

Celebrating the history and cultures that shape our future.



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20+1 Bronze Plaques – Walking Tour Visual Guide

Walk your way through Old Town Chinatown's history.



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LING ZHI
PERSIMMON



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JASMINE



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As part of the streetscape project, twenty bronze plaques have been developed for installation along the sidewalks throughout the project area. The large plaques are approximately 2 feet square. They were designed by Suenn Ho, with assistance on botanical research from Nevue Ngan Associates.

Each plaque features one or more botanical elements related to the history of the area and the many cultures that have left their mark on the neighborhood, along with a short statement or quote drawn from Portland's historic Old Town/Chinatown neighborhood. The quotes stem from oral history that were collected as part of the Old Town History Project, directed by Dr. Jacqueline Peterson. Dr. Peterson worked with the project team to select and edit quotes for the plaques that would represent the diverse culture and history of the neighborhood. Chet Orloff also assisted in the review process.

20 Bronze Plaques – New Chinatown/Japantown

1 Bronze Plaque – Old Chinatown

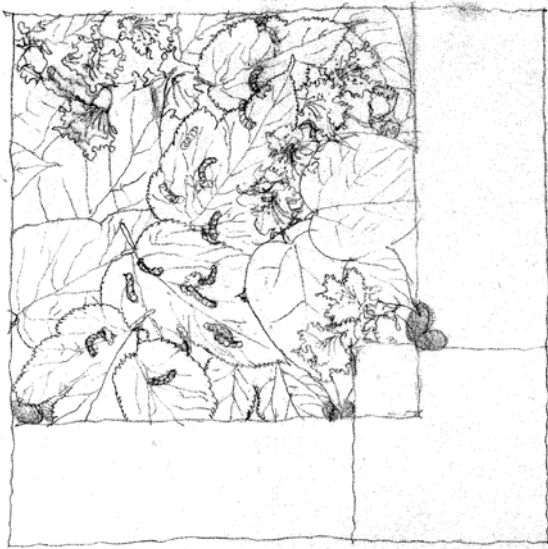
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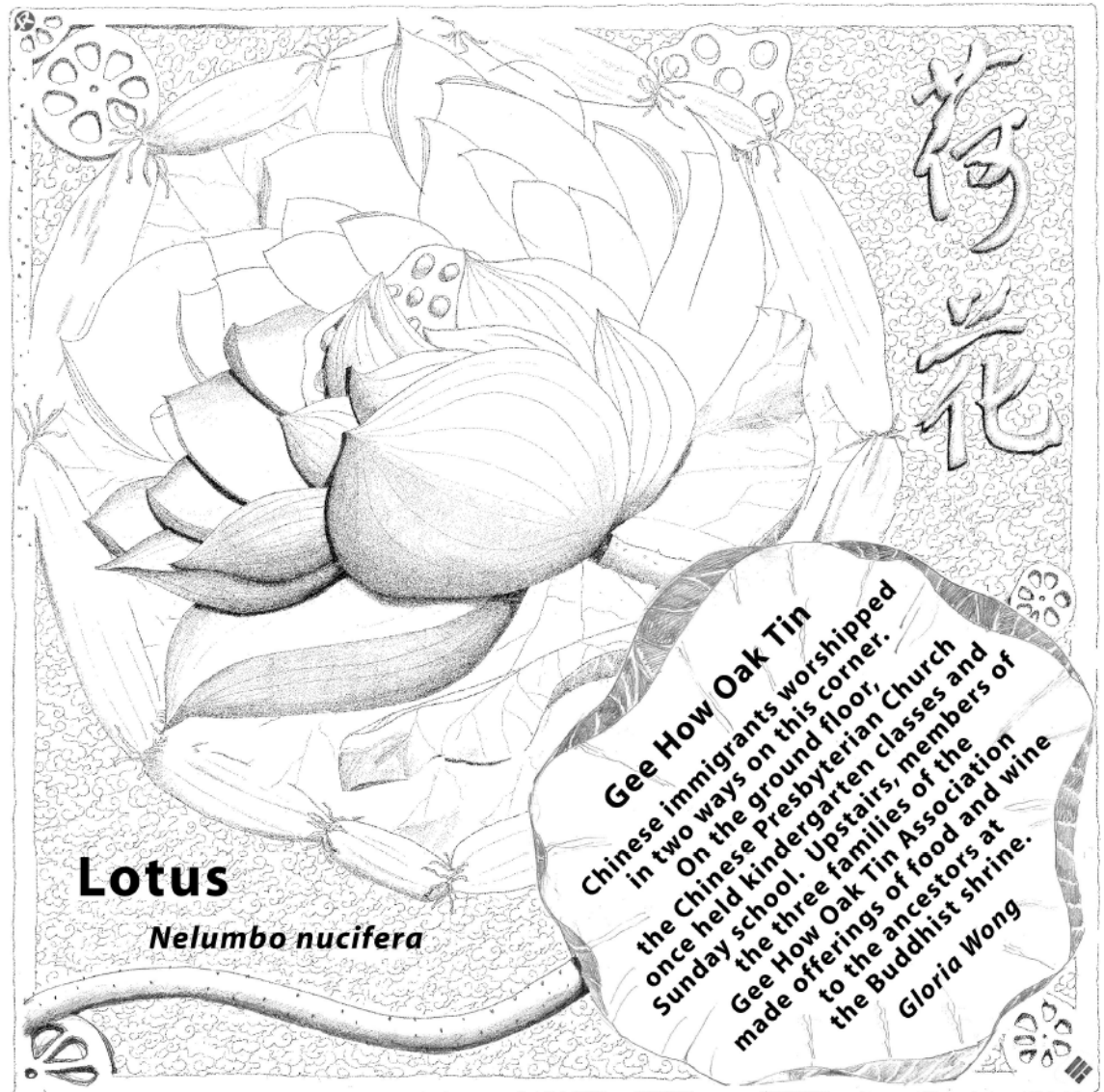
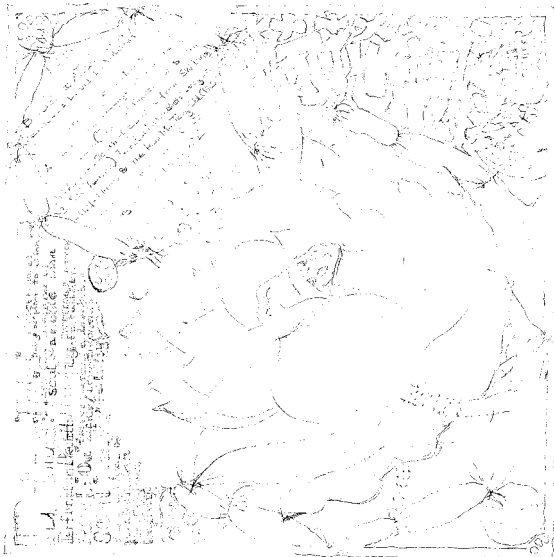


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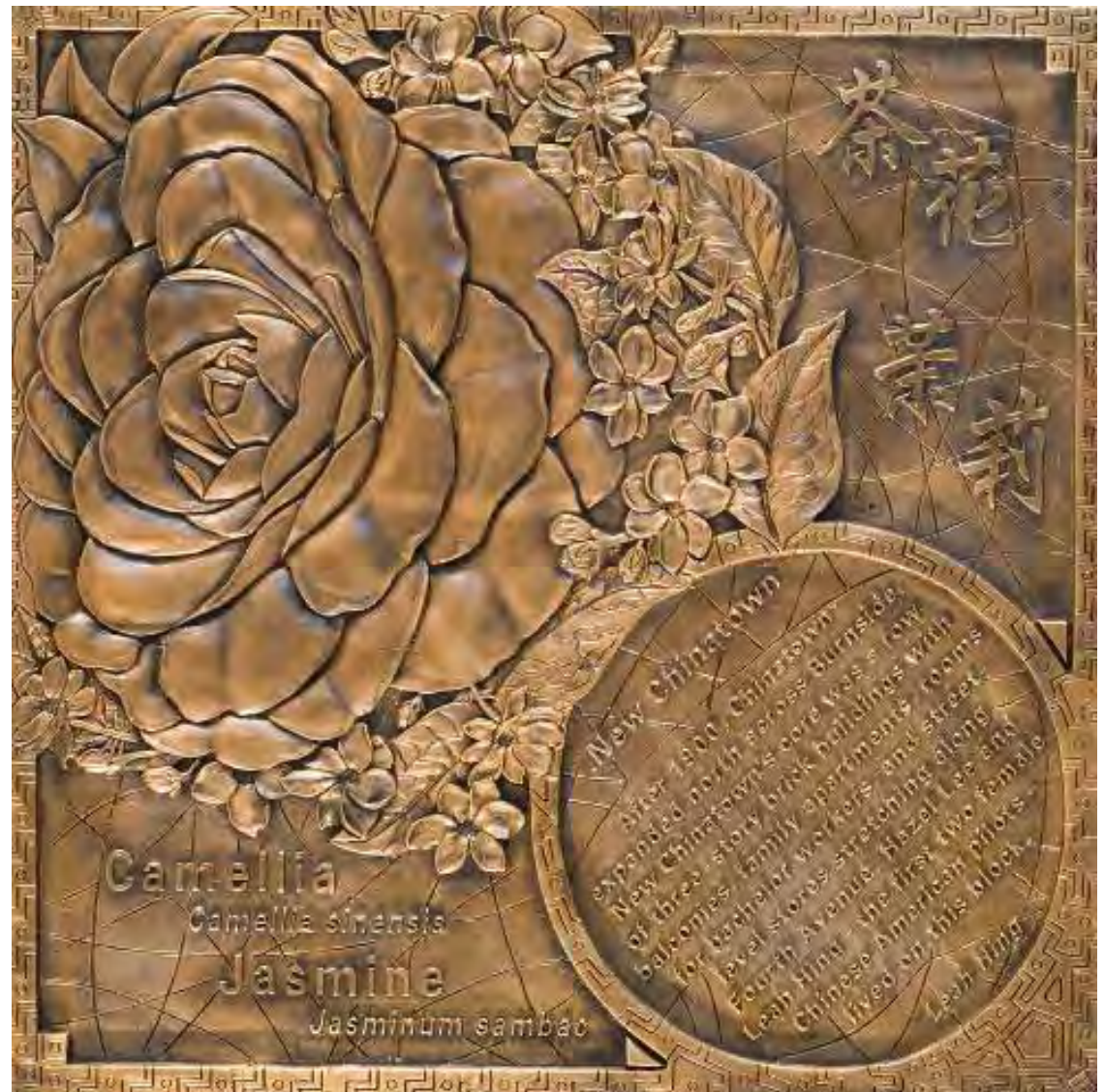




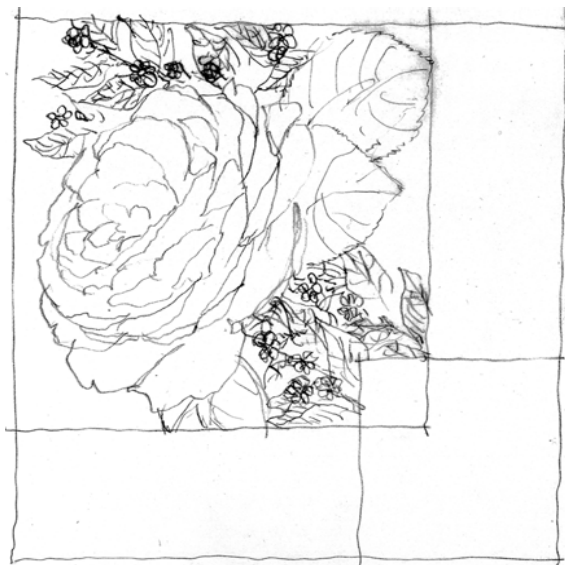
3 LILY | LING ZHI | PERSIMMON



a poem by Huo Bao Zhu cast the back side



4 CAMELLIA | JASMINE



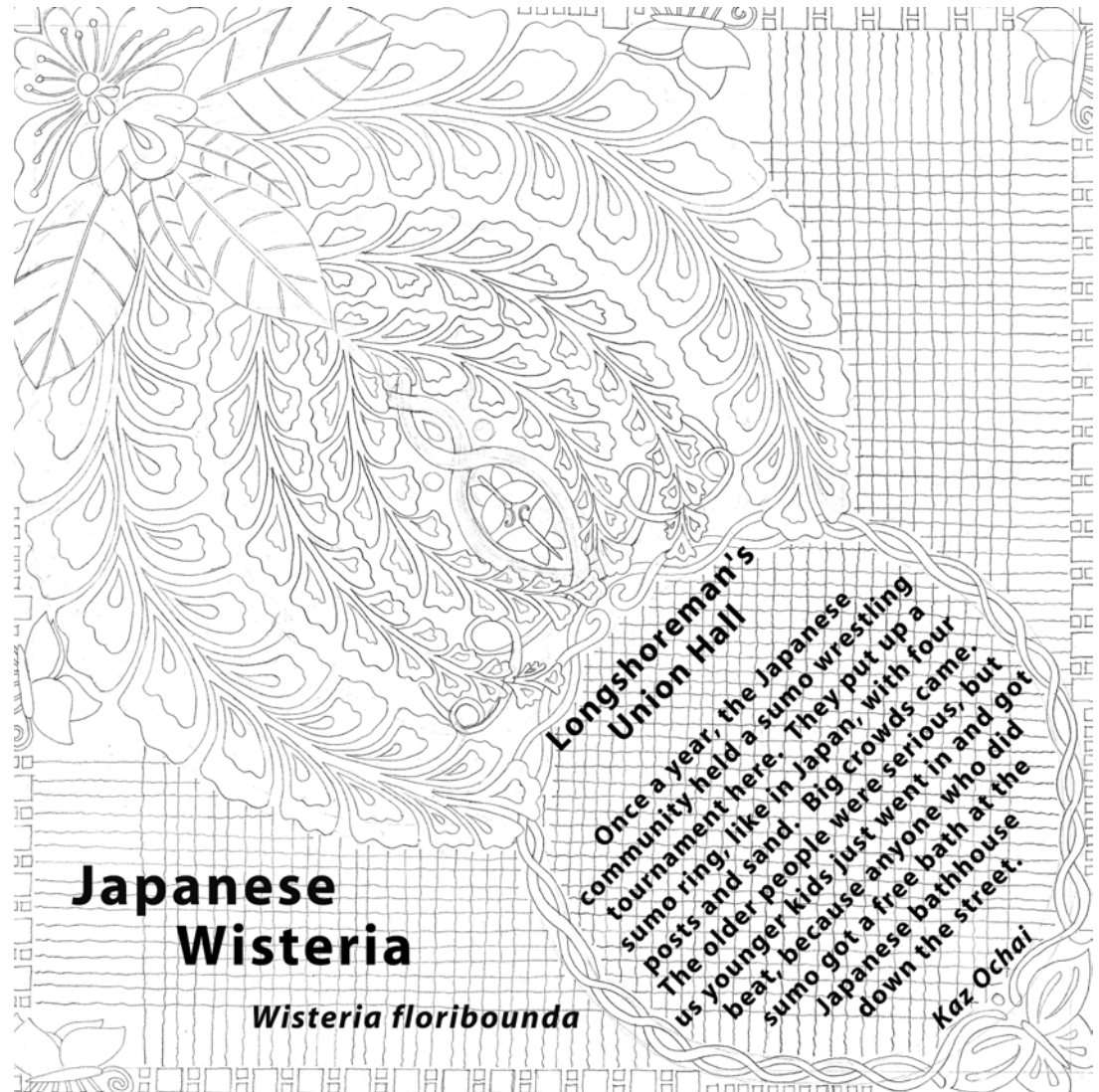
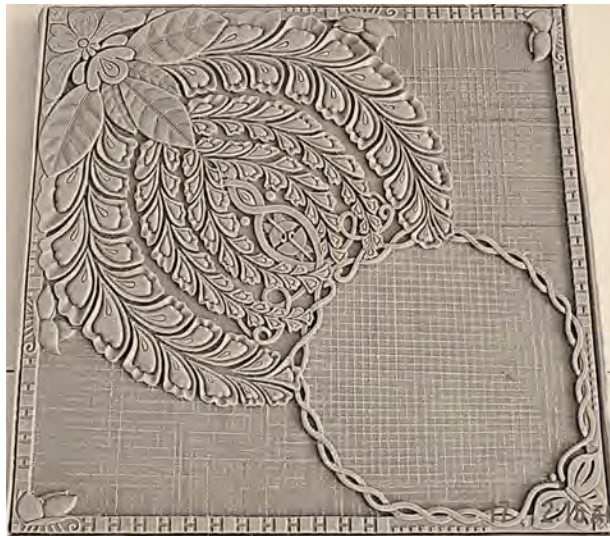


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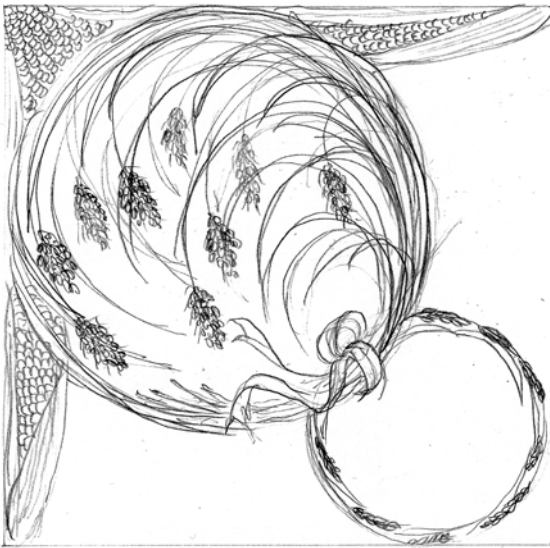


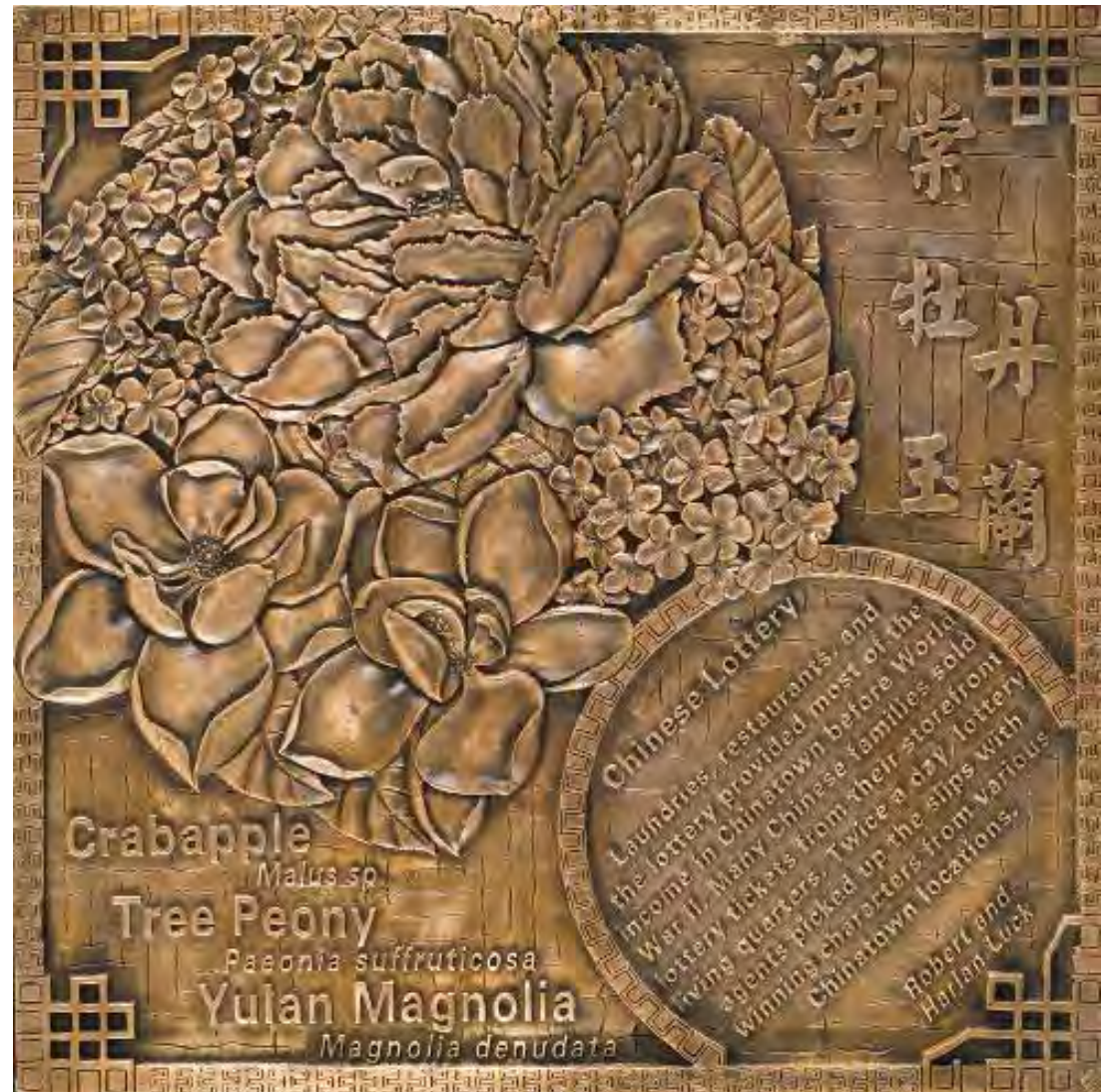
6 JAPANESE WISTERIA





7 RICE | WHEAT | CORN







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海棠
牡丹
玉蘭

Crabapple
Malus sp.

Tree Peony
Paeonia suffruticosa

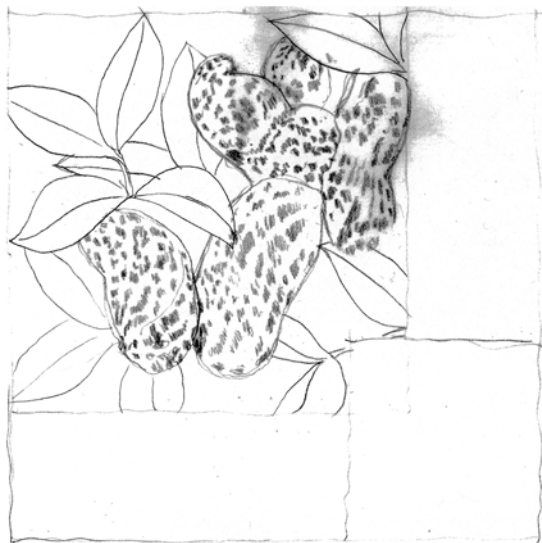
Yulan Magnolia
Magnolia denudata

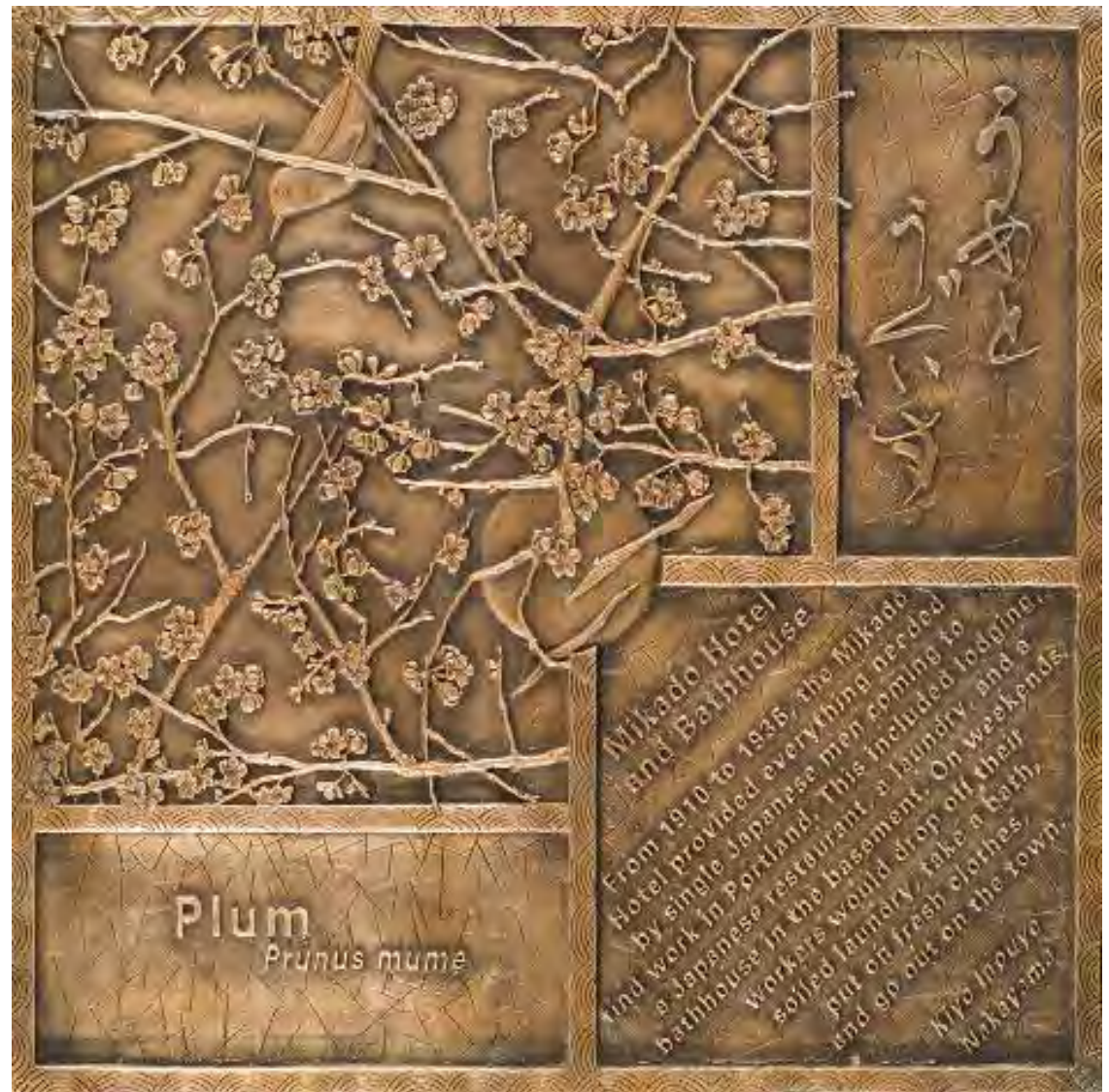
Chinese Lottery
Laundries, restaurants, and the lottery provided most of the income in Chinatown before World War II. Many Chinese families sold lottery tickets from their storefront living quarters. Twice a day, lottery agents picked up the slips with winning characters from various Chinatown locations.

Robert and Harlan Luck

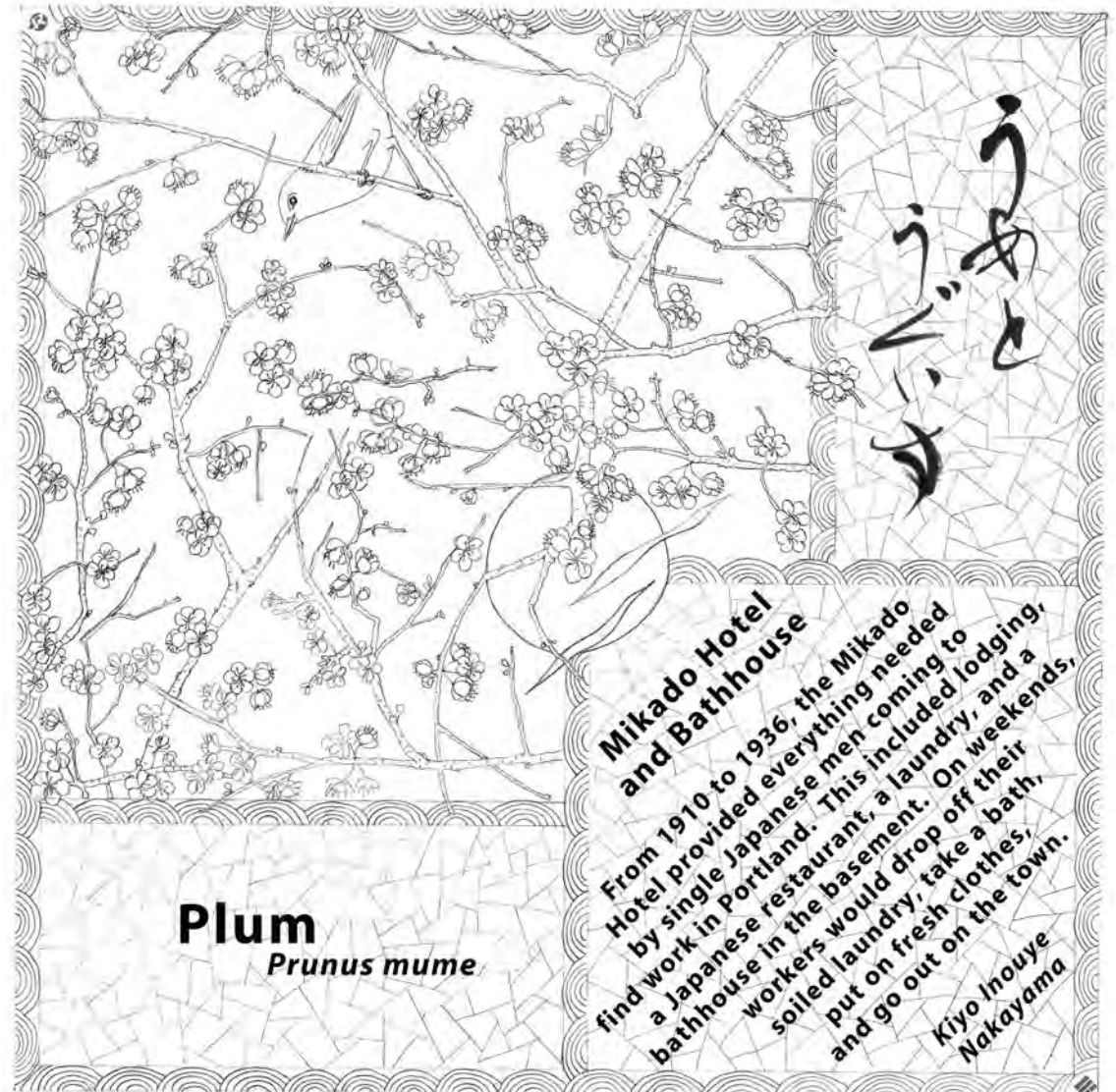
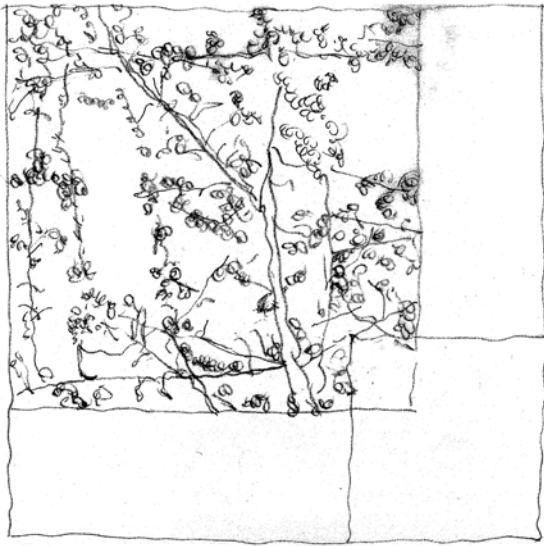


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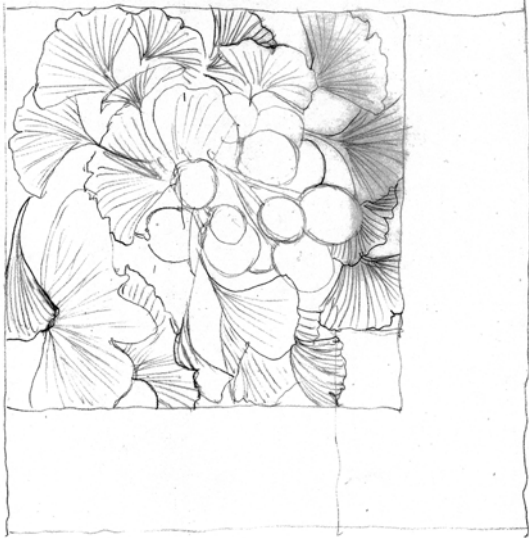


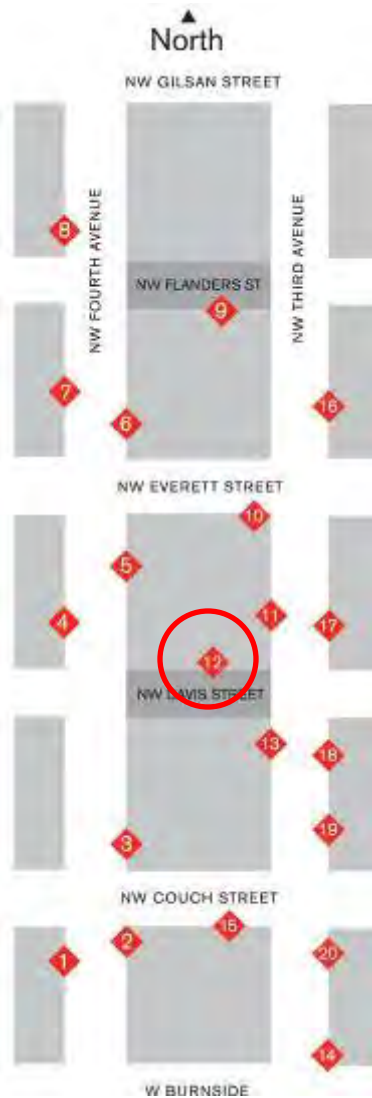
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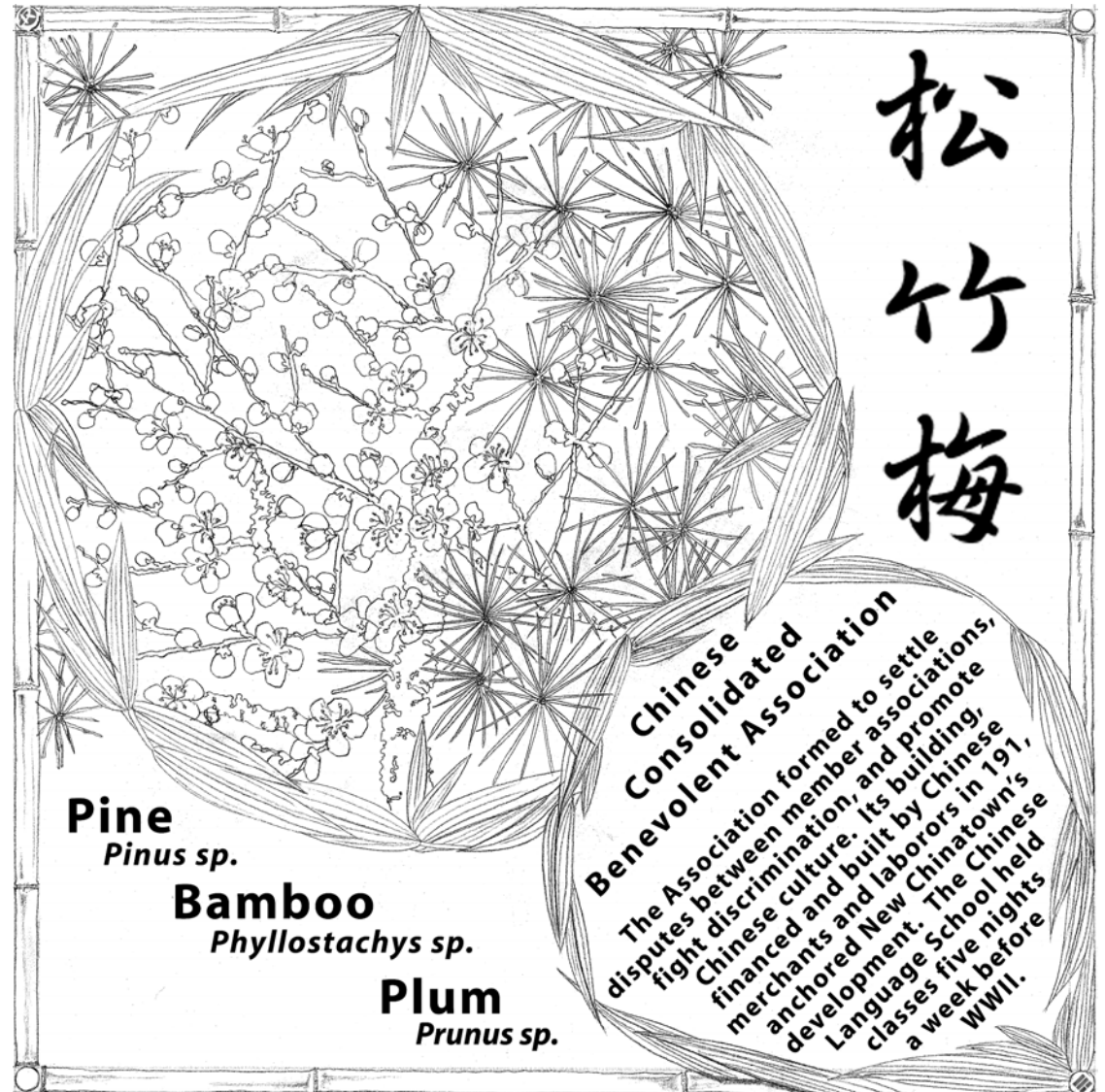


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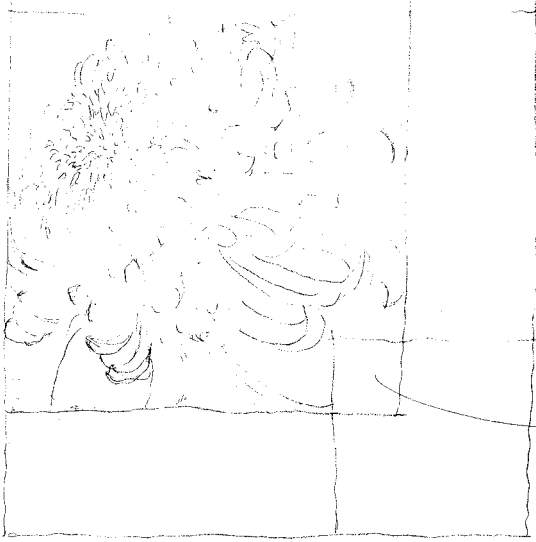


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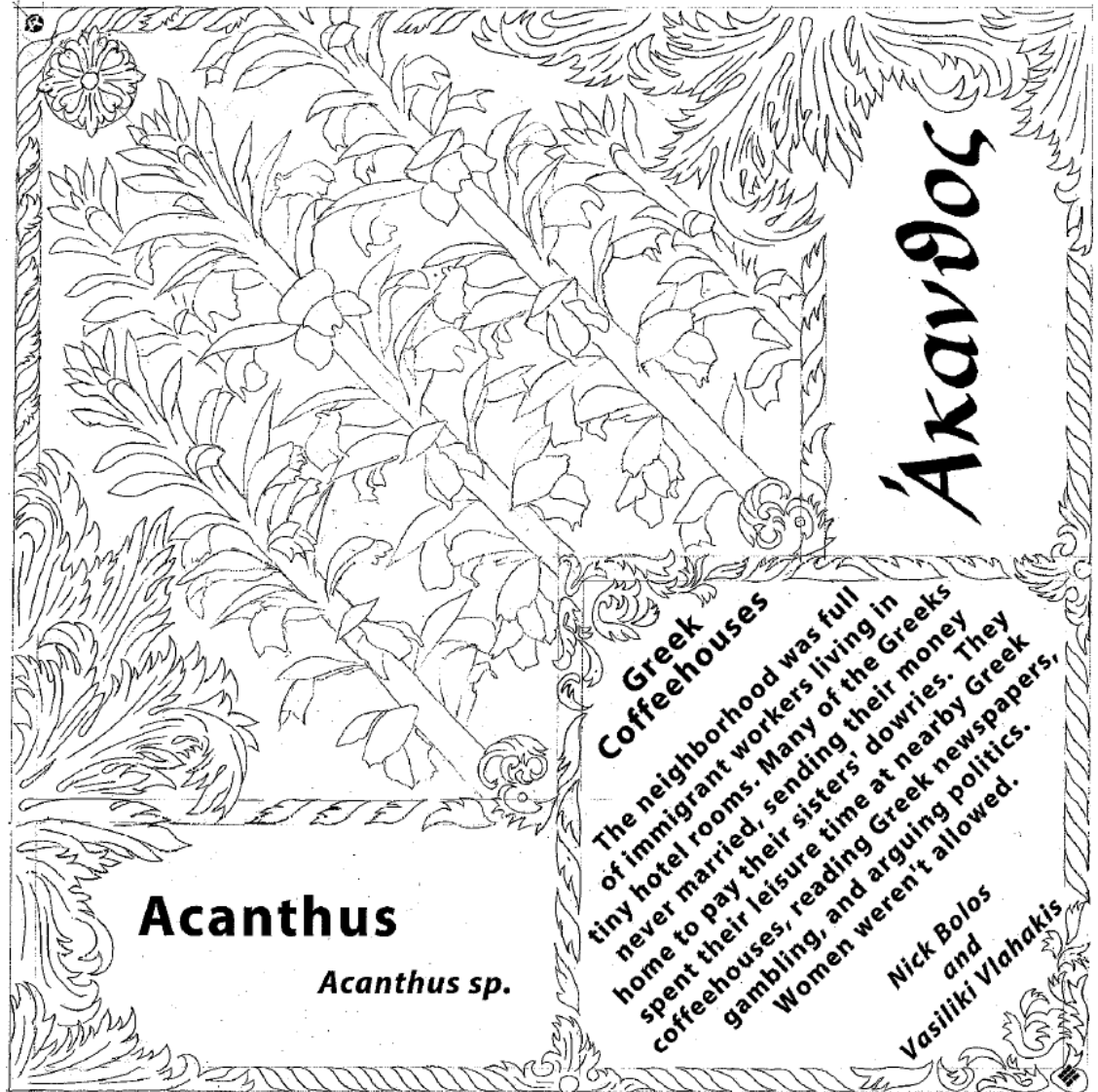




14 FIG | POMEGRANATE



15 ACANTHUS

Ἀκανθός

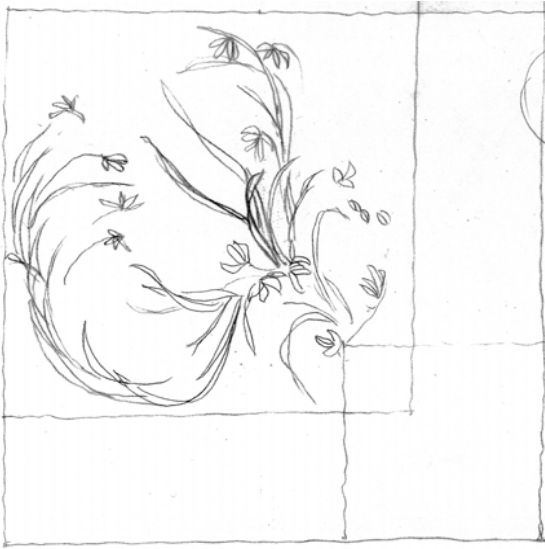
Acanthus
Acanthus sp.

Greek Coffeehouses
The neighborhood was full of immigrant workers living in tiny hotel rooms. Many of the Greeks never married, sending their money home to pay their sisters' dowries. They spent their leisure time at nearby Greek coffeehouses, reading Greek newspapers, gambling, and arguing politics. Women weren't allowed.

Nick Bolos
and
Vasiliki Vlahakis

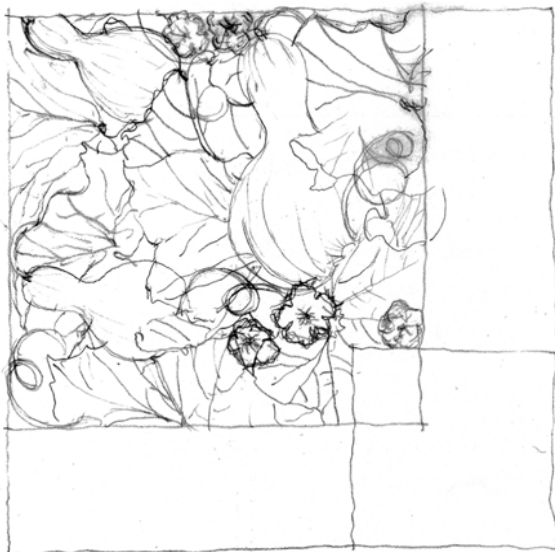


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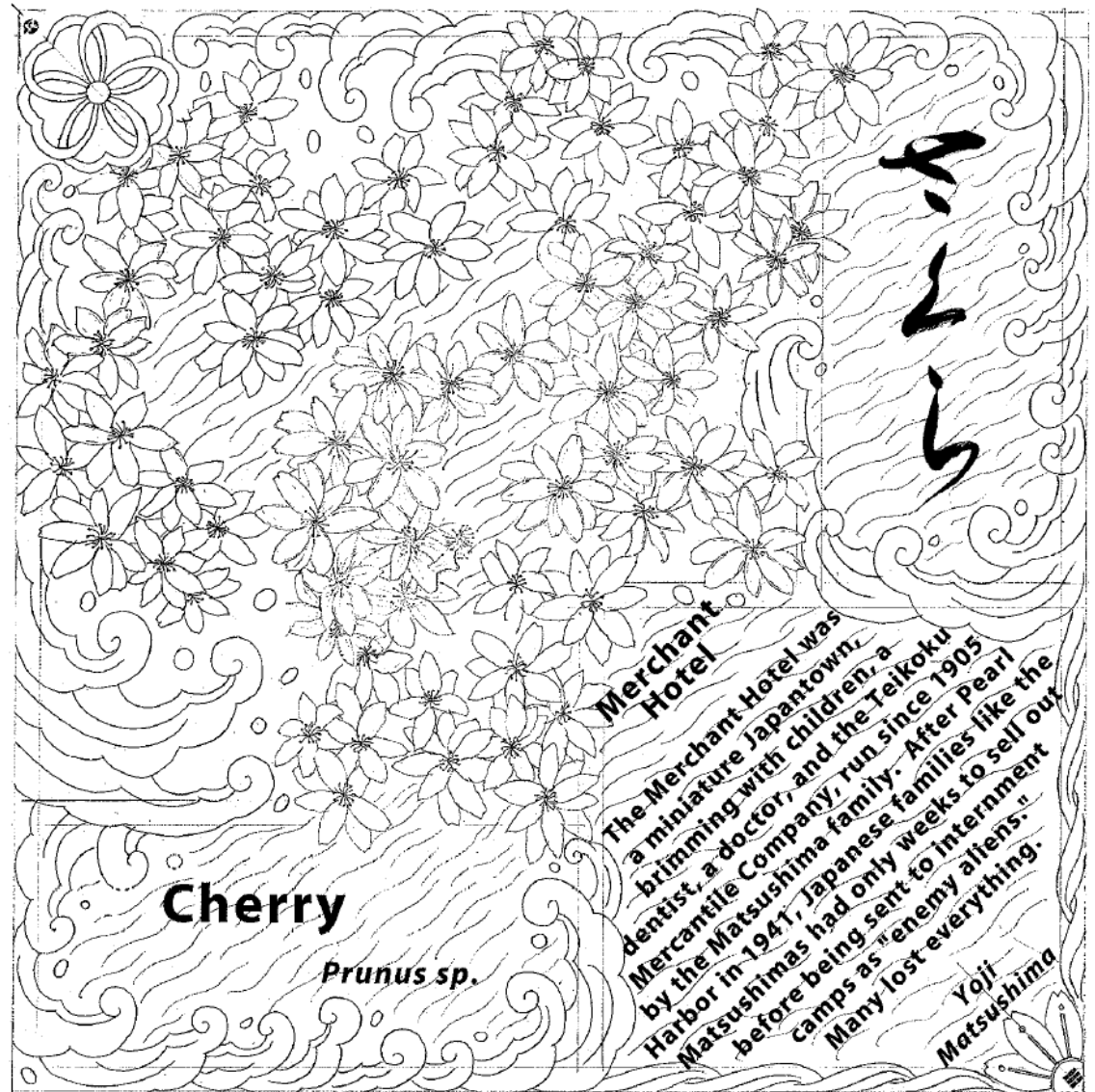
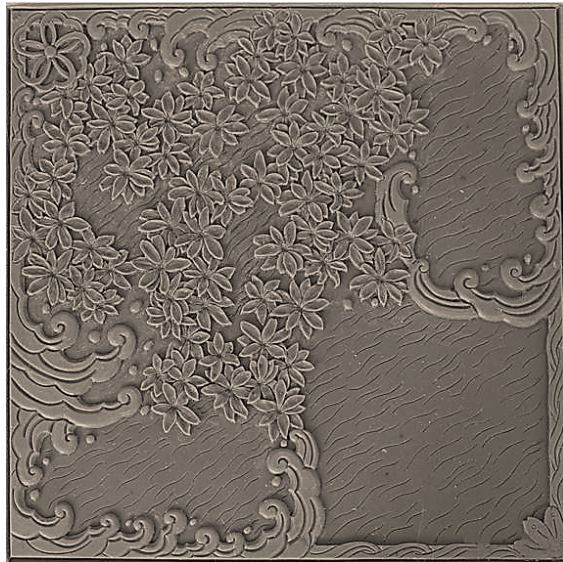
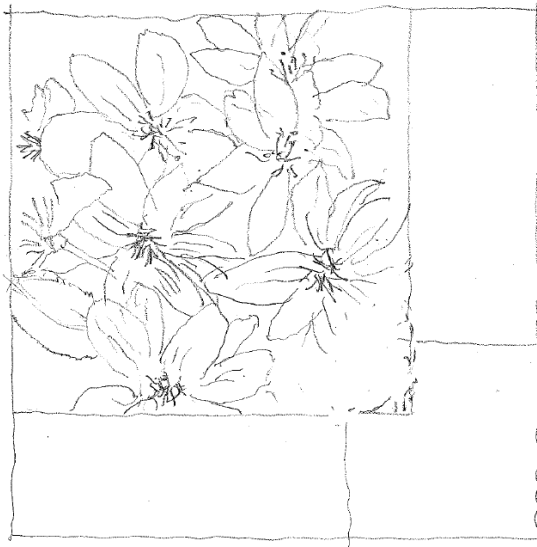


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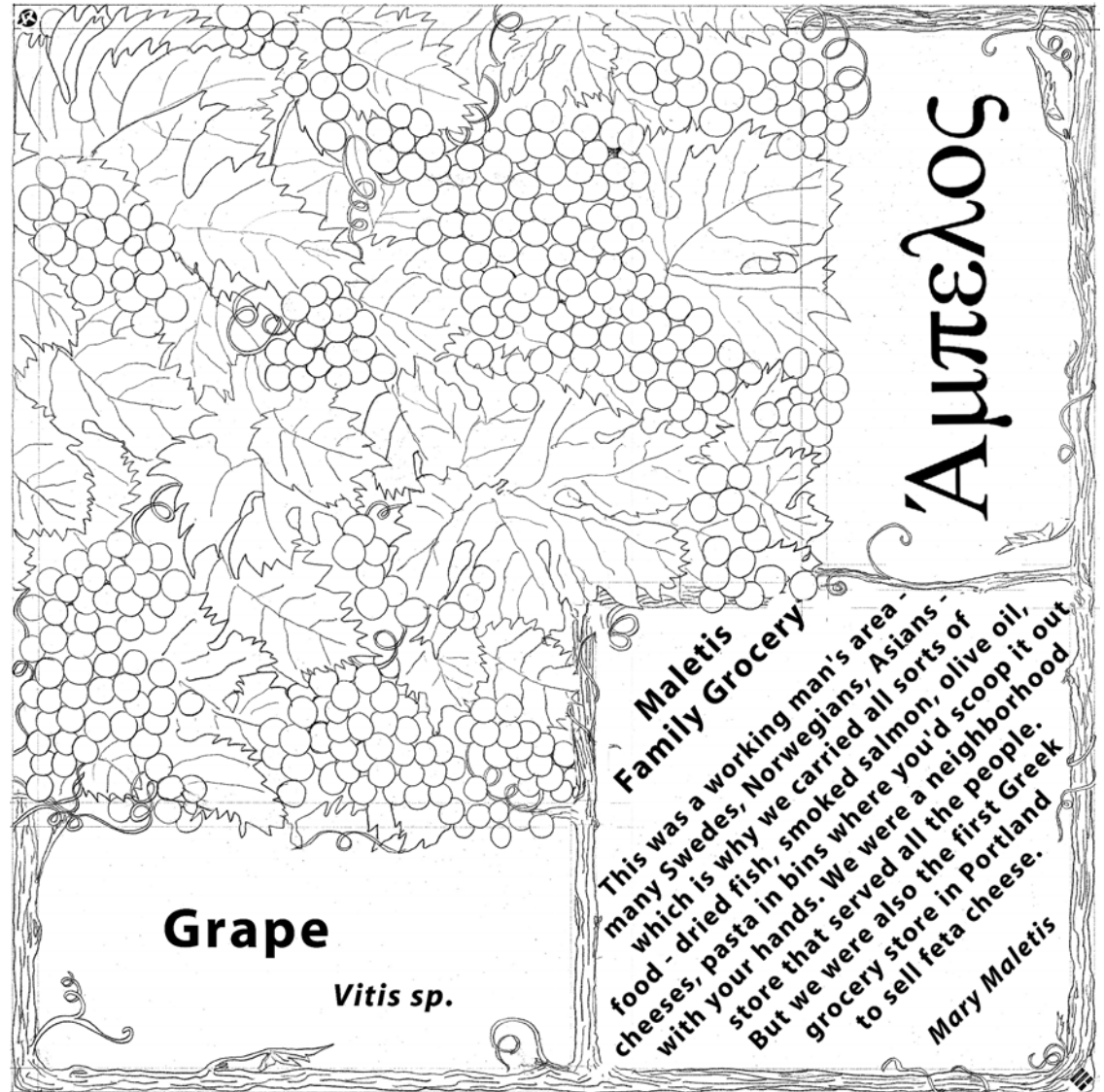
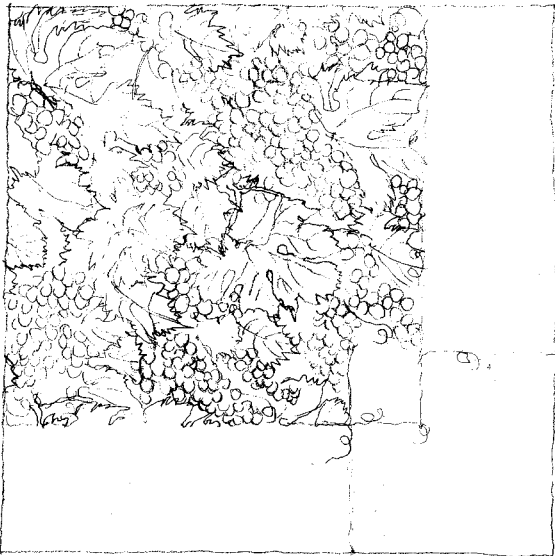


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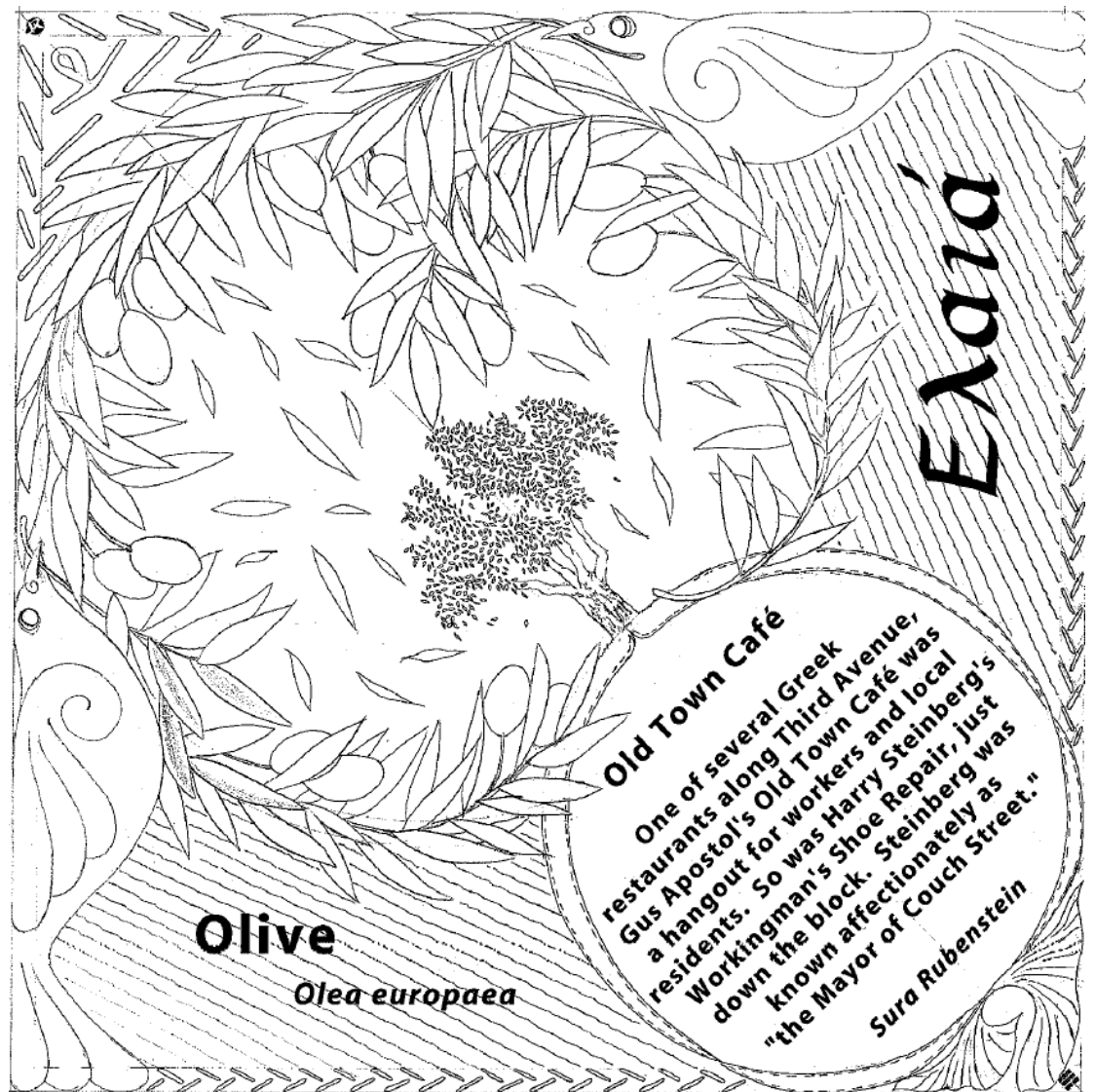




19 GRAPE







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20 Bronze plaques installation completed in 2006



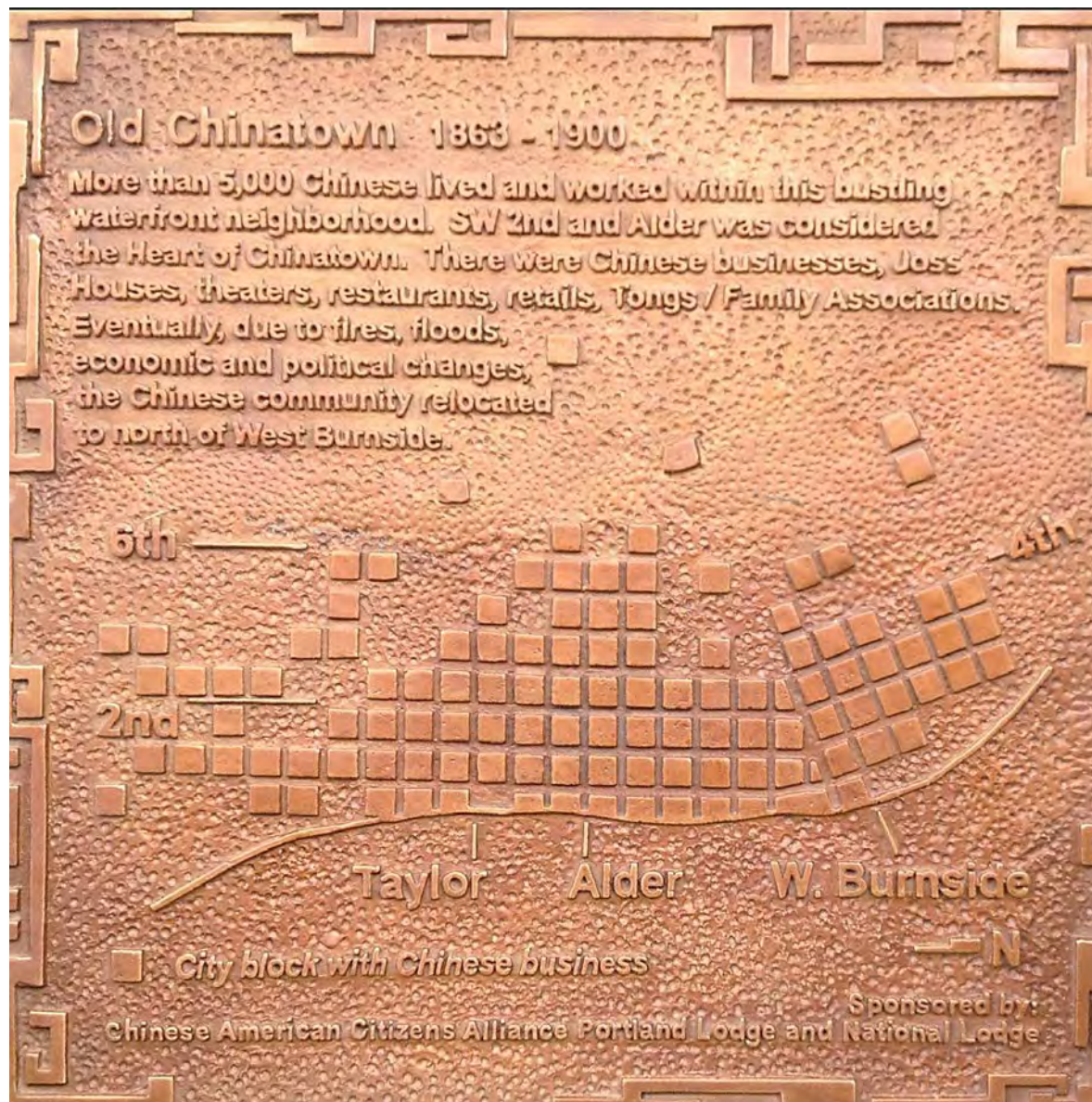
Dedication – SEP 2017

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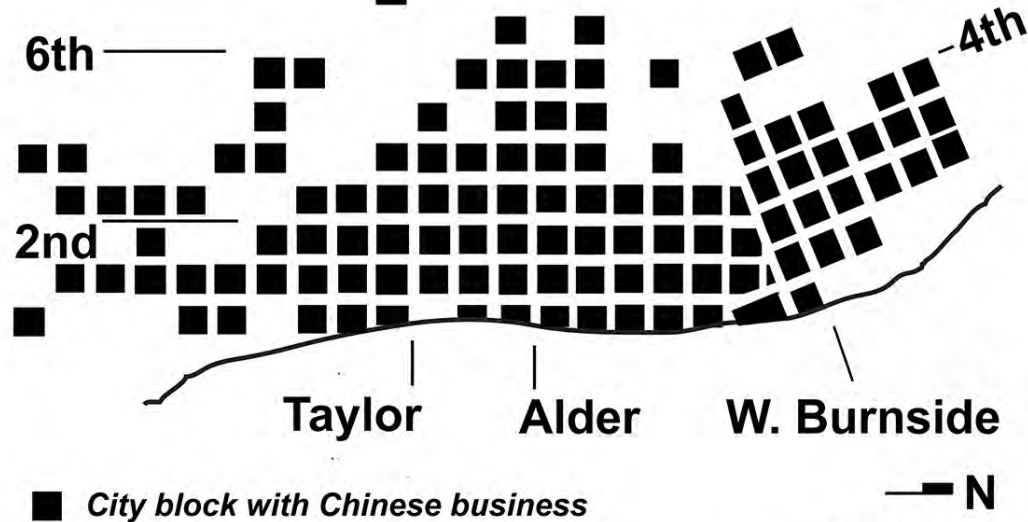
Old Chinatown – SE Pine & SE 2nd Ave.



Old Chinatown Plaque

Old Chinatown 1863 - 1900

More than 5,000 Chinese lived and worked within this bustling waterfront neighborhood. SW 2nd and Alder was considered the Heart of Chinatown. There were Chinese businesses, Joss Houses, theaters, restaurants, retails, Tongs / Family Associations. Eventually, due to fires, floods, economic and political changes, the Chinese community relocated to north of West Burnside.



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Old Chinatown Plaque

凝視天
天長地
四海賓
咸池桑
蘇異荷
寶抱冰
碧梧桐

Under the Autumn Moon Festival
2006

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