

## **The Creation Totem Story**

This totem was created by artist Conrad Sandoval, a Native American wood sculptor from Loon Lake, Washington. He carved this pole depicting creation in seventeen-hours during a chainsaw carving competition in 2001, in Ocean City Washington. This piece won first place in the People's Choice Awards. Bequeathed to Ron and Judy Hoiness, it was originally to be placed on the Rogue River. Circumstances however, led it to be placed in the safe keeping of Ron's brother Rocky Hoiness, then of Yachats. Ron, Judy, and Rocky wanted to share it with Yachats Community, loaning it to the City in 2011. A concrete platform was created, and the Public Works crew delivered and placed it. In May 2011 there was a well-attended welcoming ceremony with tribal participation. In 2017, Ron and Judy Hoiness generously permanently donated it to the City of Yachats. The Creation Totem is located in front of the east entrance of the Yachats Commons.

