

Dignity in Labor



Artist: John Vanek

Park: Percival Landing

Location: North of Harbor House

Material: Repurposed Metal

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Artist Statement: My medium is welding found objects, mostly steel and iron. I started in 2003 by making figures with railroad spikes and wall hangers from bicycle chain wheels, both of which I have sold at Arts Walk. Since that time I have created several commissioned works ranging from a free form bicycle sculpture to a fisherman and herons. My works have been exhibited at the Earth Artisan Gallery in Tenino, the Hubbub Gallery in Centralia, the Whirligig Gallery in Olympia, and Steppe Cellars Winery in Zillah. In addition three of my original lamps have been featured at the Light Show in Missoula, Montana. I also donated sculpture pieces to fund raising auctions including Left Foot Organics, State of Washington Combined Fund, and the Bicycle Alliance of Washington.