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La Forme d'un Parfum / The Shape of Scent

Magical and elusive, scent is a complex mingling of molecules in space that requires a nose to sense. Terpenes, natural compounds found in tree resin, give the conifer forest its distinctive scent, and form the building blocks for imagining: **What is the physical shape of scent?**

A collection of cast resin crystals, scattered around an enigmatic low stone ruin, echo the greens of white spruce, refracting the dappled forest light and drawing the visitor inward. The crystals and the ruin are derived from the triangle – evident in the form of the nose, the canopy and needle of the spruce tree, and the molecular structure of terpenes.

To playfully explore a collective expression of scent, we ask the inquisitive visitor: **What shape does the forest smell like to you? What can you build from the shapes of scent?**

Exploring the ruin, the crystals can be assembled into infinite variations to create a playful garden in the physical shape of scent. Through the festival months, visitors build on the previous day to become active participants in an evolving public interpretation of scent in four dimensions.

SYNTHETIC CAST RESIN CRYSTALS (T)
Tinted green, multi-sided, translucent.
Approx. height 400mm.
Movable by young children.

EXISTING PICEA GLAUCA
Wall sited to integrate all existing trees. Any excavation of top soil to be done by hand to minimize root damage.

BARE ROOT PICEA GLAUCA (WHITE SPRUCE) SEEDLINGS
Plant in raised stone planter.
Transplanted on site after the Festival. Seedling heights vary 200mm - 450mm

VERTICAL DRY LAID STONE WALL RUIN (TYP)
150mm depth compacted granular base; 5-20cm thick vertical sandstone slabs, rock faced.
Proposed supplier:
Carriere de pierres Jos Lefrancois
St-Cleophas, Quebec

CAST RESIN CRYSTAL
Embedded in top of wall

BARK MULCH
50mm depth on forest floor

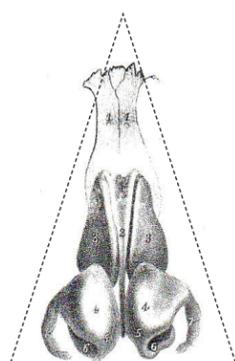
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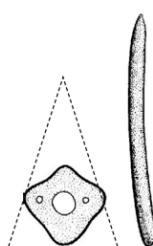
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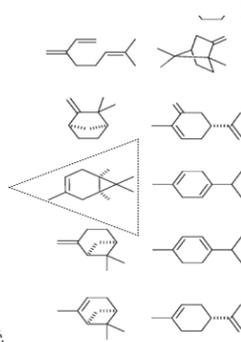
HUMAN NOSE



NEEDLE



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