



KAISEKI GARDEN

Kaiseki: A multi-course meal traditional to Japan consisting of a series of thematic compositions to delight the senses and celebrate the seasons.

The kaiseki dining experience offers a direct analogue to the art of the garden. They are both a series of aesthetic compositions that recontextualize nature in order to delight the senses and amplify the pleasures of “being”.

Kaiseki Garden is our interpretation of this culinary tradition to honor the Quebec summer.

The sequence of the installation is based on the progression of a Kaiseki meal, by contrasting and complementing colors, textures and fragrances of plant materials. The experience begins with a stone path (reflecting the habit of monks carrying warm stones beneath their robes to stave off hunger) that meanders through a series of seven compositions expressing the notion of summer in Quebec through the lens of a California-based practice. The compositions will create interest and wonder. The final ‘courses’ bring on a meditative state, letting one’s senses take over. By utilizing the structure of kaiseki we will bring awareness back to the plants of the garden.

Summer Menu

Something Common, Something Unique: *Aloe plicatilis* and native mosses
Not Bound by Tradition: Water, Water Lilies and *Euphorbia ingens*

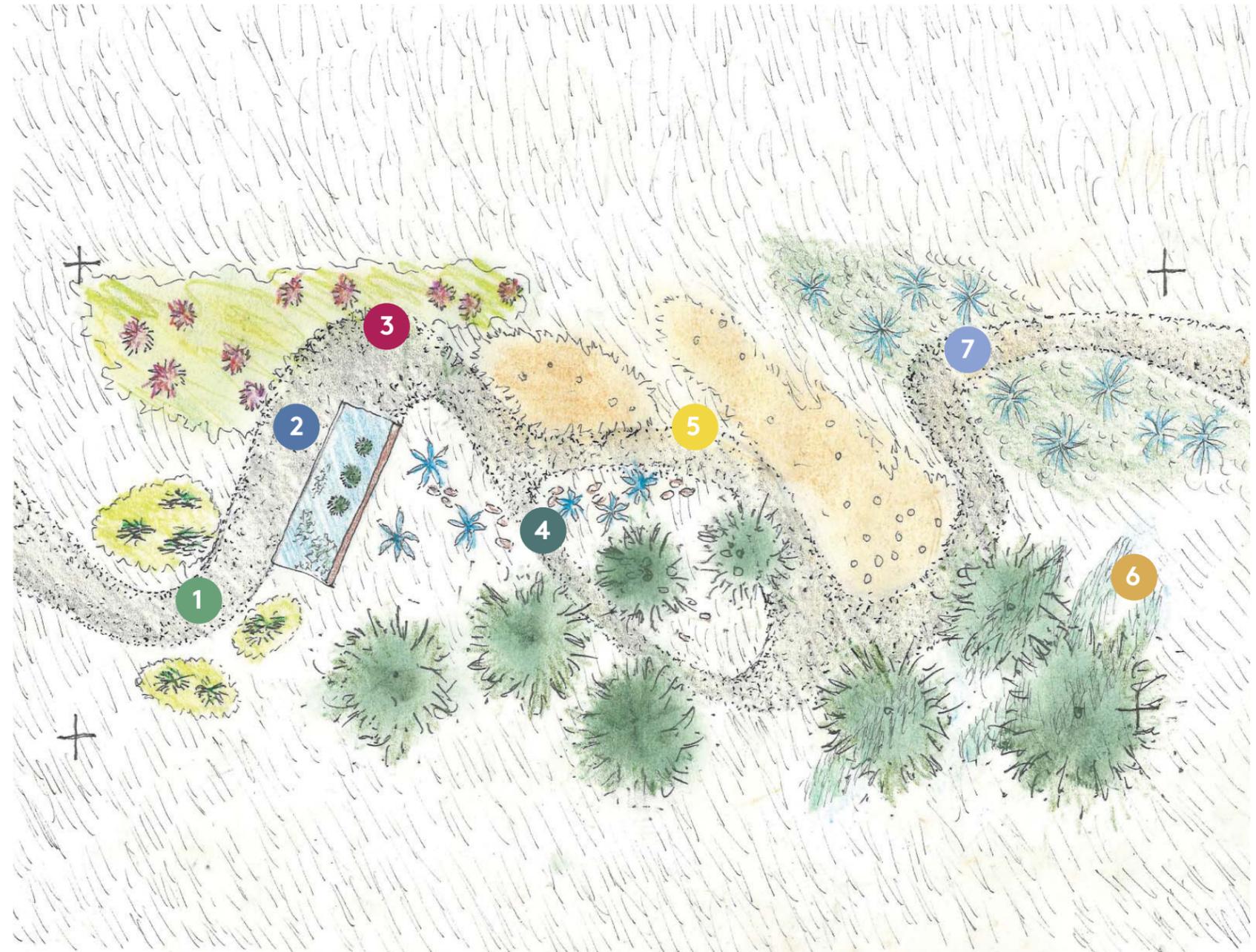
Making the Familiar Exotic: A mélange of Beets, Fennel and *Ferocactus sp.*

Making the Exotic Familiar: *Pinus strobus* and *Agave sp.* “pinecones” (hearts of *Agave sp.* plant)

Presentation of Seasonal Ingredients: Deconstructed Birch Forest of *Betula* trunks and *Bougainvillea* ‘California Gold’ “leaves”

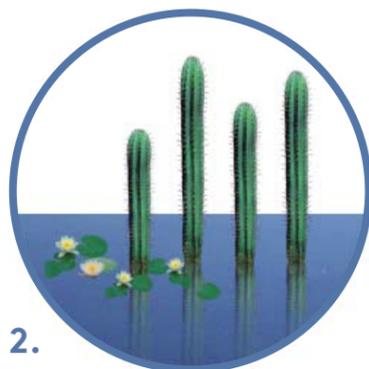
Something to Refresh the Senses: Needles and cones of *Pinus strobus*, Leaves of *Eucalyptus sp.*

A Delightful Medley: Dandelions, Chicory and *Dasyliirion wheeleri*



1.

Something Common,
Something Unique



2.

Not Bound by Tradition



3.

Making the Familiar Exotic



4.

Making the Exotic Familiar



5.

Presentation of Seasonal
Ingredients



6.

Something to Refresh the
Senses



7.

A Delightful Medley



View into agave "pinecones" and white pines (4), with deconstructed birch forest in the background (5)



View into cactus and lily pond (2)

