

# New public art installed in Bend, Oregon's Discovery West neighborhood

*New piece by artist Chris Cole features historical figure Annie Londonderry, made possible by a Bend Park and Recreation District & Discovery West partnership*

BEND, OR, UNITED STATES, March 29, 2022 /EINPresswire.com/ -- [Discovery West](#), a new neighborhood in Bend, Oregon, and the [Bend Park and Recreation District](#), hosted a dedication event this morning for new public art by local artist [Chris Cole](#). The piece, which is located in the extension of Discovery Park that lies along Londonderry Place in the neighborhood, was created in honor of Annie Londonderry, the first woman to bicycle around the world in 1895. She is one of Discovery West's "Women of Discovery", all women who have made history and after whom the streets in the neighborhood are named.

The new art installation is a seven-foot tall, rusted steel, inverted pyramid design that includes decorative bicycle cogs, ship windows, an illuminated image of Annie and a descriptive plaque detailing Annie's life provided in both English and Spanish. Artist Chris Cole said, "This piece ties together my lifelong passion for biking and my interest in the industrial revolution and the era of mechanical invention that followed. I designed this sculpture with these concepts in mind, while honoring Annie, who she was, her influence and what she accomplished during her life."

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select the location. The piece was gifted to the Park District who will own and maintain it for the public’s enjoyment. Today’s event formally dedicated the new sculpture as public art, and included presentations by Bend Park and Recreation District board members, the neighborhood development team and the artist.

Bend Park and Recreation District Board Vice-Chair Deb Schoen said, “The long-standing partnership between art and public places is a priority for our community and I’m proud that this piece is the latest in what has been, and will

continue to be, a close relationship. Through collaborations like this, our parks are home to several pieces of art that add meaning and uniqueness to our community.”

This evening, Tuesday, March 29 at 6:00 p.m., Roundabout Books in NorthWest Crossing is holding a virtual author event with Londonderry’s great grand-nephew, Peter Zheutlin, who has written two books about his ancestor. He will be discussing his latest book, Spin, a novel inspired by her adventures. This free event is open to the public with a Zoom link and more information available here.

#### About Discovery West

Discovery West, situated on 245 acres on Bend’s westside, is the newest community under development by the minds behind the award-winning NorthWest Crossing neighborhood. The neighborhood will offer a variety of home types and sizes, as well as a community plaza and 40 acres of parks, trails and open land. The development team’s vision for creating livable, detail-oriented communities that respect the Central Oregon lifestyle will be apparent as the community takes shape. A sales office, the Discovery Pod, is open daily at 1164 NW Skyline Ranch Road . [www.discoverywestbend.com](http://www.discoverywestbend.com)

#### About Bend Park and Recreation District

Bend Park & Recreation District maintains and operates more than 3,035+ acres of developed and undeveloped parkland. That includes 84 parks/open spaces and 75+ miles of trail. We offer over 1,000 recreation programs for all ages and abilities throughout the area and at the Juniper Swim & Fitness Center, The Pavilion and the Larkspur Community Center, Home of the Bend Senior Center. We also hold several community events including the July 4th Pet Parade. More information at [bendparksandrec.org](http://bendparksandrec.org).

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