as wind, earth, water, fire)
- Brand the town – e.g. “The Little Big Apple” or “The Other Windy City”
- A sculpture walk similar to Castegar BC
- Murals (including the Museum)

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***Iconic Art Installation**

Themes/Ideas

- Pictograph on a multi-tiled base (stone and wood)
- Legend of the 7 Stones
- Major moving wind installation
(relates to our name – meeting of the 3 winds)
- Giant apple or fruit
- 4 sided teepee with each sided showing art representing water/fire/wind/earth

*Iconic Art installation provides a central point for the town, should be visible from Hwy #3, and tell our story. Should provide photo opportunities for individuals and marketing of the town.

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Have a great idea? Is there something you would like to see included in the art component of the beautification program? Write your ideas below!! All ideas welcomed!