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Madison Public Market Mural Proposal

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Narrative

Our design for this mural focuses on the intersection of the wetlands and prairies around the four lakes of Teejop and the creation of an ecosystem that has sustained the Ho-Chunk nation and their ancestors since time immemorial. It is composed of a depiction of the four lakes and Yahara river, botanical illustrations of plant medicines local to the wetlands and prairies of the Teejop area, and an Ojibwe floral frame that references the designs commonly found on bandolier bags among both the Ho Chunk and the Ojibwe. Teejop was a meeting place for many tribes, and so our process to create this design was deeply rooted in Indigenous community connections and knowledge. It was important to us to consult with specifically Indigenous knowledge keepers to create this, and so we spoke with Janice Rice, a Ho-Chunk elder, who also provided us with the direction of highlighting the waterways around the city; with Kjetil Garvin, Hoocąk Xatap Hiraakara for the Ho-Chunk Nation Forestry Division; with Dan Cornelius, an Oneida Food Sovereignty Specialist; and with Kristin Klingman, a Lac Vieux Desert Anishinaabe plant knowledge keeper and artist. Each plant included in this design carries significance either as food or medicine to the Ho-Chunk, the Oneida, or the Ojibwe— highlighting how Teejop is and was a place of bounty. The name for this mural was given by Jon Greendeer, president of the Ho Chunk Nation.



Plant List

Included in this list are the scientific, common, and Ho-Chunk or Ojibwe names of each plant in our design, as well as whether it is part of the Ojibwe floral framework or the botanical illustrations.

Ojibwe Florals

1. *Nelumbo Lutea* - American lotus – Ceerap
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice and Kjetil Garvin
2. *Zizania Palustris* - Wild rice – Manoomin
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice, Kristin Klingman, and Dan Cornelius
3. *Asclepias Syriaca* - Milkweed – Mąąhjc
 - a. Recommended by Nipinet Landsem and Kjetil Garvin
4. *Sanguinaria Canadensis* - Bloodroot – Peexhišuc
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Nipinet Landsem
5. *Monarda fistula* - Wild bergamot – Poaxu
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice, Kristin Klingman, Dan Cornelius, Kjetil Garvin

Botanical drawings

1. *Veronicastrum virginicum* - Culver's root – Mąąkąsgii
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
2. *Solidago speciosa* - Showy goldenrod – Mąąką Reejuserec
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
3. *Viburnum trilobum* - American cranberry – Mashkiigimin

- a. Recommended by Dan Cornelius
4. *Sanguinaria Canadensis* - Bloodroot – Peexhišuc
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Nipinet Landsem
5. *Nelumbo lutea* - American lotus – Ceerap
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice, Kjetil Garvin
6. *Acorus americanus* - Sweet flag – Mąąká Teek
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
7. *Iris versicolor* - Northern blue flag – Mąąká Saagre
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
8. *Zizania palustris* - Wild rice – Manoomin
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice, Kristin Klingman, Dan Cornelius, Nipinet Landsem, Caitlin Newago
9. *Sagittaria latifolia* - Wapato – Sijiporo
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Janice Rice
10. *Fragaria virginiana* - Wild strawberries – Ode'imin
 - a. Recommended by Kristin Klingman, Dan Cornelius
11. *Helianthus tuberosus* L. – Jerusalem artichoke – Pąągi
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
12. *Physalis longifolia* – Long leaf ground cherry – Hąąpok Hišjasú
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
13. *Asclepias syriaca* – Milkweed – Mąąhıc
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Nipinet Landsem
14. *Liatris aspera* – Rough blazing star – Ceesjchošok
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
15. *Verbena hastata* – Blue vervain – Mąąká Rejüksuksik
 - a. Recommended by Nipinet Landsem, Kjetil Garvin
16. *Verbena stricta* – Hoary vervain – Caaxirico
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin
17. *Achillea millefolium* – Yarrow – Hąąksjc
 - a. Recommended by Nipinet Landsem, Kristin Klingman, Kjetil Garvin
18. *Verbascum thapsis* – Mullein – Caasgaa Nąącáwa
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Nipinet Landsem
19. *Prunella vulgaris* – Heal-all – Wiirašarak
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin, Nipinet Landsem
20. *Monarda fistula* – Wild bergamot – Poaxu
 - a. Recommended by Janice Rice, Dan Cornelius, Kjetil Garvin, Kristin Klingman
21. *Ceanothus americanus* – New jersey tea – Caa Waruc
 - a. Recommended by Kjetil Garvin



Schematics

One 12'x52' mural painted on polytab in our studio in Minneapolis and transported to Madison to be installed with acrylic adhesive and sealed with Muralshield. Any maintenance can be done with further polytab pieces.



Budget Estimate

Fabrication	Polytab, 624 sq ft from Mural Provisions	1123.00
Site prep	Home Depot pressure washer rental	54.00
Supplies	Ladders	279.00
	Nova color muralist paint	500.00
	Brushes	50.00
	Adhesive rollers	50.00
	Mural adhesive gel, 5 gallons	324.00
Anti-graffiti coating	Muralshield, 2 gallons	200.00
Insurance		500.00
Artist travel	Mileage from Minneapolis, 0.65/mile, 270 miles each way for two artists on two trips	1400.00
	Hotel costs for 1 week for installation	1000.00
Artist compensation	\$15/sq ft for two artists	18720.00
Contingencies		800
Total		25000.00