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**NEW ART WORK BY ROGER RALSTON TO  
BE UNVEILED AT  
LIBERTY AQUATIC CENTER  
Wednesday, June 9, 10 a.m.**

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The Liberty Aquatic Center ribbon-cutting ceremony takes place tomorrow, June 9, at 10:00 am. As part of the celebration, the Spokane Arts Commission will unveil "Liberty Wings," two abstract sculptural wind vanes for Liberty Park

Each wind vane consists of a 15' high support tower made of galvanized steel and a moving top 10' high of aluminum. The tops are cut and painted in bright colors to look like wings that will move in the wind. The two vanes are placed one on each side of the entrance gazebo to call attention to the pool.

Roger Ralston currently resides in Spokane. He has a BS of Philosophy from Lewis and Clark College in Portland, Oregon (1981) and a MFA in Sculpture from Louisiana State University in Baton Rouge, Louisiana (1989). For his Sculpture Without Walls, a public outdoor installation, he won Juror's Award: second place (2005) and People's Choice & City Purchase Award (2006) at the Moses Lake Museum and Art Center. His sculpture can be seen on the newly reconstructed Freya Street Bridge in Spokane and Caterpillar Boogie Woogie (2004) can be seen at the Spokane Falls Community College Library, 3410 W. Fort George Right Dr., Spokane.

The Spokane Arts Commission worked with an Art Selection Committee of Arts Commission and community members to coordinate with six local artists to produce art pieces for each of the City's new aquatic centers. All of the art work is on the buildings or near the buildings in the public space. The pieces of art range from steel and copper sculptures to mosaics to moving wind vanes. Most

have a theme of water or water recreation with the goal of creating a more beautiful or playful experience for the pool users and community.

For more information about public art in Spokane, go to [www.spokanearts.org/publicart.aspx](http://www.spokanearts.org/publicart.aspx)

### **About Spokane Parks and Recreation**

City of Spokane Parks and Recreation is responsible for the professional management and prudent caretaking of more than 4,100 acres of developed parks and conservation land. The Golf Division maintains and operates four championship municipal golf courses, including Indian Canyon, Downriver, Esmeralda and the Creek at Qualchan. Park Operations has responsibility for the maintenance of all park land and park facilities in the City of Spokane including Riverfront Park, Manito Park, Gaiser Conservatory and the many city-wide gardens, Finch Arboretum and the Urban Forestry Program. The Recreation/Entertainment Division offers classes, special events, athletic leagues and activities for youth, teens, adults, seniors and persons with physical and mental disabilities. It also operates Riverfront Park attractions, activities and events, and provides support for community centers, senior centers, the Northeast Youth Center, Corbin Art Center and outdoor swimming pools. For more information please visit [www.spokaneparks.org](http://www.spokaneparks.org)

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