

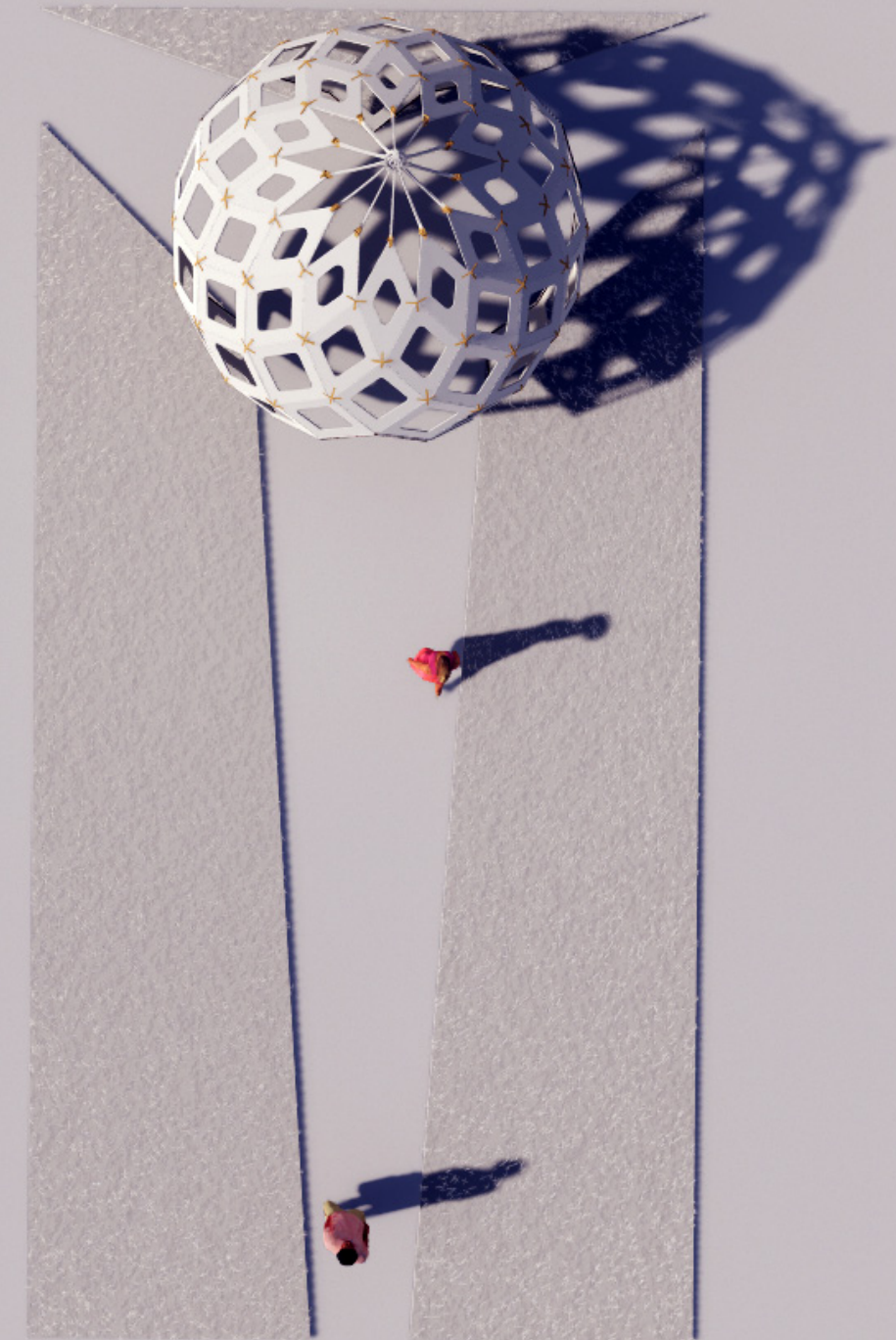
Motivation:

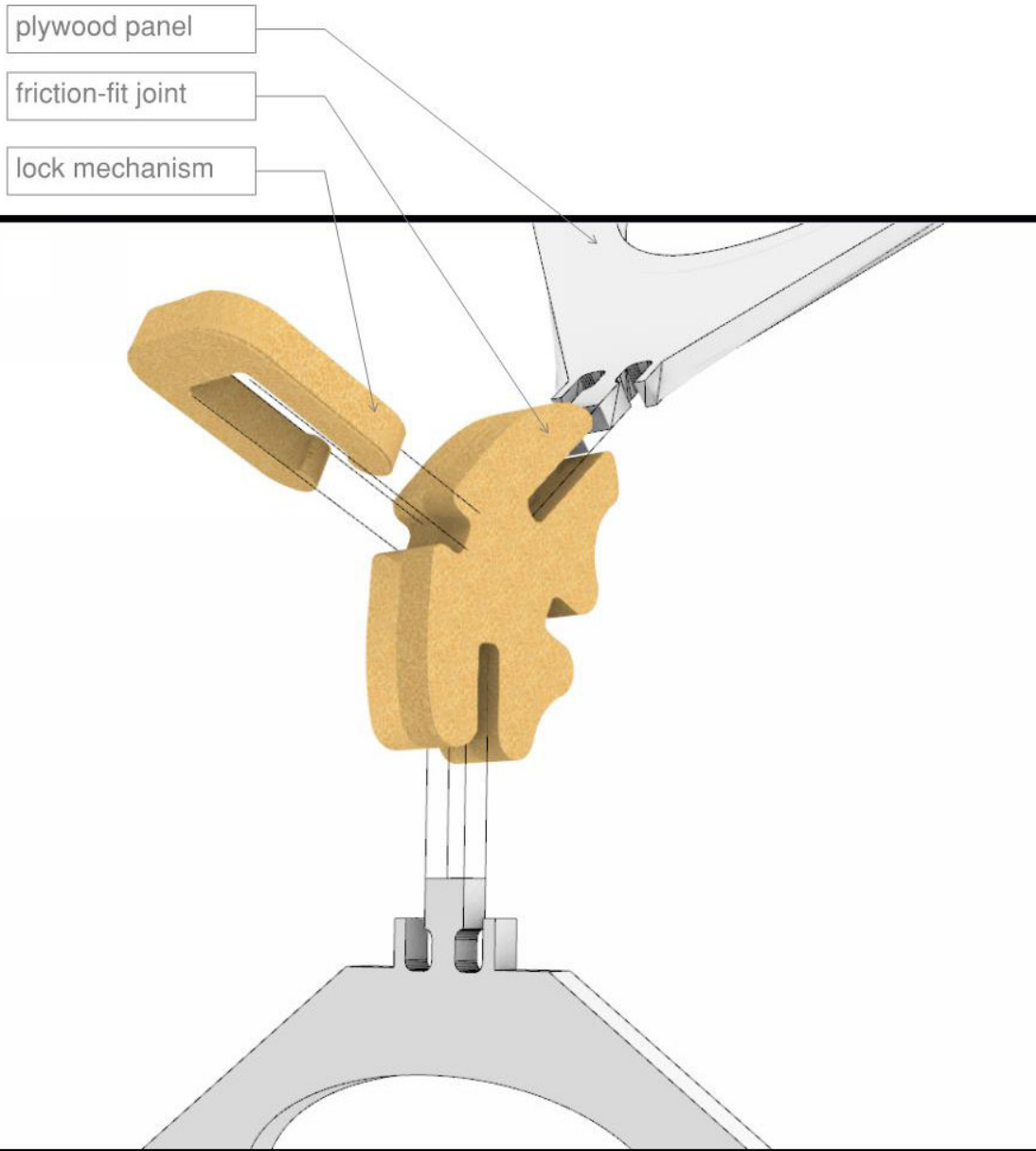
The Sky Lantern offers visitors a place of refuge, reflection and communion with the elements. It is a partially shaded space for gathering, a filter for the sunlight, and a collection of small frames for admiring the surrounding plants and installations. As an iconic element, visitors will notice the form from a distance. As they approach, they will pass through a promenade carved in the surrounding vegetation towards inviting archways in the structure. Once inside, they will be met with dappled sunlight and shadows as well as a dramatic view upwards towards to sky. Leaving the lantern, they will be funneled back out into the main axis, feeling refreshed and ready to continue their journey.

The design is constructed from 1/2" laser-cut plywood, with steel reinforcing only where it meets the ground and along the 3 open edges. The panels are friction fit (with bolting at certain key junctures) so it can be easily disassembled and stored for future use. All that is needed for assembly is a ladder, rubber mallets and a wrench.

Planting:

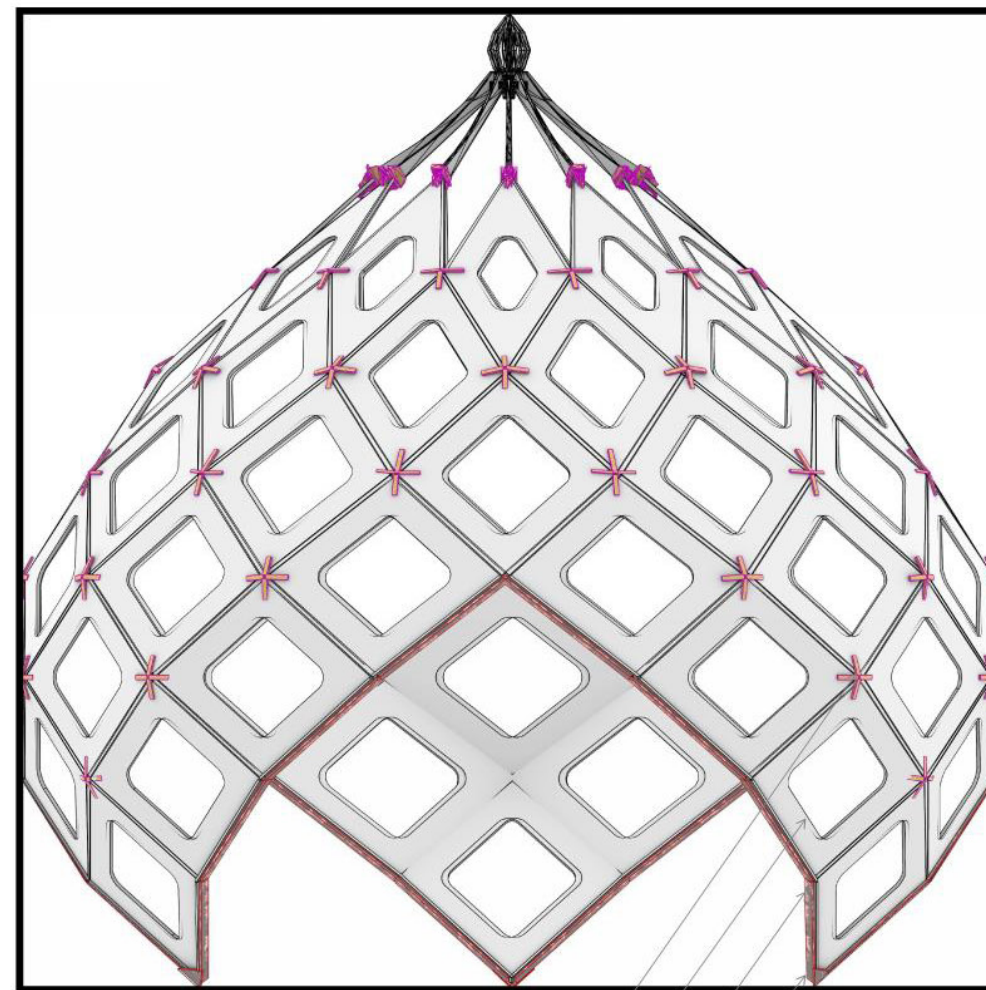
The suggested planting is a uniform bed of low, textural vegetation such as wild grasses or low shrubs. This field will emphasize the carved nature of the pathway and allow views from the interior to distant parts of the garden. There may be 'highlight' plants such as flowers or bushes placed within the field to offer variety and points of focus.





CONNECTION DETAIL

ELEVATION



- connection detail
- plywood panel
- reinforcing arch
- steel "toe"