



COVID Memorial Sculpture

Community Engagement

Bloomington's Public Health Division has commissioned a COVID-19 memorial art sculpture. The artists have conceptualized a metallic quilt that is intended to honor the lives lost to COVID, allow for reflection on this time in history, and serve as a testament to the resiliency of the City's residents and employees through the pandemic. Artists Aaron Squadroni and Leah Yellowbird invite Bloomington community members to participate in the creation of sculpture elements.

Our Project

Participants will start with a metal triangle shape that represents a small part of the overall quilt pattern. Attendees will imprint organic materials (flowers, leaves, seeds) into the shapes in a way that best defines the person they wish to honor. For the design imagery, the artists chose plants in many stages to represent nature's cycles of renewal. After the organic shapes are laid out on the triangles, the artists will imprint them into the metal with a rolling mill. After the imprint is complete, participants can add the initials of the person they are honoring to their triangle.

Reflection

Honor family, friends, and colleagues who were lost to the tragedy of the pandemic or who were on the front lines of the COVID response.

Resiliency

Express the strength and perseverance that Bloomington residents showed throughout the pandemic and continue to show as they make sense of lives affected by COVID.

Renewal

Help make sense of the combined losses from COVID that the community has experienced. Embrace the healing nature of art and find a sense of renewal in the finished artwork.

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