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Artist's Statement

The inspiration for this art . . . honors the Washoe people and what is known of their history in the area. Rock markers, known to the Washoe as *t'ar-gim ma-lit* were used to designate places for encampment that contained a food cache. The rocks also marked spiritual sites and were erected and blessed when warriors went into battle. Remnants of these markers can still be found in the Tahoe area. They were typically built using flat sided rocks that were stacked in a way that would withstand the elements and preserve the food cache.

This abstract, artistic representation welcomes visitors to the beauty and abundance that Lake Tahoe has to offer just as the original markers did for the Washoe. It says, "You have arrived". The sculpture in its simplicity can be enjoyed at a glance from all angles without being a distraction to drivers navigating the roundabout. On the north side of the sculpture, as in nature, lichens will be represented by using a green patina on the bronze. The lighting shines down, highlighting the different facets of the rocks adding interest at night just as natural light during the day provides highlights.

Materials used for the sculpture have superior strength and durability with no need for maintenance. Bronze continues to develop color and depth with age. The lighting utilizes LED technology, for low electrical consumption (total wattage of 200) and long life.