



## Tacoma artist rubs Europe the right way

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Tacoma artist Teddy Haggarty brought crayons, rubbing paper and a healthy sense of adventure on his recent trip to Europe. The results of his visit are currently on display at the Swiss Pub.

Haggarty, his brother, mother and friend, Rand Chiarovano, visited 10 cities in Europe from Nov. 18-29. Haggarty described it as a whirlwind journey of creativity. "I got by on five hours of sleep a night," he recalled.

Haggarty created crayon rubbings of manhole covers, historic markers, walls and more in some of Europe's most inspiring cities, including Paris, Barcelona, Amsterdam and Paris.

One is of a plaque on the outside wall of a hotel in Amsterdam where American jazz trumpeter Chet Baker fell to his death from his room window in 1988.

Another was at the home in Spain of Salvador Dali, where he reverently rubbed designs implanted in walkways on the property of one his favorite artists.

Haggarty used a multi-color crayon, a device containing four hues. "It allows me to emphasize shading," he explained. "It is not an easy thing to do at first, but I have developed a feel for adjusting shadows based on how much pressure I use."

"Crane At Night" depicts whooping cranes.

He encountered several street artists who were hustling their creations. Haggarty said he convinced them they should made rubbings as a way to boost sales.

He also did several drawings on hotel stationary in Paris and Madrid.

Also on display are some drawings from previous trips. One is "Black Madonna," which was inspired by a trip to the Sanctuary of the Mother of God in Jasna Gora, Poland, in 1994. It is a place people visit because of its reputation for miraculous healing, he recalled.

Chiarovano followed Haggarty around with a camera in Europe. The footage will be used in a documentary being made about Haggarty in collaboration with several local filmmakers. Titled "Teddy: A Day In The Life," it is scheduled for a screening in late January at the Galaxy 6 Tacoma movie theater.

Haggarty's exhibit will be on display through the end of December at the Swiss Pub, located at the corner of South 19th Street and Jefferson Avenue downtown.