

LAWN ORNAMENTS

Jardin des Métis - International Garden Festival 2020

Mirrored plates dangle above a finely-cut turf, reflecting the sky above and ground below. Blue becomes white, becomes gray, then back to blue. Later: cotton candy pink, burnt orange, fiery yellow. As the sky changes, so does the ground.

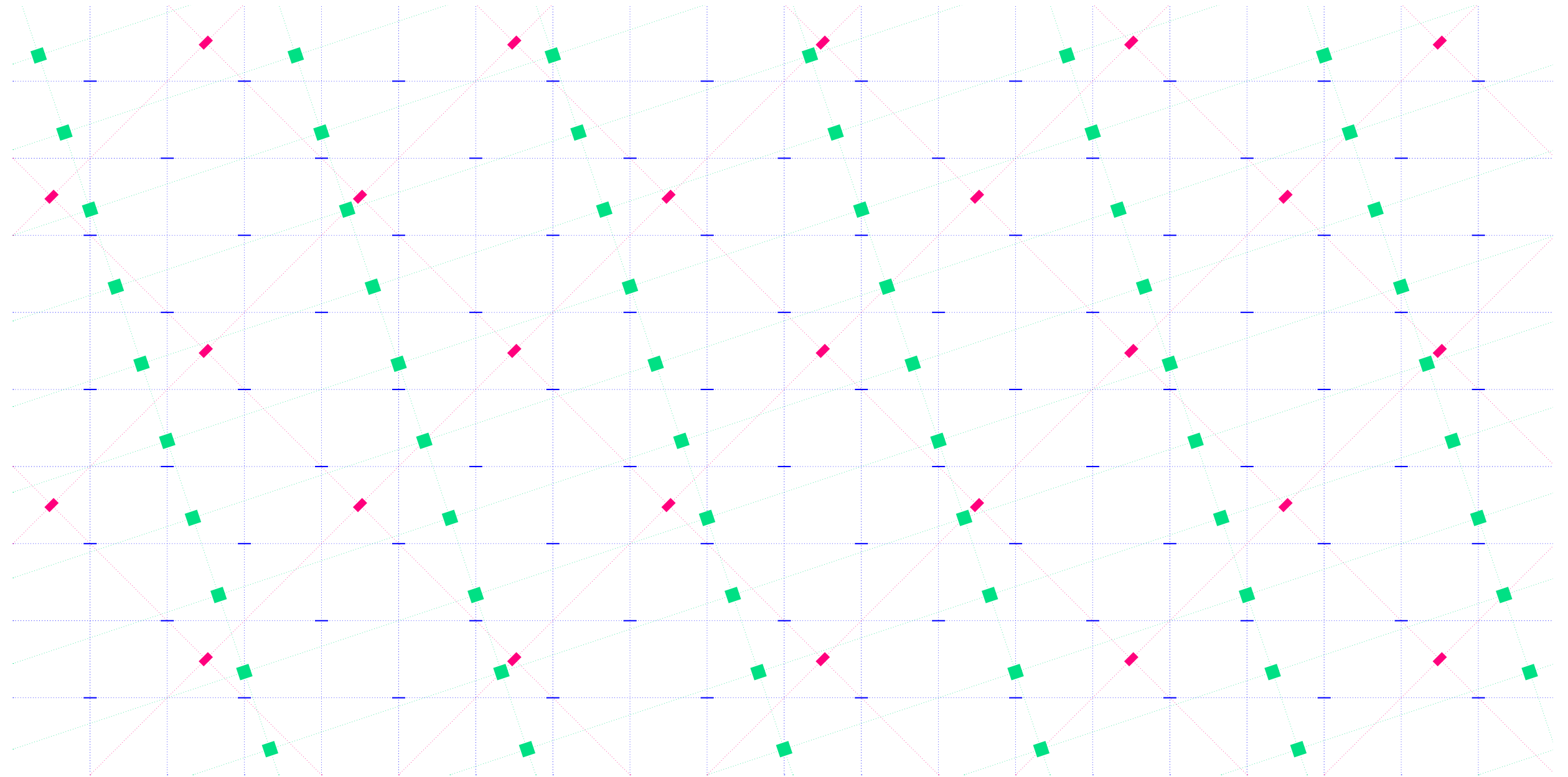
The plates are supported by thin rods, which are ordered in three distinct grids. Sky, wind, and light charge the precarious ornaments with a frenetic energy, unsettling their rigorous spacing and the cultivated environment of the Gardens. They flutter and rotate as the wind catches their surface or a visitor brushes past. Their shadows dance across the uniform plane of grass.

SUGGESTED PLANTING

- Creeping Bentgrass *Agrostis stolonifera*
- Fireweed *Epilobium angustifolium*
- Common Valerian *Valeriana officinalis*

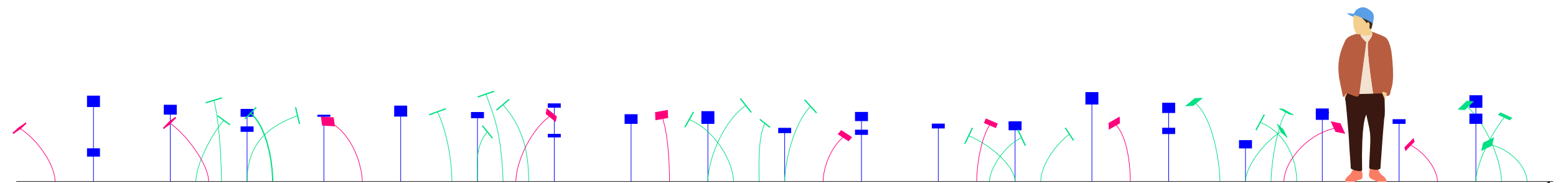
PLAN

The lawn ornaments are ordered and oriented in three overlapping grids. Shown within a 10m x 20m extent, the red grid is spaced at 4m x 4m, the blue is spaced at 1m x 1m, and the green is spaced at 1m x 3m.



ELEVATION

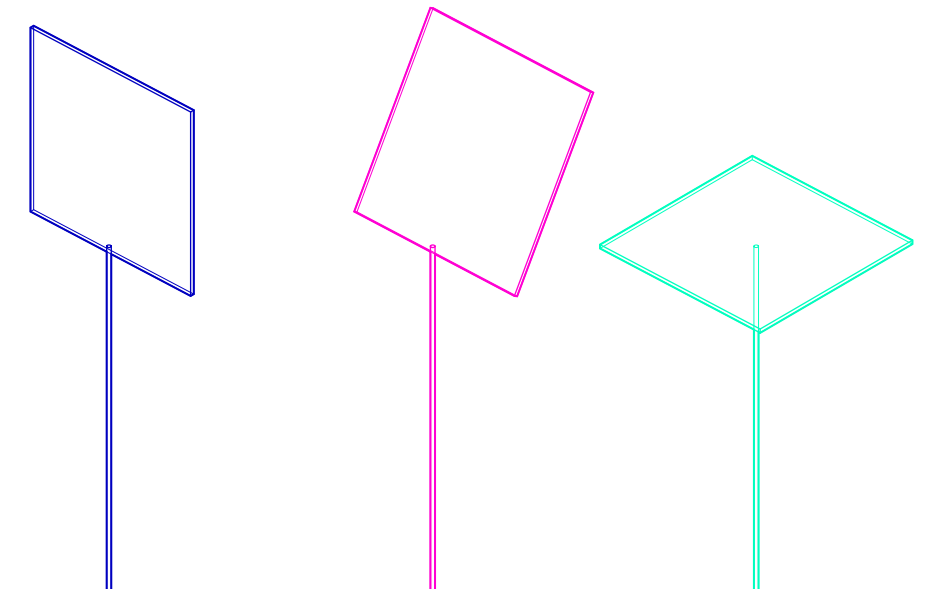
Mirrored stainless steel plates (6" x 6" x 1/8") welded to stainless steel rods (1/8" ø, 3' tall).





**PARTIAL ELEVATION**

The ordering of the grids is frustrated by the unpredictable movement of the flexible rods. The mirrored surfaces are ever-changing to reflect what's happening around them.



**FABRICATION DETAIL**

Stainless steel plates (6"x6"x1/8", no. 8 finish) are welded to stainless steel rods (1/8"Ø, 3' tall). Each grid uses a different weld position to prompt different movement and reflections.

1. Welded on the edge.
2. Welded on the edge, at a 120° angle
3. Welded at the center, perpendicular to the surface

**PERSPECTIVE**

Prototypes arranged in a park to test the intended effect. Nearby and distant trees, clouds, and sky are reflected in the surfaces.