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With Over 40% Of This Year's Votes...**the 2022 People's Choice Winner Is**
Big Bright Brookie, by Artist Rick True

Lake Oswego, Oregon- Arts Council of Lake Oswego (ACLO) is excited to announce the winner of the 2022 **People's Choice Award**, Big Bright Brookie, by local artist, Rick True, and sponsored by Rotary Club of Lake Oswego.

Five sculptures were nominated from the rotating exhibition by a committee made up of civic **leaders, artists, and residents. The sculpture with the most votes becomes a part of the City's** award-winning public art collection (Gallery Without Walls) and is enjoyed by citizens and visitors 24/7 for years to come.

With over 500 votes cast, an overwhelming 40% were in favor of **Rick's** piece. People living or working in Lake Oswego were eligible. Voting was collected through the ACLO website, mailed-in from ballots distributed through the Lake Oswego Review, and ballot boxes displayed at the Adult Community Center, Library, City Hall, and the ACLO's ARTspace Gallery.

The sculpture currently on view on 3rd Street between A and B Avenue was installed last year as part of the 2021-23 Gallery Without Walls rotating public art program. Constructed of aluminum with vinyl auto wrap, auto paint, and a steel base, this piece **celebrates the artist's** life and love of fishing.

“The first trout I ever caught fly fishing was a brook trout in the high mountain lakes of Wyoming; that was 64 years ago. I made this beautiful fish as a memorial of my wonderful youth. Brookies exist in every western state and all over British Columbia. They were slowly introduced from the eastern states more than a century ago. This series of pieces celebrates the fun I have had in life, while also educating about environmental concerns. I continue to be an avid Oregon fly fisher and have fished most of the state,” **states artist Rick True.**

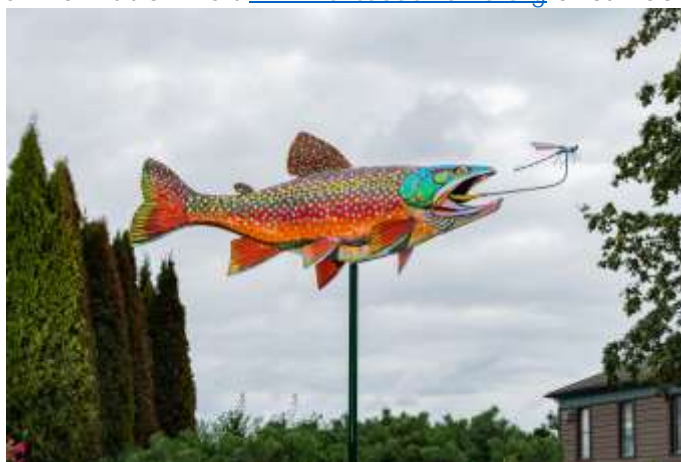
The piece will stay at its current location for another year until it finds a permanent home in **the summer of 2023 as part of the City’s collection.**

The Arts Council would like to thank all those who took the time to vote **for this year’s People’s Choice nominees.**

Gallery Without Walls is celebrating its 22nd year in 2022. The program has evolved to include 26 on loan works and over 54 permanent sculptures throughout the City by artists of local, **regional, and international acclaim. The People’s Choice winner will be highlighted at** the Gallery Without Walls Celebration in September –stay tuned for more information on the celebration. If you want to pick up a Gallery Without Walls walking tour brochure and visit the collection, stop by the Arts Council located in City Hall, 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego, OR 97034.

For more information on artist, Rick True visit, <https://www.facebook.com/RickTrueWindSculptures/>

About the Arts Council of Lake Oswego: The Arts Council of Lake Oswego works to ensure that the arts are an integral part of life in our community, now and into the future. The Arts Council is located at 380 A Avenue, Suite A, Lake Oswego, OR 97034, and is a non-profit organization. For more information visit www.artscouncillo.org or call 503-675-3738.



Big Bright Brookie
Artist, Rick True

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Rick True installing Big Bright Brookie on 3rd Avenue between A and B Avenue

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