

COLORING

The History of Gig Harbor



A Downtown Waterfront Alliance Project

About this book:

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The Downtown Waterfront Alliance mission is...

to bring the community together, support economic vitality along the waterfront and preserve the historic character of downtown Gig Harbor. The Alliance is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization. To learn more scan the QR code below!



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A note from Mayor Markley...

We are delighted to join the Downtown Waterfront Alliance in presenting this very special coloring book.

Gig Harbor is truly a wonderful place that welcomes everyone.

Located in the heart of the beautiful Pacific Northwest, our city has a long history to be celebrated and remembered. Originally the home of the s̓wəbabč band of the Puyallup Tribe of Indians, it became known as an active fishing village, the home of lumber mills and a center for boat-building yards. Today, Gig Harbor honors its history and is a modern, charming city with more than 12,000 residents.

Thank you to the Downtown Waterfront Alliance for engaging our incredibly talented youth with this book! We look forward to celebrating our city with you all!

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Jen Markley".

Meet our Youth Cover Art Contest Winner

When not exploring Gig Harbor's community and treasures, Norah W. enjoys drawing, reading, baking, playing basketball, and cartwheeling happily around her own world.



Honorable Mentions

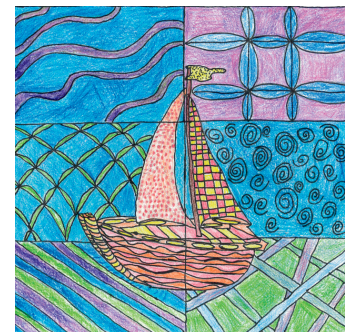
Congratulations to our three honorable mentions. Their cover art designs were colorful, inspiring and close runners up to our cover art winner.



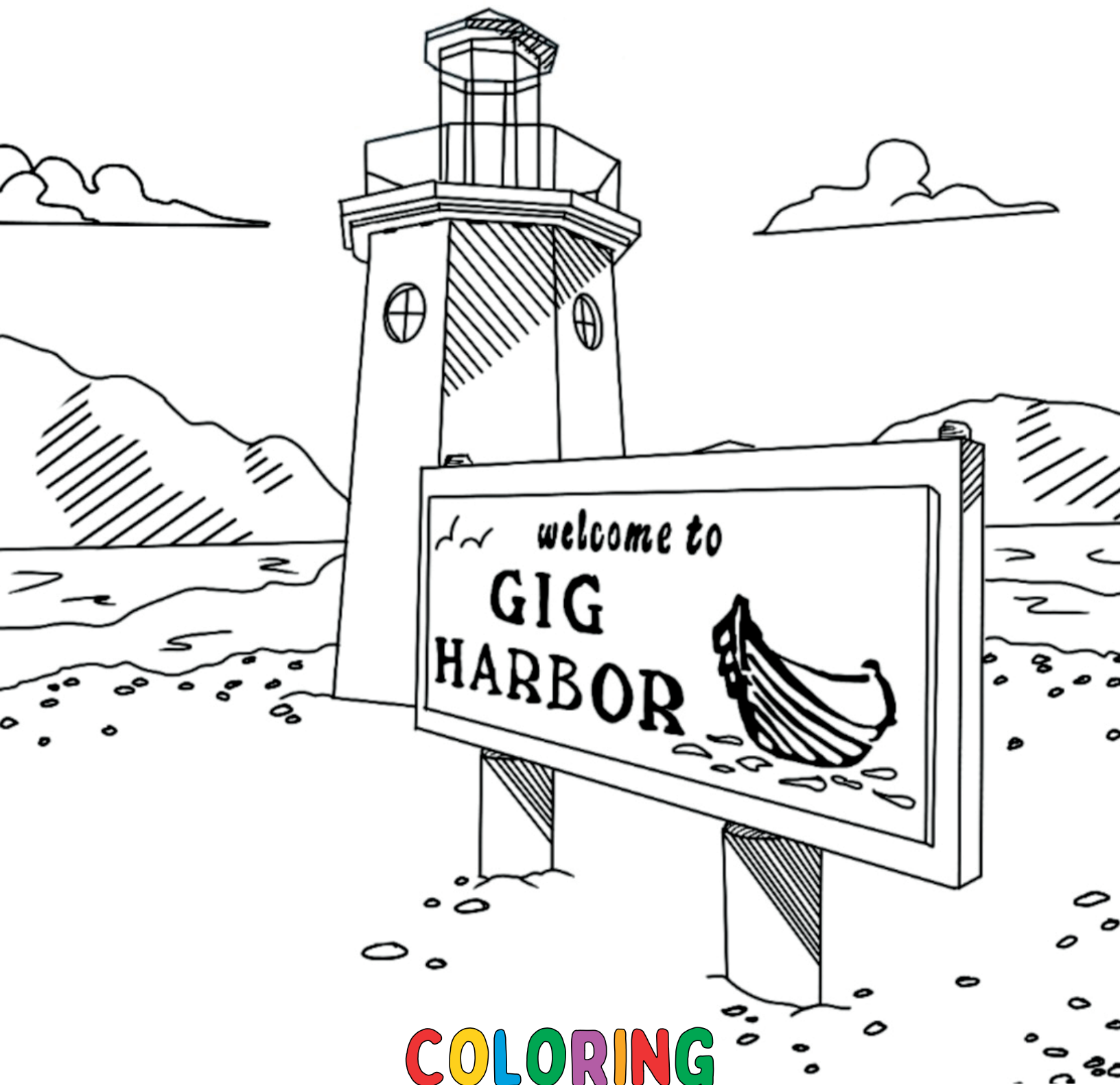
Riley C. Age 7



Aurora F. Age 10



Reagan S. Age 12



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Illustrated by local artists: Julia Clarke, Jennifer Heater, Amber Stephens, Linda Foster, Karen Gore, Stella Sigmund, and Hillarie Isackson.

Authored by: Carrienne Ekberg



Get ready to explore downtown Gig Harbor! Discover the history of this special fishing city as you color your way through the pages in this book.



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VISITOR INFORMATION

HARBOR WILD WASH

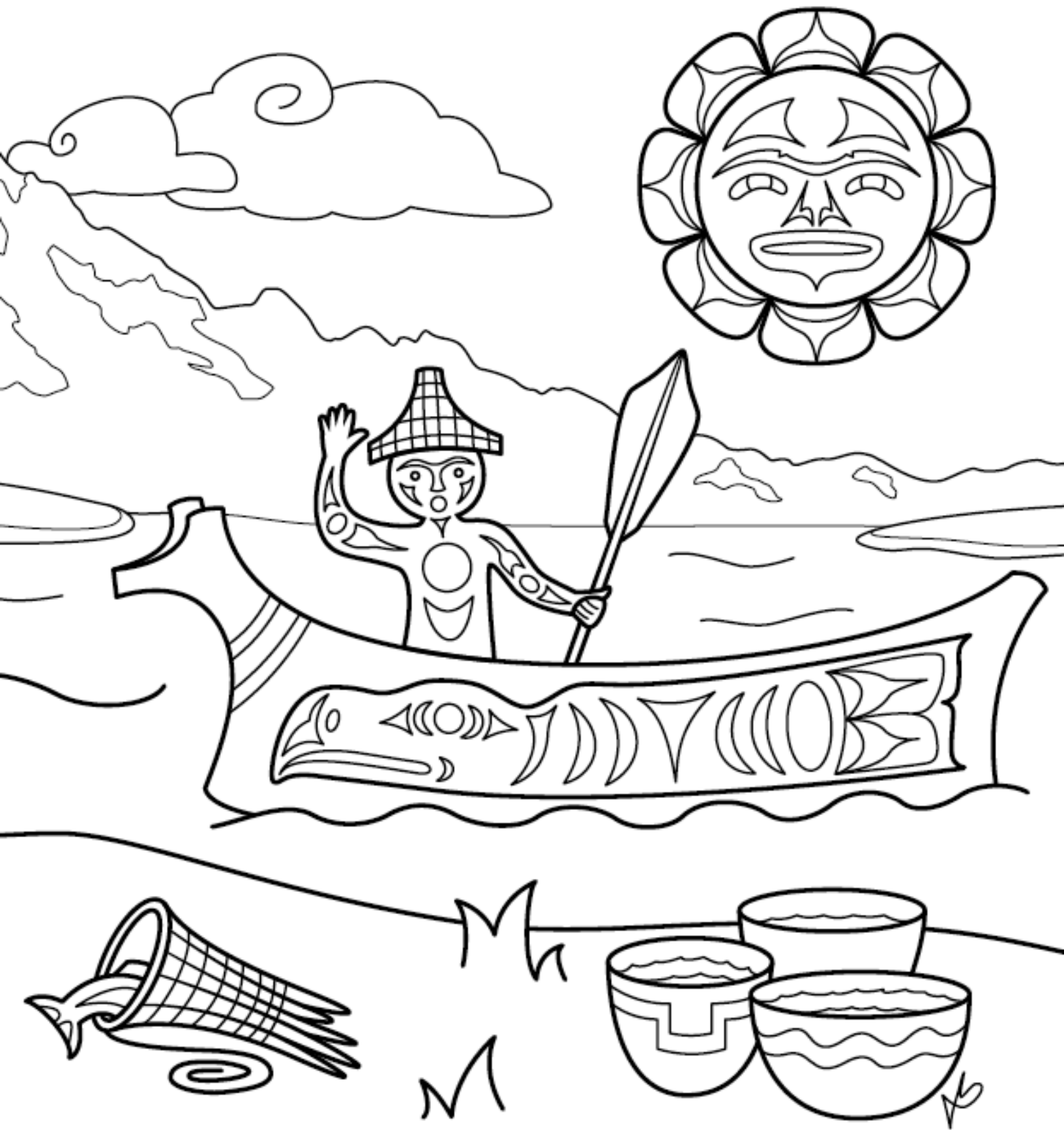
DRIVE

To old ferry terminal

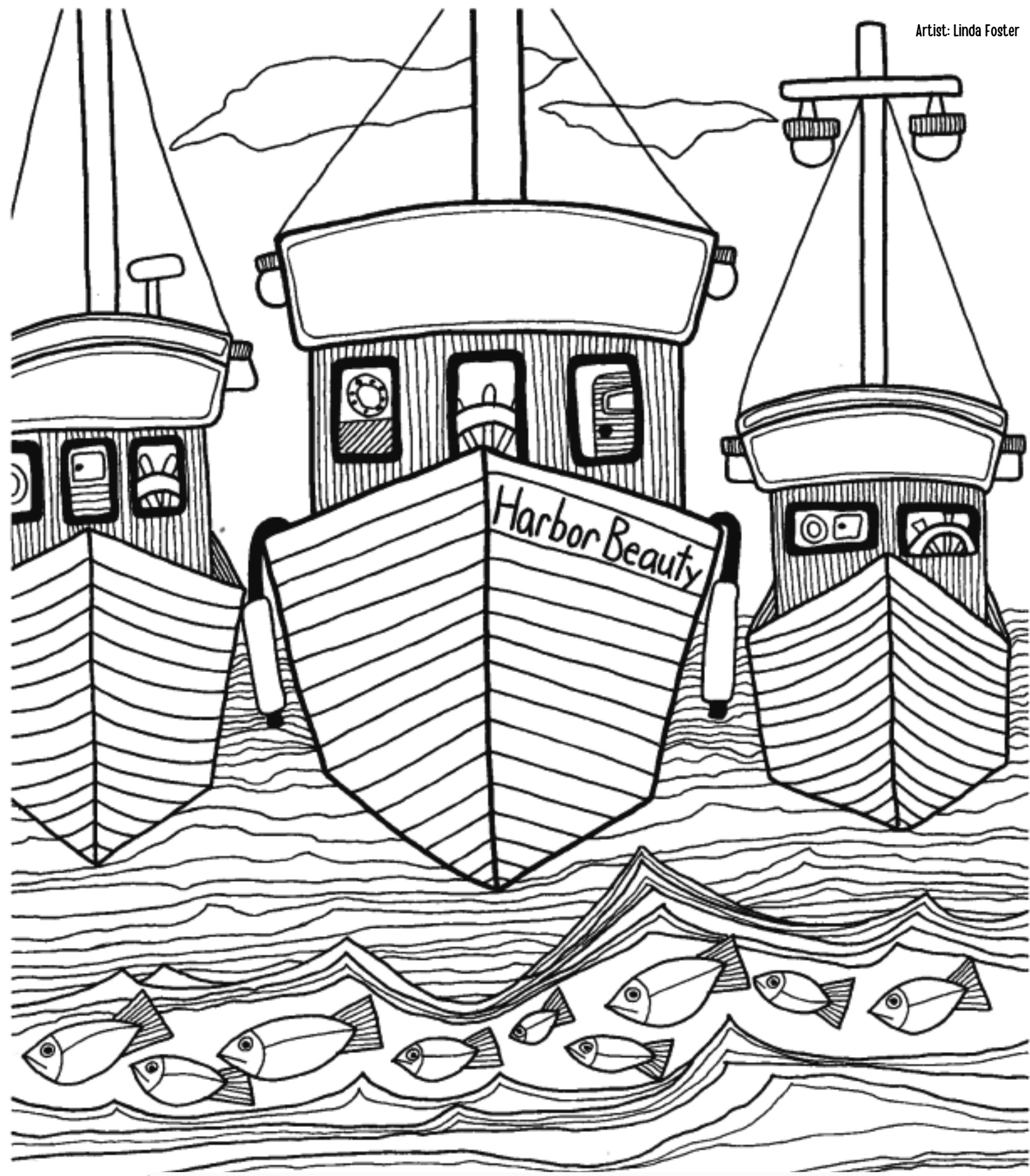
To Uptown



First Peoples called this place $tx^waaqəł$, or a place where game is farmed. The Swift Water people, called $s\check{x}^wəbəbš$ in their native Lushootseed language, were skilled canoe builders and carvers. The children liked to play near the shore and help their parents fish for salmon and gather shellfish.



Women often made baskets to carry everything from clams to huckleberries. Fish traps were also woven and placed in nearby streams. One of the last known members of the Swift Water band to live at $tx^{\prime}aalq\text{ə}l$ was Jake McKee, also known as "Cyclone Jake." His family had lived here for many generations. Descendants of the Swift Water people still live in the Gig Harbor area today. Many are part of the Puyallup or Nisqually tribes.



Fishing and boat building plays an important part in Gig Harbor's history. Every summer, the fishing boats make the long trip from Gig Harbor to Alaska or the San Juan Islands to catch fish. Gig Harbor fishermen rely on these boats to bring in plentiful catches of fish, providing food for the world. The most common fishing boats in Gig Harbor are purse seiners and gillnetters.

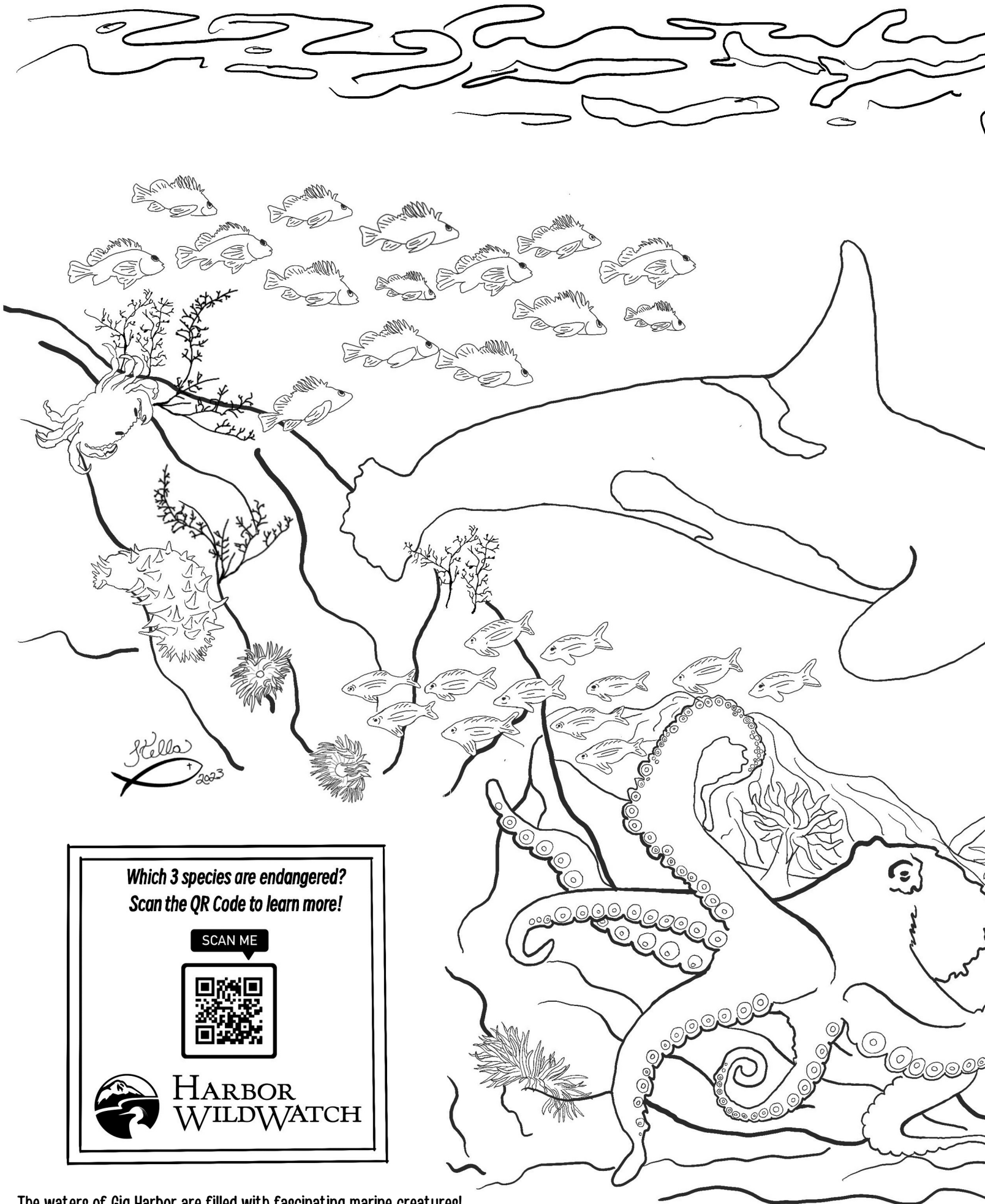
L. FOSTER

Artist: Karen Gore

The Midway School was built in 1893 and is the only original one-room schoolhouse still standing in the area. The first year, the school had 15 students and one teacher who was paid \$21.90 per month.



The name "Midway" was chosen because of the schoolhouse's original location, midway between Gig Harbor and Point Fosdick, each with its own ferry landing.



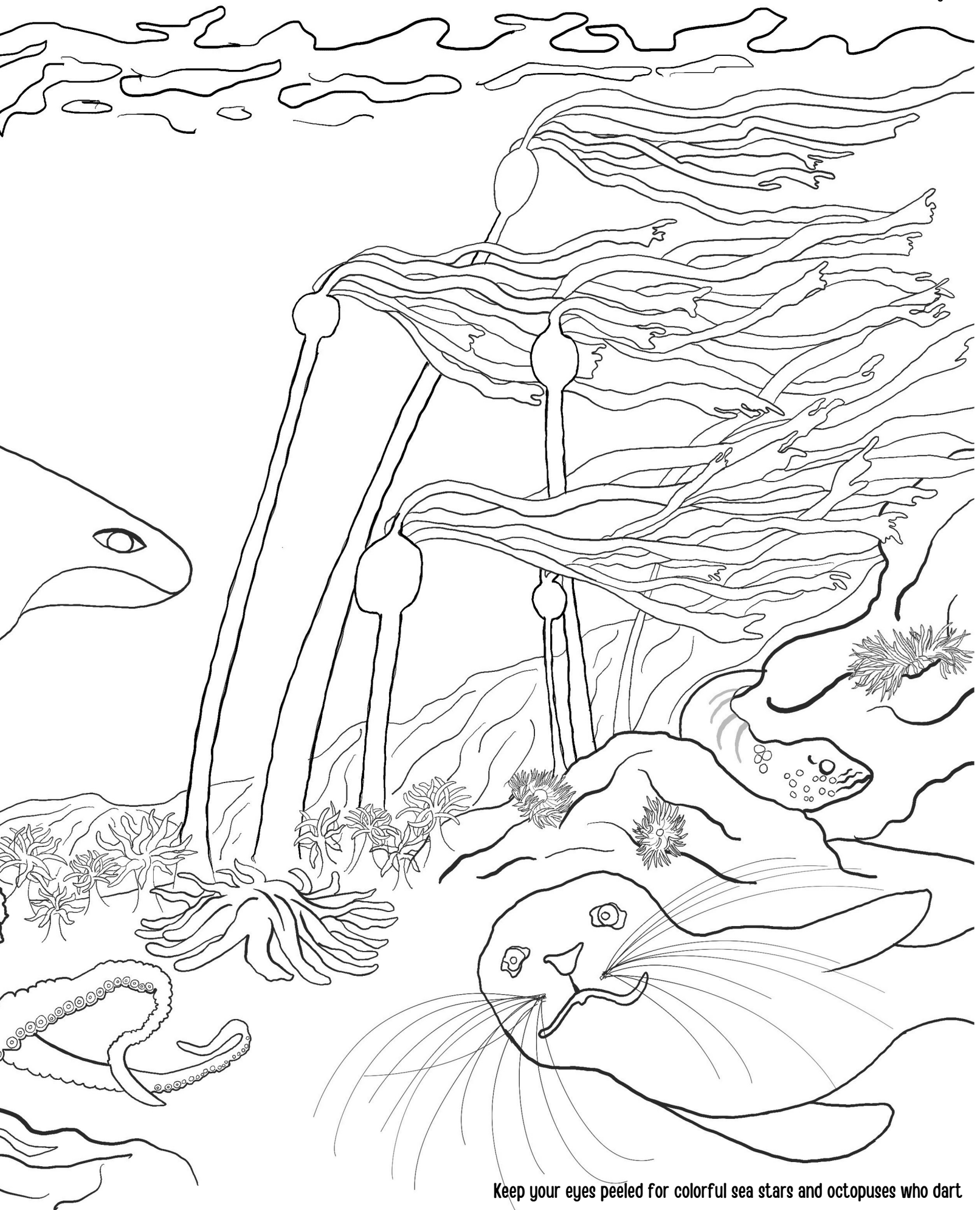
**Which 3 species are endangered?
Scan the QR Code to learn more!**

SCAN ME



**HARBOR
WILDWATCH**

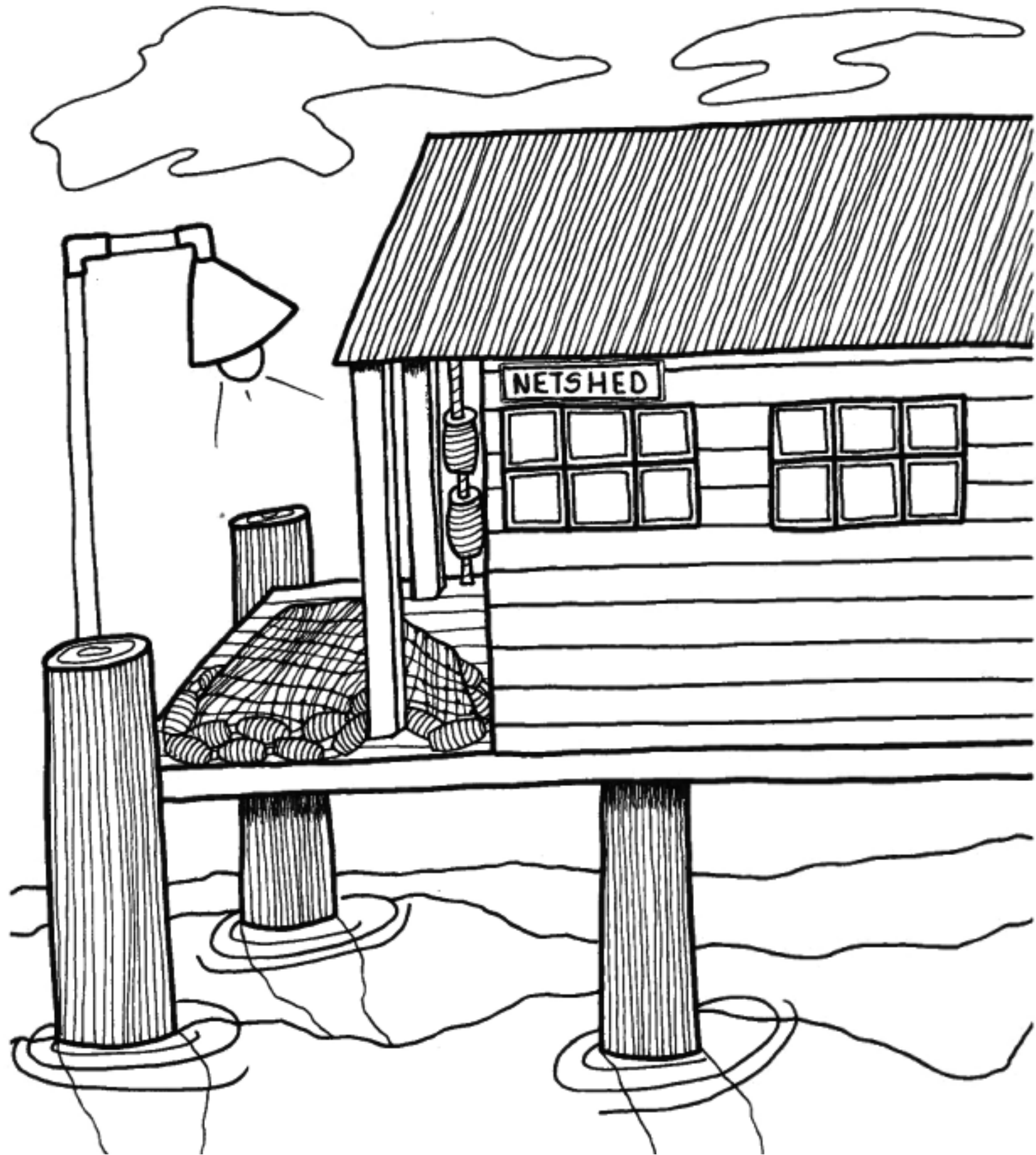
The waters of Gig Harbor are filled with fascinating marine creatures!
Dive beneath the surface, and you'll discover playful seals gliding through the waves.



Keep your eyes peeled for colorful sea stars and octopuses who dart through the kelp forests, while anemones sway gently with the currents.



The Fisherman's Memorial statue is located in Skansie Brothers Park and is a special place that honors the brave fishermen who sailed the seas. The statue shows a strong fisherman hauling a net, reminding us of their hard work and courage. The statue was created by artist Alexandre Safonor and stands near Jerisich Dock.



Netsheds were built to make, fix, and store nets easier. Families, mostly of Croatian ancestry, have passed down netsheds and fishing boats for several generations. Before netsheds and docks were built, fisherman moored their boats on pilings at the tideline and rowed to shore.

Artist: Linda Foster

L.FOSTER

The Gig Harbor Waterfront Farmers Market is a super fun event to visit! It's a big outdoor market where farmers bring home-grown fruits and vegetables, and there are lots of colorful flowers, too. You can also find special treats like homemade cookies and fresh bread.







The Shorline Restaurant (now Anthony's) has been a popular spot in Gig Harbor since the 1970's. Not only boaters love this dock...on a warm day, you may see otters and seals basking in the sun .

MEET THE ARTISTS...



Stella Sigmund

Originally from the Midwest, Stella and her husband have proudly called Gig Harbor home since Dec, 2009. Art is a relatively new and emerging passion for Stella and includes both paper and digital art mediums. When not drawing, Stella enjoys spending time outdoors as well as activities with her two collies and her husband. Follow Stella on Instagram @StellasTangles!



Jennifer Heater

Jennifer Heater has many interests including drawing, textiles, fashion design, painting, and photography. Her work can be found on multiple social media channels. Jennifer and her family first moved to Gig Harbor in 2007 and then returned to the beautiful south sound in 2020 after living an adventurous few years in Alaska.



Amber Stephens

Amber Stephens (Squally) is a game designer and Puyallup Tribal artist based in Tacoma. She has been learning and practicing Salish art since 2010 and continues to branch out into multiple mediums such as: painting, digital design, jewelry, beading, woodworking, printmaking, and weaving. She grew up in Gig Harbor and is inspired by her family, heritage, tattoos, and nature.



Linda Foster

Linda Foster retired as an elementary school teacher after 35 years. She has been creating art, both inside and out of the classroom for as long as she can remember. Linda works in a variety of mediums including pen and ink, colored pencil, paper, and quilting. She is fond of saying, "There is nothing I cannot make out of a piece of construction paper!" Linda lives in Gig Harbor.



Karen Gore

Karen was born in Minnesota and lived in Utah and Virginia before moving to the PNW in 2009. She has always loved and appreciated art, in all mediums. Two years ago she semi-retired and decided to pursue another passion, glass art. You can find her on Etsy as 2 Gray Hares. Together with her husband, Karen enjoys doing markets, socializing and connecting with people while exploring new techniques for her work.



Julia Clarke

Julia Clarke is a local Gig Harbor resident whose family has lived here the past three generations. She loves Gig Harbor for its beauty and serenity. On weekends, she enjoys the many art events in the local area which inspire her daily creative work.



Hillarie Isackson

Hillarie is an artist specializing in murals, and painting scenes from her beloved PNW. She achieved her BFA in Fine Art and Graphic Design from the Northwest College of Art. She was born and raised in Gig Harbor where she currently lives with her children. When she's not painting, you can find her walking her dog, Kitty, or on the water in the harbor. View her work at www.hartstudiosgigharbor.com or follow her creative journey on Instagram! @hillarieart

STUDENT ARTISTS

There were over 40 youth cover art contest submissions for this project. Each child was asked to draw what they think of when they think of Gig Harbor, and this is what they came up with...



Allie M. Age 6



Amelia G. Age 7



Anneliese W. Age 9



Bella C. Age 8



Bruce C. Age 8



Charlotte C. Age 10



Cora E. Age 8



Dane H. Age 10



Emerson D. Age 8



Emmalani W. Age 14



Eric S. Age 7



Ezekiel W. Age 15



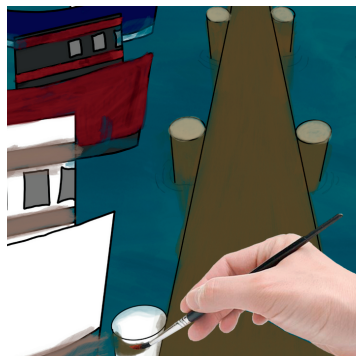
Ford G. Age 14



Georgette G. Age 8



Hailey P. Age 8



Holly L.



Isaiah W. Age 8



Kellan F. Age 12



Lacey L.



Lena P. Age 6



Louis P. Age 6



Lucas H. Age 12



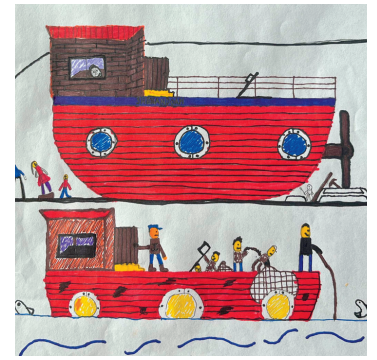
Lucy B. Age 12



Lucy B. Age 10



Madison G. Age 10



Marcus W. Age 10



Mari G. Age 9



Matthias W. Age 12



Mia B. Age 10



Micah P. Age 7



Molly G. Age 9



Norah C. Age 7



Payton W. Age 12



Penelope H. Age 7



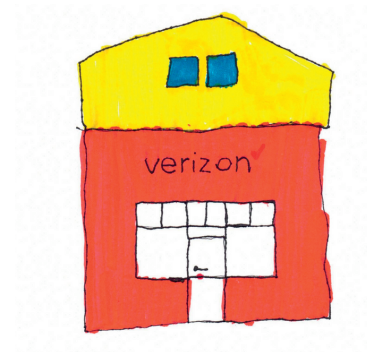
Roxy T. Age 6



Serafina S. Age 11



Reese L. Age 10



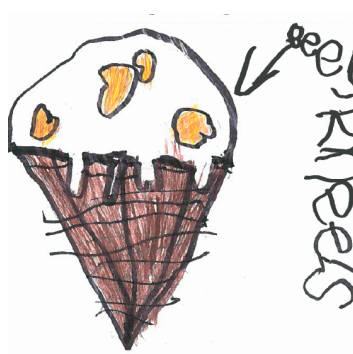
Tate M. Age 6



Vina-Rae F. Age 11



Will L. Age 8



Winter C. Age 7



Wyatt P. Age 6

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color outside
the **LINES**

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