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### Local Artist Anna Lancaster's Oil Painting Selected as 2015 Addition to the Hillsboro Public Art Collection

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Mayor Jerry Willey has announced the selection of this year's artwork for the City of Hillsboro Public Art Collection, *Rood Bridge Park with Mid Century Modern Style*, by local artist Anna Lancaster. The colorful oil painting on canvas was selected from 47 entries responding to the call for artwork that represents the characteristic landscape, city views or landmarks of Hillsboro.

Lancaster's paintings are characterized by rich color and textured surface created by using both a brush and a pallet knife to apply the oil paint. She hopes that the tactile qualities of her paintings stimulate the senses and touch the emotions.

Lancaster, who lives in Tualatin, created the painting at this year's Hillsboro Plein Air painting competition sponsored by the Hillsboro Arts & Culture Council. Artists have a designated period of time to complete their work, painting outdoors, or in French, in "plein air." Lancaster noted, "I was drawn to paint that inspiring landscape scene of the stone foot bridge, the scenic Rood Bridge Park landmark. It is one of the first images that comes to mind for all of us who enjoy the respite and community recreation at Rood Bridge Park."

The original painting will remain on view at the Shirley Huffman Auditorium in the Hillsboro Civic Center. The Mayor will present limited edition archival prints to dignitaries and business leaders from around the world to support the local arts community and to underscore the City's creative identity.

Hillsboro Public Art is a program of the Hillsboro Parks and Recreation Department. More information about Hillsboro's Public Art Program can be found at [www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/PublicArt](http://www.hillsboro-oregon.gov/PublicArt).

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