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**Attachment to FINAL REPORT
Pilot Project for
Creative Vitality Index in the San Juan Islands
June, 2013**

**Collateral Events in San Juan County
Spring, 2013**



"Fluke" is Installed (photo by Liz Illg)

San Juan Island: In February, the Town of Friday Harbor's first public art piece, a polished aluminum whale tail sculpture, was installed on a rocky knoll above the ferry lanes. Sculptor Micajah Bienvenu is a prominent Pacific Northwest sculptor, and his art can be seen in many communities in Washington, including Bellevue, Kirkland, Walla Walla, and San Juan Island. Fluke piece is representative of a move towards celebrating the creative sector and claiming a place in the community for art.



“Raven Woman” is installed by KWIAHT

Lopez Island: A recent installation of a public ceramic piece by Nancy Bingham calls attention to the Fisherman Bay watershed and waterways. "With her cloak of salmon," the descriptive plaque reads, "Raven Woman reminds us of the inescapable connections between air, water, humans and fish". It also reminds us "Lopez Village streets drain to Fisherman Bay and San Juan Channel [with] no treatment of runoff before it enters coastal marshes and the sea." Raven Woman is the first in a series of four monthly water-themed art installations that are planned for the Village this summer by Kwiaht, Center for the Historical Ecology of the Salish Sea. For more info see: <http://www.kwiaht.org/index.htm>



ArtPlace America Recognizes Eastsound

Orcas Island: This art in front of the Orcas Historical Museum called “Tribute” was created by Todd Spalti and installed some years ago. It is reflective of why ArtPlace America designated Eastsound as one of “America’s Top Twelve Small-Town ArtPlaces.” ArtPlace is a collaboration of national foundations and the National Endowment for the Arts to accelerate creative placemaking across the U.S. The twelve communities had the highest concentrations of arts non-profits, core arts-oriented businesses, and workers in creative occupations among smaller towns in the United States, according to data analyzed by Impresa, Inc., a Portland-based firm specializing in the study of regional economies. See more at: <http://tinyurl.com/plyga7x>