

A vibrant, abstract painting depicting a landscape. In the foreground, there's a mix of green, yellow, and blue brushstrokes suggesting foliage and water. A dark, winding path or road cuts through the center-left. The middle ground features rolling hills and mountains in shades of brown and grey. The background is dominated by large, expressive brushstrokes in orange, yellow, and red, creating a sense of a sunset or fire. The overall style is expressive and modern.

Highlighting Artist

Edwin Martinez Escobar

in Washoe County Parks

Edwin was born in Mexico City and moved to Reno at a young age of 9. Living amongst Mexico's rich culture, from indigenous roots to Spanish heritage, and being exposed to many other cultural influences from around the world, awakened his love and passion for art. After serving 4 years in the military, he started his career in murals and other art forms. Edwin's biggest influences are Diego Rivera, Jose Clemente Orozco, and David Alfaro Siqueiros. Edwin always says "Everything you create comes from Alma y Corazon" (Heart & Soul).



The McCarran Tunnel within Rancho San Rafael was an eyesore, constantly getting tagged with graffiti. Every week staff were painting over tagging, and “the tunnel” was not an inviting place to enter.



In May 2021 Washoe County Regional Parks partnered with Artist Edwin Martinez Escobar to beautify the McCarran tunnel and mural the wing wall entrances. Each wing wall represents a different season, and features something that you might find on the other side of the park, through this tunnel “portal”.



The Southwest wing wall has state of Nevada features with the Mountain Bluebird, Bristlecone Pine, Sagebrush, and mountains in winter. The Southeast wing wall features the great horned owl in springtime.



A public photo contest was conducted for the “happiest dog in the pasture” to be featured in the Northwest wall mural. Over 100 photos were submitted, and Edwin chose “June” to be painted in the summertime pasture mural



A mountain biker in the Fall is featured on the Northeast wall. Edwin has also painted inside the tunnel, including a hawk, an Ibis, female mountain bluebird, and two runner up photo contest winners, Gus Gus & Teddy Newsome





Edwin received sponsors from local organizations, businesses, and citizens to complete the murals, and paint was donated by Reno Paint Mart.

North Valleys Regional Park Skatepark was in dire need of beautification. With graffiti every week, peeling paint, and garbage strewn everywhere, we enlisted the help of Washoe County Youth Employment Program in August 2022.



Edwin volunteered his time and worked with the youth to paint the outside of the skatepark amazing colors, as well as stencil skater silhouettes.



The teenagers in the Youth Employment Program learned a skill, highly respected Edwin, and the skatepark area looks amazing.

We can't thank Edwin enough for bringing beautiful art into our parks!

