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### Snohomish County honors artwork of beloved local artist

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Executive Aaron Reardon and the Snohomish County Arts Commission invite the public to a rededication of “Snohomish County,” a nine panel mural originally created for the Snohomish County government campus in 1991 by beloved local artist, Bernie Webber. The mural was temporarily removed when the campus underwent extensive renovation.

“Bernie’s artwork is a cherished part of our County’s heritage,” says Executive Reardon. “We are fortunate to have this opportunity to honor his legacy and to share Bernie’s work with the community.”

The reception will be held on Wednesday, March 28 at 10:30 a.m. in the lower level elevator lobby at 3000 Rockefeller Avenue in downtown Everett. Light refreshments will be served.

“This is an opportunity to celebrate the life and work of a life long Snohomish County resident and a truly inspiring artist,” says event organizer Wendy Becker. “We are honored that the Webber family will attend the event.”

In December of 2006, Everett native Bernie Webber passed away at the age of 83. Webber was an internationally renowned artist and was named Artist of the Year by the Arts Council of Snohomish County in 2004. Bernie’s art can be found in county and city offices, in hospitals, at the naval station and many different locations throughout the County. Through his keen eye and ability to capture person and place alike, Webber’s work has immortalized many aspects of life in Snohomish County. Bernie was a member of the Rotary Club of Everett for 53 years, in December of 2006 the Rotary club established the Bernie Webber Scholarship Endowment Fund to help young artists follow in his steps.

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