Hinojos & Jimenez Art

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"La Vida/Life" Hinojos & Jimenez Art. This piece celebrates the joy and beauty in life. In dark times we can gain strength and hope from the struggles of our ancestors. They passed to us their stories about other struggles in other places, they shared horror and beauty through their words, and through their art. This piece is for my brothers--for the three of us and the wonder we found in the world growing up; the legacy of remembrance and the strength of our culture. It is for my parents who taught us to love the world, and for my community who is in pain--a small little gift, but one from the heart. These sculptures are made possible through grants from the King County Covid-19 Response Fund and 4Culture. Thank you to the City of Kirkland, Centro Cultural Mexicano and the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission.

"Cuidate/Care" <u>Hinojos & Jimenez Art</u>. This piece represents a vital part of the state of Washington--farmworkers who bring healthy and fresh food to our tables, even in the middle of a pandemic. The Latino community has been disproportionately affected by Covid-19 at a rate almost 6 times higher than that of the white population in King County. Agricultural communities in our state have been hit even harder. Farmworkers have not had adequate protections put in place by their employers while doing essential jobs. Our community is often taken for granted and our safety neglected, yet we are a vital part of this state; we own businesses, we contribute to the economy, and we are an important part of the community. This piece honors our culture, past and present. These sculptures are made possible through grants from the King County Covid-19 Response Fund and 4Culture. Thank you to the City of Kirkland, Centro Cultural Mexicano and the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission.

"El Futuro/Hope" <u>Hinojos & Jimenez Art</u>. This piece represents our youth who have had to alter their lives so drastically in the time of Covid-19. One of the symbols shown is the axolotl, an amphibian endemic to only two lakes in the Valley of Mexico. Because they require specific habitat, they were almost extinct, but care and attention brought their numbers back. My son was raising newts which look a little like axolotls, and it reminded me of our responsibility to care for future generations, and the compassion and unique exuberance for life that our youth bring to this world. These sculptures are made possible through grants from the King County Covid-19 Response Fund and 4Culture. Thank you to the City of Kirkland, Centro Cultural Mexicano and the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission.

"Wisdom/Sabiduria" Hinojos & Jimenez Art. This piece, a portrait of Ann, the Owner of McDonald's Books in Redmond, reminds us of the wisdom and experience that our seniors carry with them. They have a perspective that can help us through difficult times; this piece is meant to acknowledge the importance of our senior-aged community members, and in particular, to acknowledge Ann who has opened her heart and her mind to so many people over the years. She provides a safe haven with her presence, and we are grateful for her strength, her kindness, and her passionate heart. She has tended gardens of youth, and her impact has given beauty to the world. These sculptures are made possible through grants from the King County Covid-19 Response Fund and 4Culture. Thank you to the City of Kirkland, Centro Cultural Mexicano and the Kirkland Cultural Arts Commission.