

## Art project:

### Dan Klennert Train Sculpture

Amy Cruver graciously donated \$28,000 to the Town with the goal of purchasing and installing a piece of Dan Klennert art. We have been able to negotiate the purchase of one of Dan's train sculptures for \$30,000. A picture of this sculpture is attached. The forecast for the overall cost of purchasing, moving and installing this sculpture is \$34,000:

\$28,000 has already been donated by Pierce County for this project which leaves an additional \$6,000 to be paid by the Town. Insurance is \$2.00 per thousand of evaluation so insurance would cost \$60.00. An installation location is still being discussed somewhere on Mashell Ave or possibly between Washington Ave and Mashell Ave





# PIERCE COUNTY

## Office of the County Council

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**Amy Cruver**

Councilmember, District No. 3

August 17, 2023

Mayor David Baublits and  
Eatonville Town Council  
P.O. Box 309  
Eatonville, WA 98328

Dear Mayor Baublits and Eatonville Town Councilmembers,

As a resident and Pierce County Council representative for Eatonville, it is with great pleasure I write to endorse your decision to purchase the sculpted metal, steam locomotive, brought to life by the accomplished local artist and iron sculptor, Dan Klennert.

Your choice of this particular piece of artwork reflects the exact purpose of the funding that was made available by the County, which was to boost economic development, thereby, benefiting all. The uniqueness of Mr. Klennert's work is certain to draw the attention of folks who are seeking a pleasurable visual experience that they can write home about.

The logging and rail themes of Eatonville make it the "home that tells a story" and Eatonville has many stories to tell. With the purchase of the sculptured art, the town becomes more than a dot on a map. A unique identity is being developed, in a way, perhaps, like the Space Needle is to Seattle.

It is exciting to witness Eatonville's progress as it maneuvers itself into prosperity. Your town's commitment to its heritage, culture, and creating economic opportunities through tourism is appreciated by all. Thank you for such an excellent decision in the purchase of Mr. Klennert's art for display.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Amy Cruver". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first letters of the first and last names being capitalized and prominent.

Amy Cruver  
Pierce County Councilmember  
3<sup>rd</sup> Council District





EatonvilleVisionCommittee@gmail.com

Mayor Baublits and Members of Eatonville Town Council,

The Eatonville Vision Team is a collaborative group comprised of citizens and representatives from greater Eatonville area community organizations. Our mission is to: cultivate organizational connectivity, use collective networks to gather ideas, prioritize opportunities, motivate implementation of targeted activities and assist with funding opportunities. As such, we are excited to share our support for the potential purchase of Mr. Klennert's train sculpture. Our outreach to the citizens of Eatonville and the greater Eatonville area has indicated strong community support for additional artwork throughout the town. Mr. Klennert's sculpture will highlight a local artisan and is reflective of our town history. We support the purchase of this unique piece of art and express gratitude to Pierce County Councilwoman Amy Kruver for her assistance in obtaining grant funding for this purchase; and for her support of local artisans. We hope this will be a first step in the community effort to enhance Mashell Ave and the rest of our beautiful community.

Sincerely,

Ronda Litzenberger  
Eatonville Vision Team, Chair

Organizations represented on Eatonville Vision Team:

Eatonville School District  
Graham Frederickson Eatonville Rotary  
Eatonville Lions Club  
Pierce County Council  
Pierce County Economic Development  
South Pierce Fire & Rescue  
Eatonville Police Department  
Eatonville Eagles  
Eatonville Business Association  
Pioneer Farms Museum  
Eatonville Main Street Association  
Ohop Mutual Power and Light  
South Pierce County Historical Society  
Western Forest Industries Museum  
Eatonville Girls Basketball Booster Club  
Eatonville Family Agency





9/6/2023

Dear Mayor Baublits and Eatonville Town Council:

One of the goals of the Eatonville Business Association is to increase the foot traffic in the commercial district of Eatonville. The purchase and installation of Mr. Klennert's train sculpture is a step towards achieving this goal. We are excited about having high quality artwork in town and fully support the purchase of this unique train sculpture.

Respectfully,

DocuSigned by:  
*Becky Crocker*

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Becky Crocker

President

Eatonville Business Association

253.389-6009

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# EATONVILLE

## MAIN STREET ASSOCIATION

September 20, 2023

To Mayor David Baublits and Eatonville Town Council:

This letter is being offered in response to a request for comments from the Eatonville Main Street Association (EMSA) regarding the planned purchase of a steam locomotive sculpture by local artist Dan Klennert.

There was consensus among members of the EMSA working group present at our meeting on 9-19-23, that the opportunity to purchase an art sculpture with the Pierce County grant could be an attraction to our community, which is relevant to our efforts to attract tourism in our downtown area, even though it is not part of EMSA's more incremental approach to revitalizing businesses along Eatonville's traditional main street. This approach involves historical preservation and interpretation, beautification, community events, collaboration with other local groups and entities, plantings, creation of gathering spaces, and expressions of local art and culture.

We acknowledge Mayor Baublits' urging for our EMSA committee, as a revitalization organization, to help determine where the art sculpture would go, and are happy to continue our involvement in discussions on that topic.

One location being considered is in front of the Visitors Center, at the east end of the rain garden, bordering the sidewalk, where currently, a memorial tree stands. The dogwood tree, planted by the Dogwood Garden Club in 2017 in honor of prominent local citizen, the late Vera Byrd, has failed to thrive in this location. Irrespective of the decision on whether the sculpture is placed there, we understand the Dogwood Garden Club has requested that, if the tree is moved to a more appropriate spot, an arborist be involved in that process to ensure the best possible conditions for the tree – itself a symbol of incremental place-making – to thrive.

While the large investment in a single piece of art runs counter to the Main Street America vision of incremental/sustainable development, we value art – especially local art – in public spaces, and so are grateful to Pierce County for this opportunity. We are also grateful that the Town of Eatonville is willing to collaborate with EMSA in establishing the best placement possible for this piece of art.

Eatonville Main Street Association



### **Train Sculpture costs**

<b>Purchase price</b>	<b>\$30,000</b>
<b>Snell Crane moving costs</b>	<b>\$3,834</b>
<b>*Foundation costs</b>	<b>\$1,000</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b><u>\$34,834</u></b>
<b>Grant monies from Amy Cruver</b>	<b><u>\$28,000</u></b>
<b>Balance still needing funding</b>	<b>\$6,834</b>

\* There may be a cost associated with the move of the Vera Byrd Memorial tree but there doesn't seem to be a lot of support from the Mainstreet team for putting the train sculpture where this tree is currently located.



## Snell Crane Service

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Olympia, Wa. 98502  
www.snellcrane.com " info@snellcrane.com  
360-867-0198



### ESTIMATE

Quote Date 8/21/2023 Contact Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Quote # 230821-DS-6861 Contact Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
Customer \_\_\_\_\_ Contact Email \_\_\_\_\_  
Billing Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Customer Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Job Description Move Art from Elbe to Eatonville and place

Load Weight 12,000 lbs  
Lift Radius 35'  
Notes \_\_\_\_\_

Equipment	Configuration	Rigging
16 - #41 - 40 Ton Truck Crane	_____	_____
00 - P-23/trailer	_____	_____

Jobsite Eatonville Jobsite Contact David Baublits  
Address 22410 wa-706 Ashford wa 98304 Phone 2532542365

Item	Price	Est. Qty	Project Min.	Daily Min.	OT Rate	Total
Round Trip Travel	\$1,150 each	1				\$1,150
State HWY Permit	\$150 each	1				\$150
40 Ton Truck Crane	\$245/hr	4	2	2	\$295	\$980
Support Truck 1 ton flatbed Gooseneck (Port to Port)	\$165/hr	8	6	6	\$215	\$1,320
Fuel Surcharge 6.5%	\$234 each	1				\$234
Total						\$3,834

ESTIMATE BASED ON ABOVE MINIMUMS. ADDITIONAL HOURS WILL BE BILLED AT THE APPLICABLE RATES. APPLICABLE SALES TAX NOT INCLUDED.

Remarks \_\_\_\_\_

Initial: \_\_\_\_\_