

# Web sight: A hands-on, words-on fiber art project



Photos by Luke Southall

**WEB** at CCA, by Kristine Pollard, with community members' comments. Pollard's fiber art work was also displayed at M.E. Jewelry Co. & Atelier, 216 Jewett Blvd., White Salmon, where seven local artists' work is on exhibit.

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*"With the right words, you can change the world."* — Charlotte

In a world of negative social media, this is one web site that is purely positive.

A four-by-six-foot interactive web made by Hood River fiber artist Kristine Pollard graces the lobby of Columbia Center for the Arts, in a project inspired by the play "Charlotte's Web" — on stage earlier this month, though canceled, at CCA.

Prior to COVID-19 closures, CCA among them, anyone could come and attach a written message to Pollard's web, made of two-millimeter natural cotton string. Until further notice, the only way to see the work by Pollard is just inside the front lobby window. One plan was for people to write messages on the back of their

show tickets, and leave them on the web. Pollard was interviewed prior to the closure.

**2,500 knots, 40 hours**

"This project was all volunteer work, and I was very excited to take this on. I am very happy and grateful to be part of something I feel brings our community to a beautiful and inspiring place — theater and art," Pollard said of CCA and CCA Children's Theater.

"Charlotte wrote positive and encouraging words in the web in this story," Pollard said.

"The idea for this interactive piece is that people will be able to do the same and write the words that resonate with them and pin these words to the web. I love this idea, and I really look forward to seeing this web fill up."

Pollard has shown her macramé rope art in two shows with CCA.

"They reached out to me with the thought of creating a large, interactive web," Pollard noted.

"They left it up to me on what I would end up creating, but with their vision in mind, and sent me home with the wooden frame to work with. This frame was a stage prop that seemed to fit perfectly with the ideas we were creating together," she said.

Pollard, a self-taught fiber artist, said, "I do very much love the challenge and the great rewards of this. It was my second try at this as I have never created a web like this and of this size."

"I lost track of how many feet of string was used but there are over 2,500 knots in this, and it took about 40 or more hours to create," Pollard said.

Photo by Kirby Neumann-REA

## WASH YOUR HANDS

City of Hood River has installed hand-washing stations, like this one at Jackson Park, at parks throughout the city, in response to the coronavirus.



## HR County Reads suspended

The Friends of the Hood River County Library announces the postponement of the Hood River Reads 2020 program due to COVID-19.

The Friends of the Library is looking forward to holding this program at a later time. Before the temporary closure of the Hood River Library, more than 500 books were distributed to the community.

The Friends encourage patrons to read their copy of "The Highest Tide" by Jim Lynch and discuss the book with

members in their household or by phone or chat program with their friends and neighbors, said a press release. There are discussion questions at the end of the book to help guide the discussion. Patrons can explore the layers of marine life in our oceans through the website, The Deep Blue Sea, at [neal.fun/deep-sea](http://neal.fun/deep-sea).

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