

November 2020 Bulletin

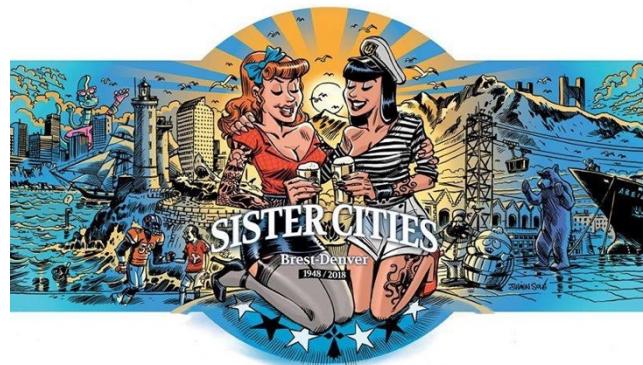


November brings the AGM, a new SNSCA project, and the resurrection of an old project, all described below. Enjoy the photos sprinkled throughout from *Nature Native*, which included 29 works outside Muséum de Nantes and 2 works inside.

À Notre Santé: Seattle-Nantes 'Colla-beer-ation'!

Beer, the most ancient of beverages, is at the heart of our latest endeavor to acknowledge four decades of *jumelage* between our cities. As 40th Anniversary celebrations carry over into 2021, the global pandemic demands that we embrace safe, innovative ventures to promote citizen exchange. Denver (like Seattle, a mecca of the US craft beer industry) and its sister city Brest recently linked up two of its breweries to produce a beer in each locale from a shared recipe, and we figured this was a great model to replicate.

SNSCA members tapped (pun intended) brewers Chris Engdahl ('Lantern Brewing' in north Seattle) and Stéphane Blanc ('Bubar' in Nantes), and they have hopped to it! Linked by Zoom, these creative entrepreneurs (all the while doing their best to keep their respective businesses alive given unprecedented challenges) have identified both a beer style and distinctive ingredients emblematic of our regions. The cranberries of Washington and the grey sea salt of Guérande will be deftly incorporated into a *gose*, a light, refreshing German beer style, once obscure but now enjoying popularity in beer circles worldwide.



As this moves forward to a Spring 2021 brewing, another collaboration will create a label to grace the bottles. We anticipate this being the 'official beverage' of many 2021 Seattle-Nantes events, while sales to the general public will raise local awareness of the sister city relationship. Cheers!



Nantes Park Beautification Project

Unexpectedly, the Department of Neighborhoods opened up their grants again in August; we applied; and learned this month that we got the grant - \$40K+ to continue with the planned work in the park. Look for a show-and-tell with details in the new year.

Our First Virtual AGM

This year's Annual General Meeting was the first of its kind. Although the current Covid-19 situation prevented us from meeting in person, it did allow members from far away to attend virtually. In attendance we had current and founding members, scholarship recipients, and even new members.



The meeting was kicked off by board member, Tom Waite, who updated us on the status of Nantes after his recent visit. Vice President, Alaina McCallum, provided the SNSCA 2020 recap, beginning with our last in-person event in February at the Hanger Café where we celebrated our annual crepe dinner. She also mentioned the visit from Nantes sister city vice-president, Frank Insignares, along with his 16 university students who came to Seattle that same month. Other notable events highlighted were the March book sorting and the summer art exhibit in Nantes.

Then Jean-Loup led us in the Trou Normand, which is a formal French toast typically done with Calvados, a strong apple brandy, during the middle of a meal. Many of our members attending this year's AGM opted to receive an apple brandy made in Lynden to partake in the toast. This led to the reelection of board members and the exciting news of the grant received for Nantes Park and the new beer project.

The last part of our 2020 AGM was the raffle led by Susan Kegel. Members Tisch and Pieter Van der Meulen were the lucky raffle

winners to win art print, "Illusions", by local Upper Skagit artist, Peter Boome, one of the artists who participated in our art exhibit.

It was enjoyable to see everyone who made it on Zoom.

