

September 18, 2012 – KINS Community Comment

Hello, this is Duane Rigge with a Community Comment.

There are many different things and events to celebrate in Humboldt County. I bring your attention to one of the recent events in the community of Fortuna that warrants a heartfelt thank you and celebration.

The celebration and thank you I am speaking of concerns the donation of three delightful metal sculptures displayed as public art on the grassy median at the intersection of Main Street, Rohnerville Road and Fortuna Blvd. The three sculptures depict a family of deer and were created by Eureka artist Linda Wise.

The sculptures are created and fabricated from old metal tools and similar items that had been deposited at the transfer station in Eureka for recycling. The different tools have been welded together to create an artistic rendering of three life size deer. Linda Wise is an accomplished local artist and she has created several other artistic sculptures. One of her works of art that may be recognized by the public is the sculpture displayed at the intersection of Myrtle Avenue and Highway 101 in Eureka.

The three sculptures I am celebrating and grateful for were funded and commissioned by an individual in Fortuna who wishes to remain anonymous. The anonymous donor offered to dedicate the three deer sculptures to the City of Fortuna for display on public property on a permanent basis for the pleasure of all.

The three sculptures were displayed last December at the Holiday Music Festival at River Lodge and the response by the public was very positive.

City staff presented the offer of dedication to the Fortuna City Council last May and recommended accepting the donation and assisted in the selection of the location of the art work. The City Council accepted the offer of dedication.

The site was prepared and three concrete pedestals were constructed by City staff and in early September the three sculptures were mounted and displayed for the public.

A very sincere **Thank You** goes to the very generous and altruistic individual who funded and commissioned the creation of this wonderful artwork and offered it to the public to enjoy.

A **Thank You** is offered for the creative artistic talent of Linda Wise for her ability to see and create these wonderful sculptures from old metal tools and discarded objects.

And finally, a **Thank You** goes to the Fortuna City Council for accepting the donation of these sculptures as public art so they can be enjoyed by the community for years to come.

We have much to celebrate!

This has been Duane Rigge with a Community Comment.