

Celebrating the history and cultures that shape our future.



20+1 Bronze Plaques – Walking Tour Visual Guide

North

Walk your way through Old Town Chinatown's history.



1 MULBERRY



2 LOTUS



3 LILY
LING ZHI
PERSIMMON



4 CAMELLIA
JASMINE



5 BUDDHA'S HAND
PEACH
POMEGRANATE



6 JAPANESE
WISTERIA



7 RICE
WHEAT
CORN



8 CRABAPPLE
TREE PEONY
YULAN MAGNOLIA



9 PEANUT



10 PLUM



11 GINKGO



12 PINE
BAMBOO
PLUM



13 CHRYSANTHEMUM



14 FIG
POMEGRANATE



15 ACANTHUS



16 ORCHID



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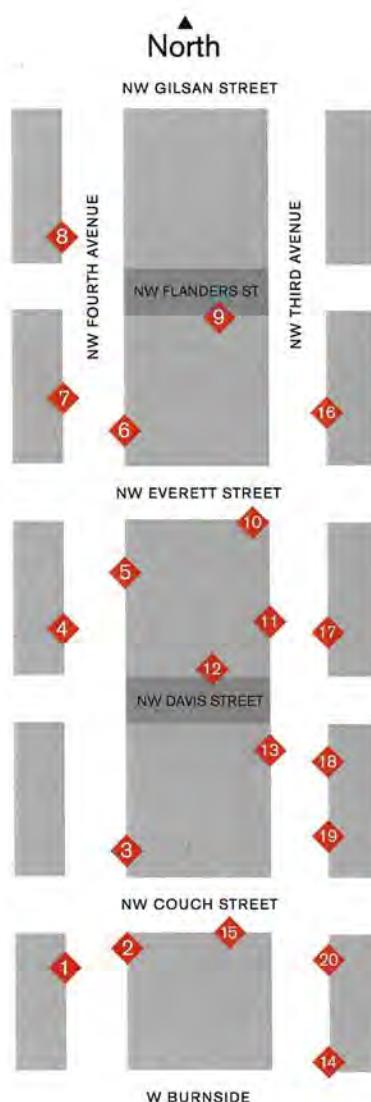
18 CHERRY



19 GRAPE



20 OLIVE



W BURNSIDE

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.

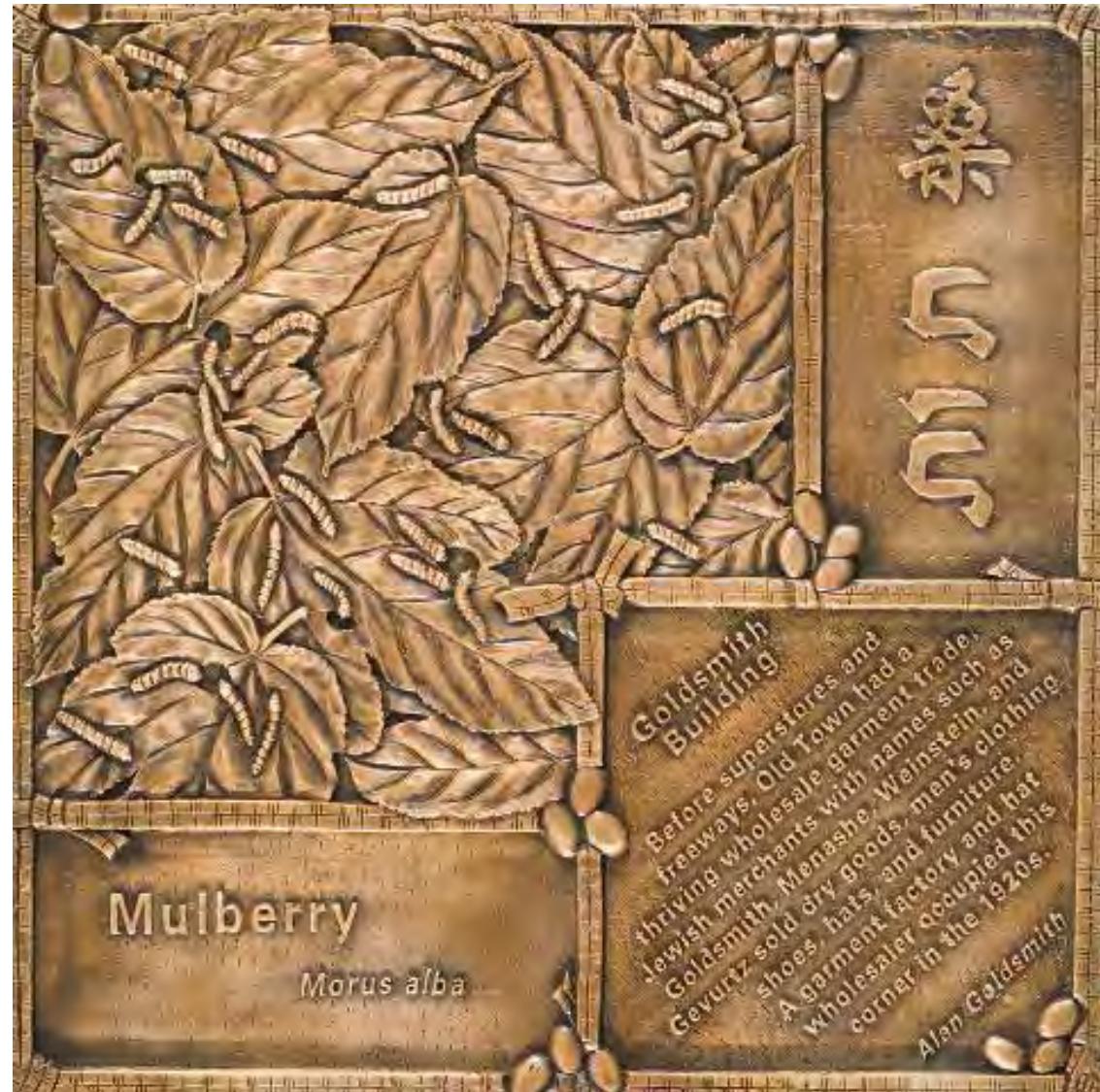
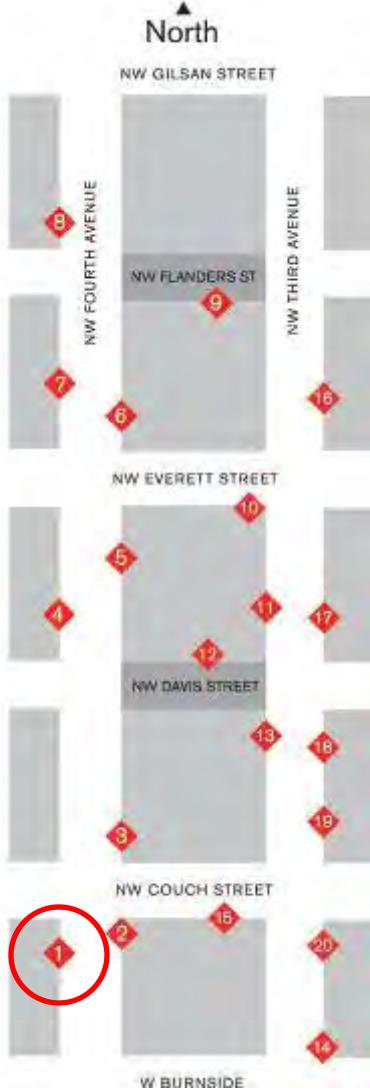
20 Bronze Plaques – New Chinatown/Japantown

1 Bronze Plaque – Old Chinatown

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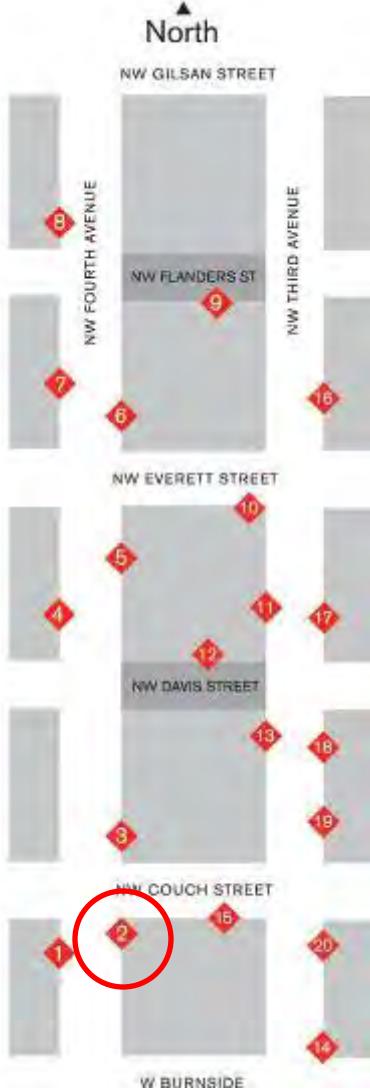
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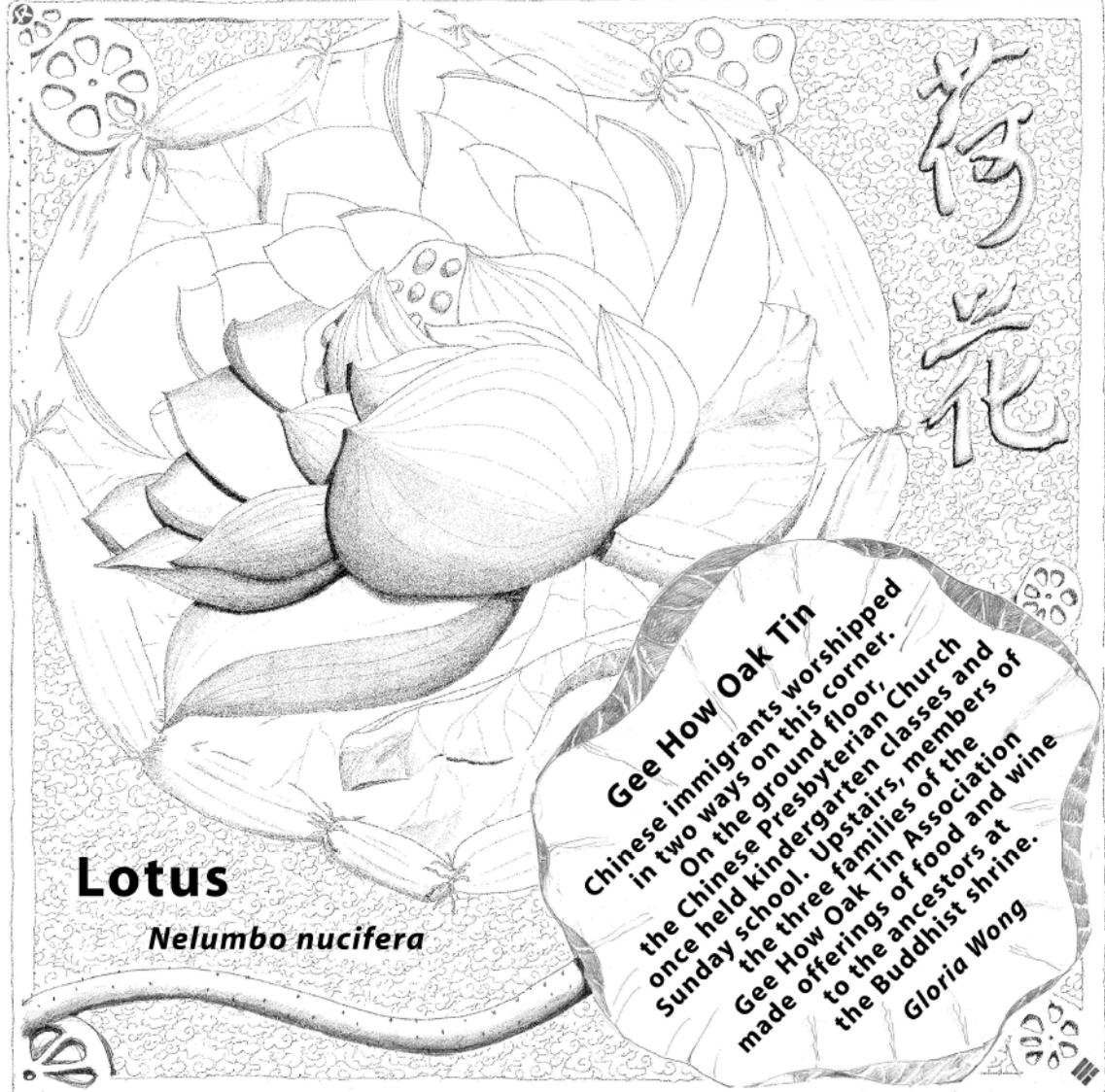
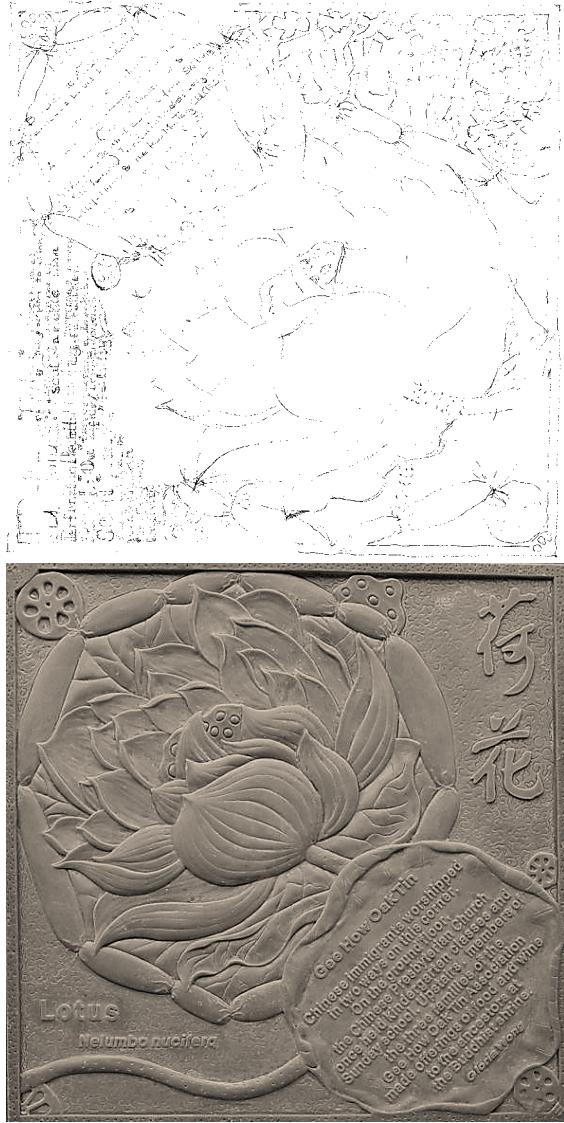
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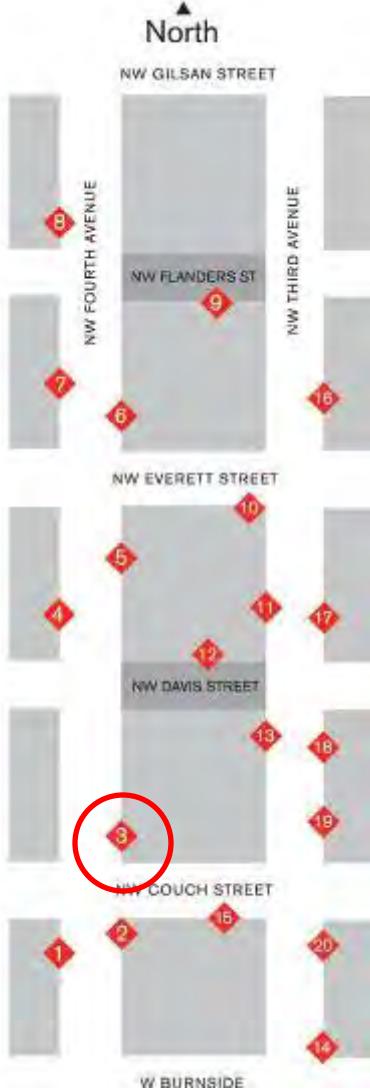
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4 CAMELLIA | JASMINE



New Chinatown

After 1900, Chinatown expanded north across Burnside. New Chinatown's core was a row of three-story brick buildings with balconies, family apartments, rooms for bachelor workers, and street-level stores stretching along Fourth Avenue. Hazel Lee and Leah Hing - the first two female Chinese American pilots - lived on this block. Leah Hing

Camellia

Camellia sinensis

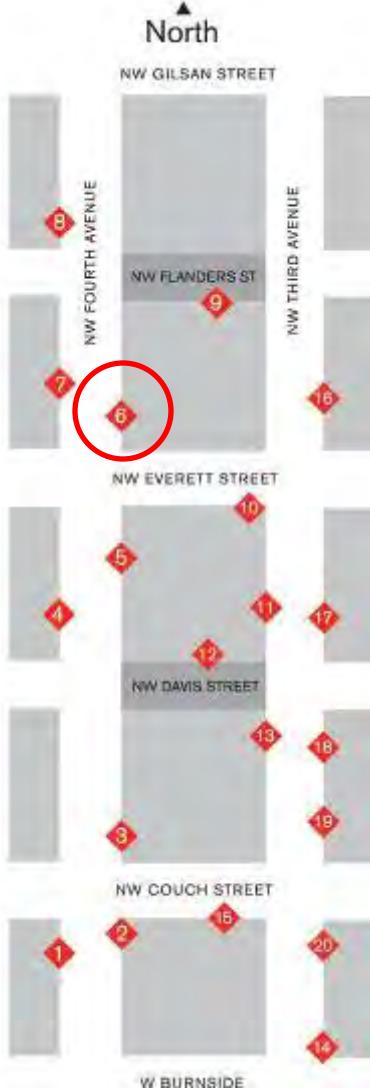
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Jasminum sambac

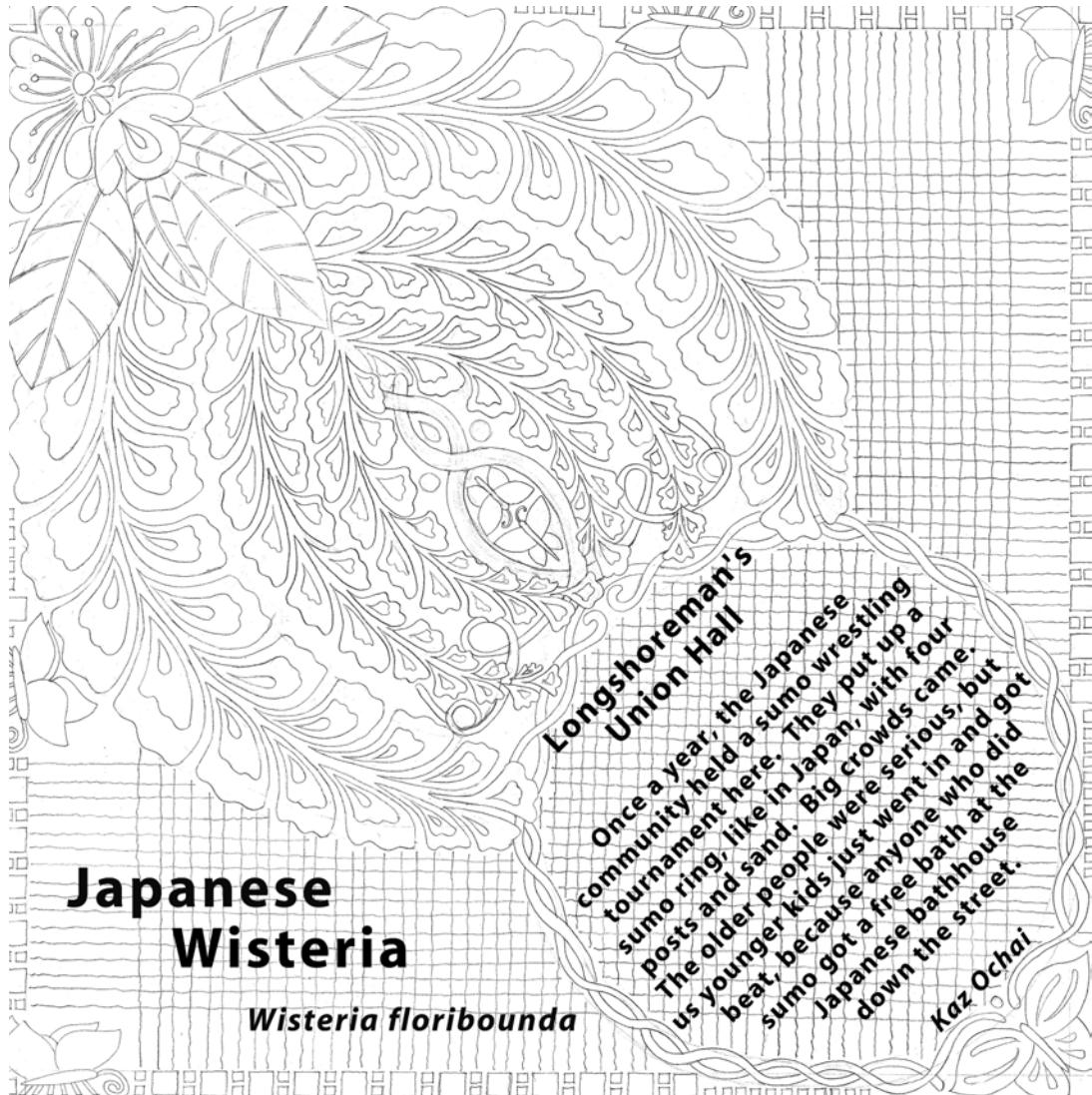
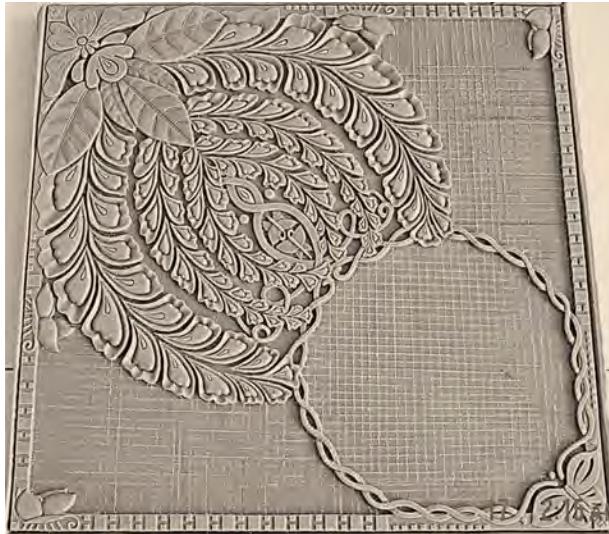


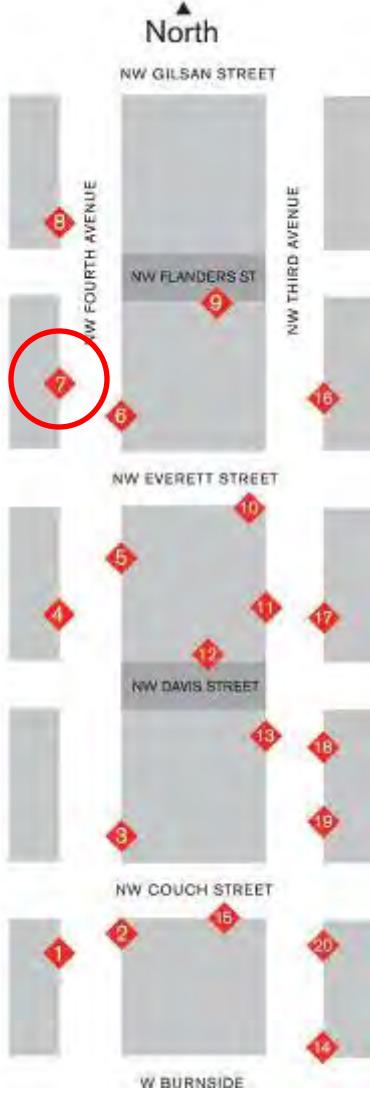
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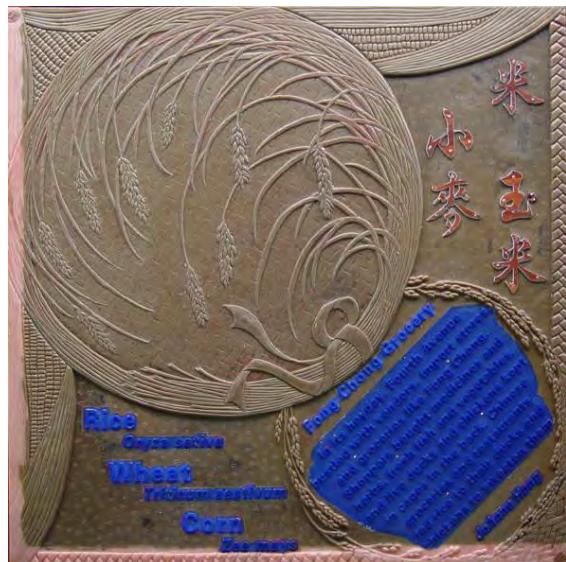
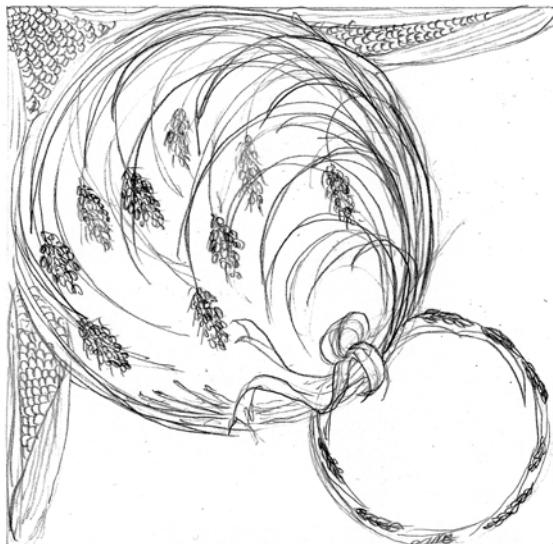


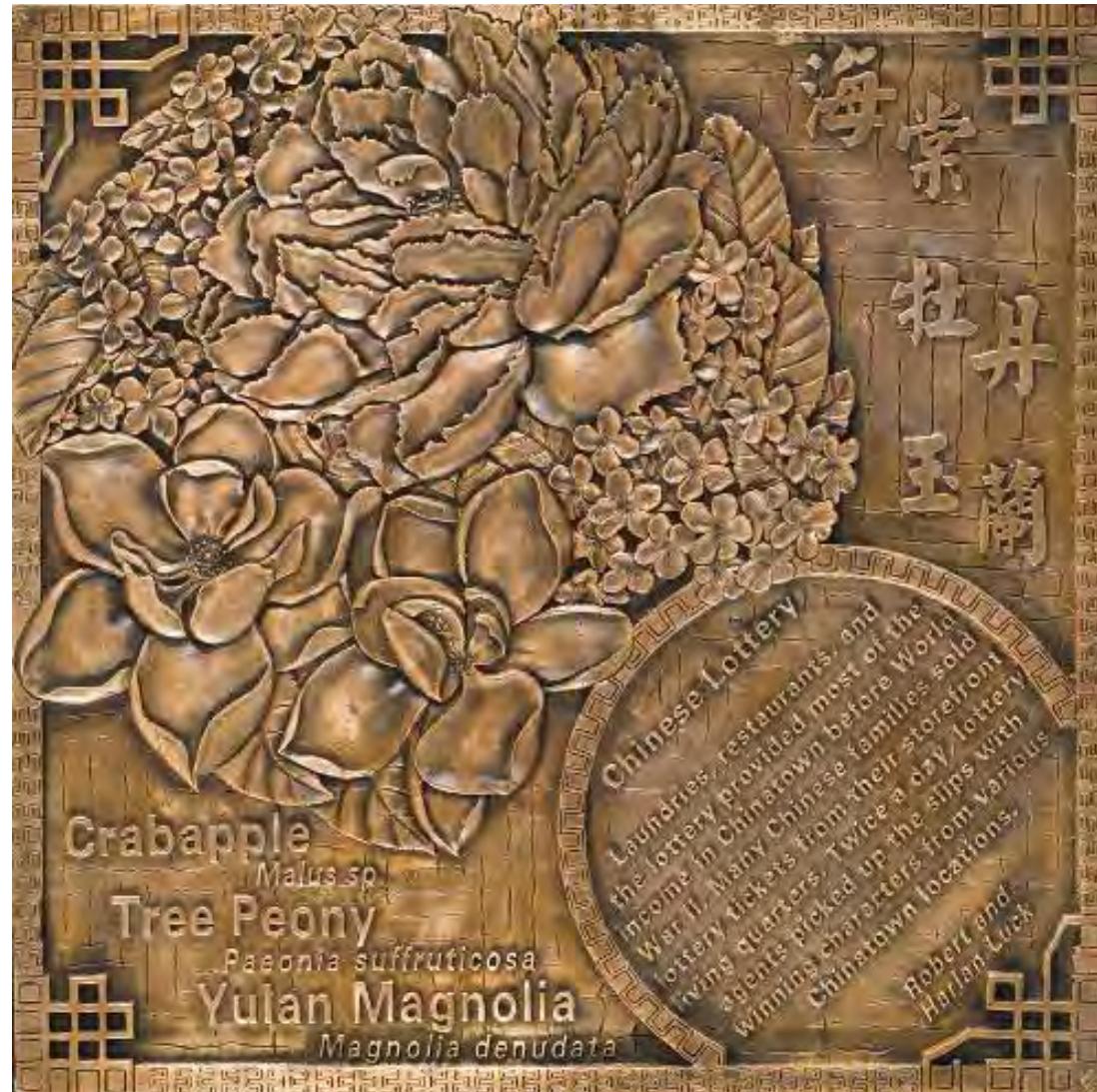
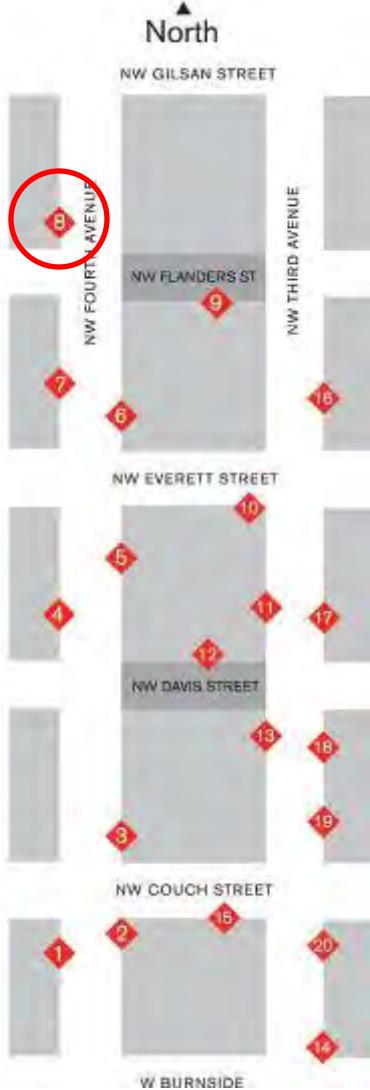


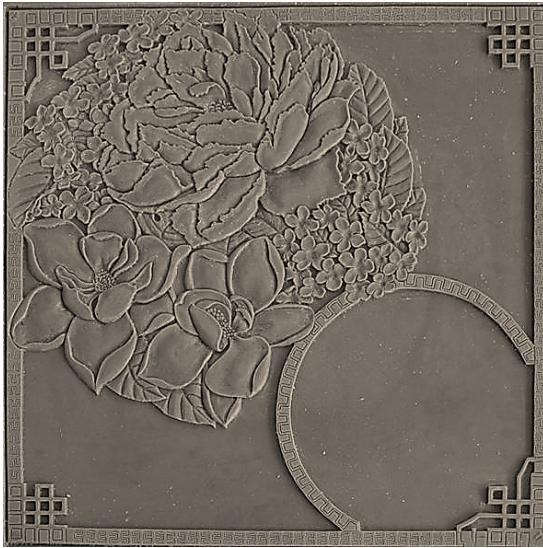
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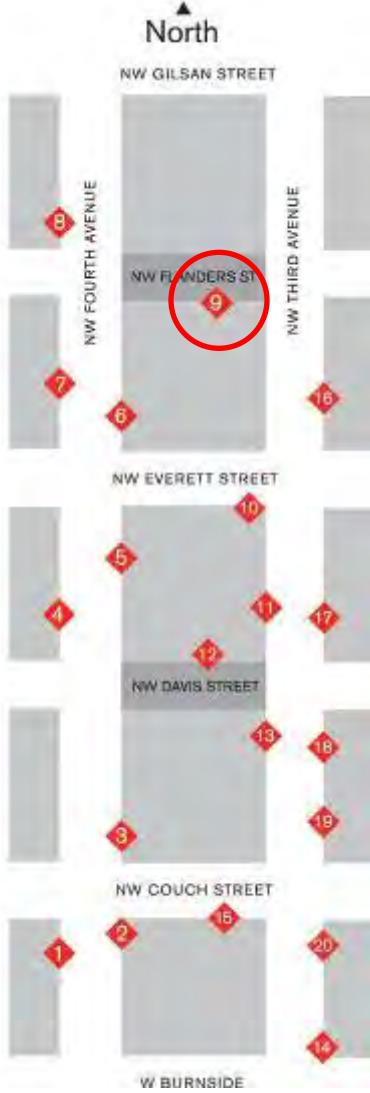








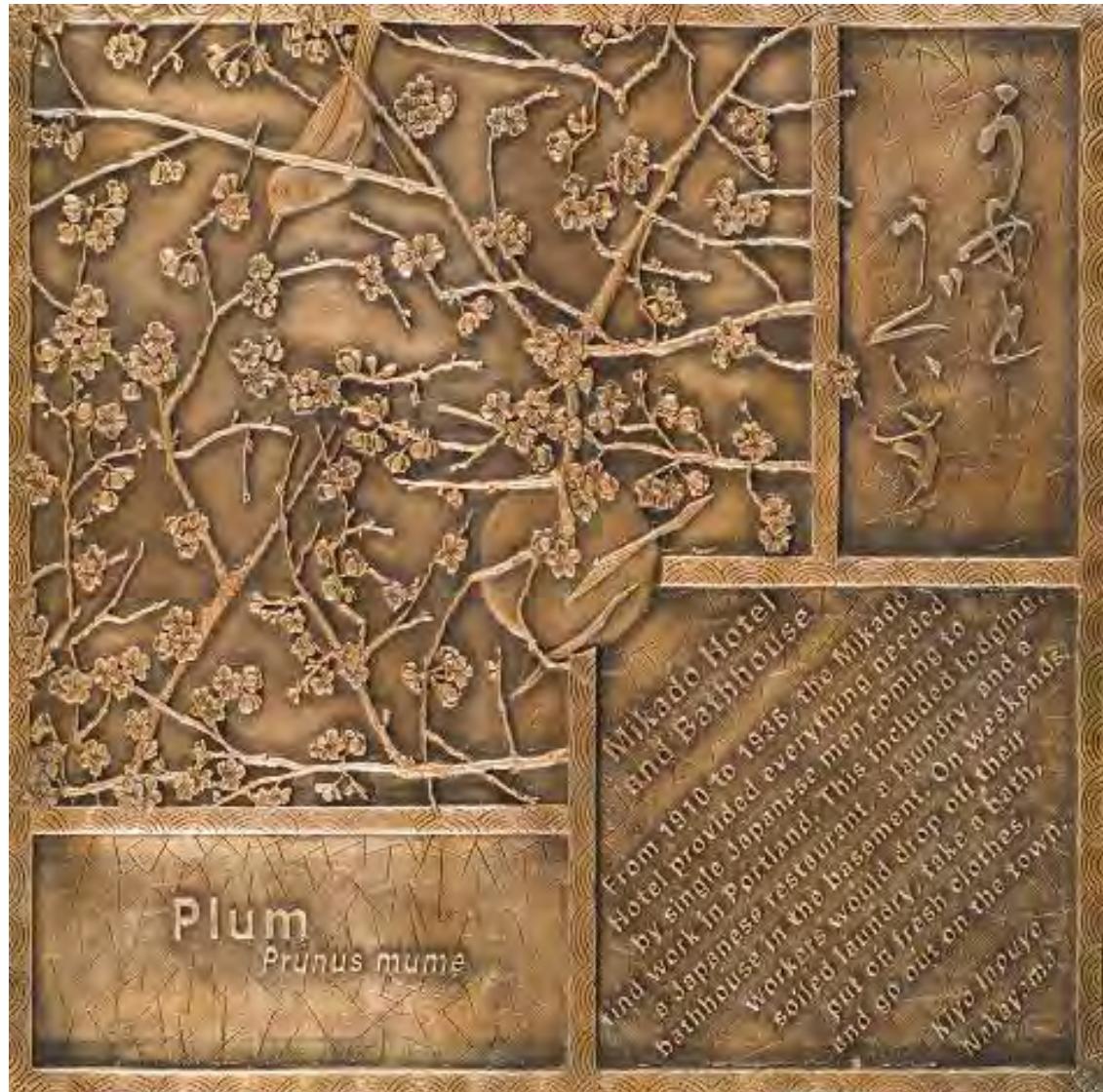


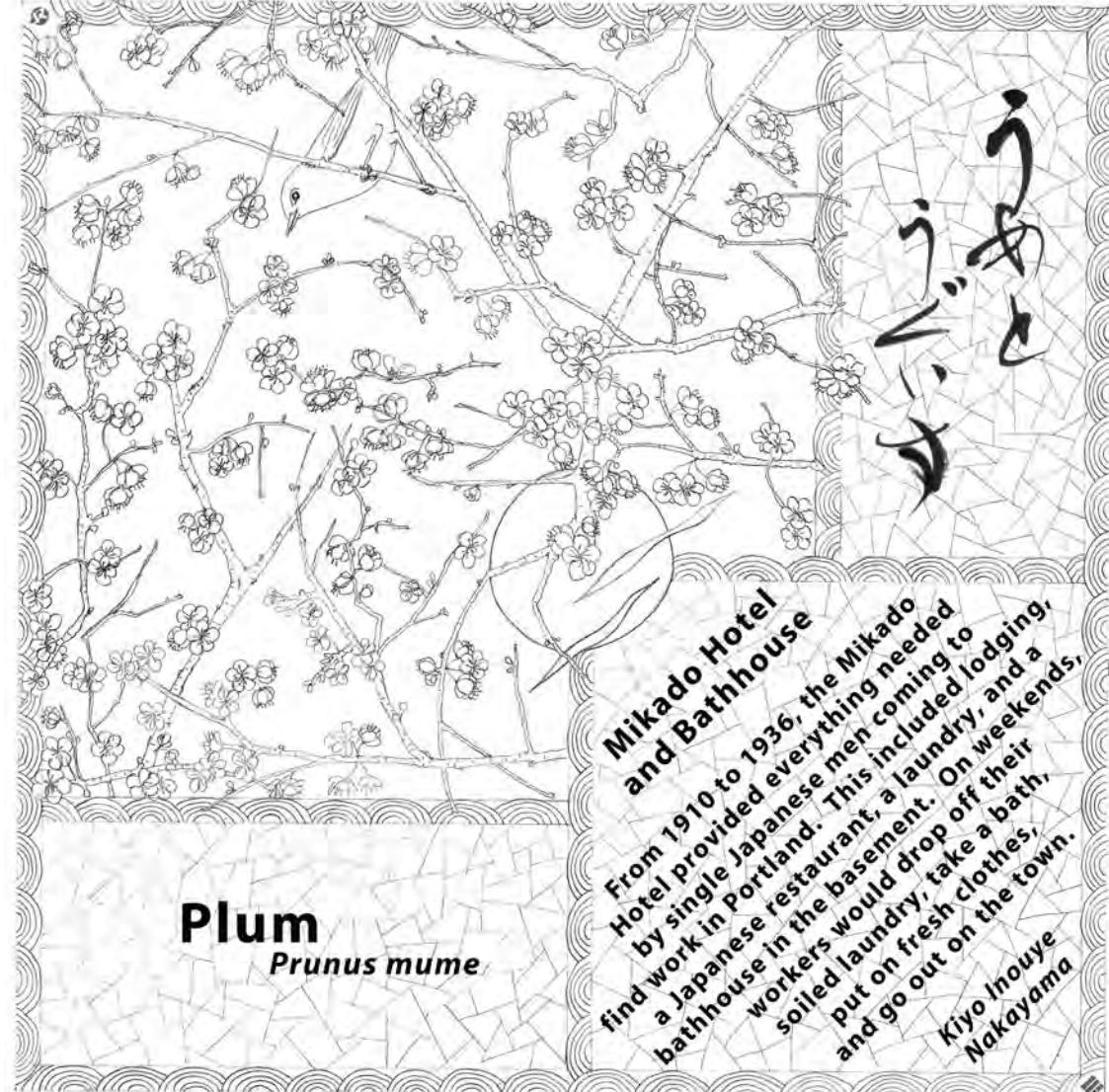
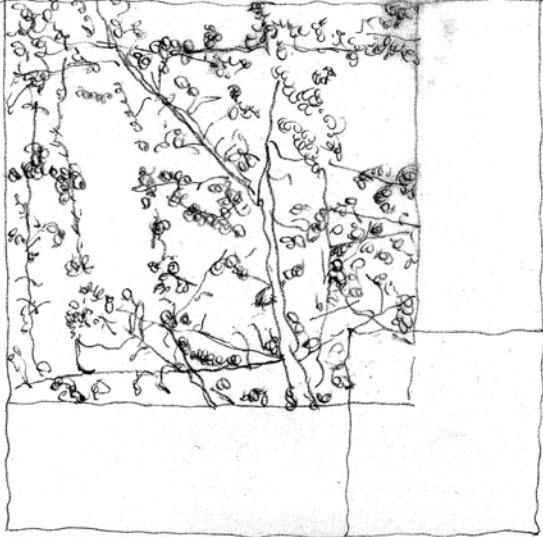


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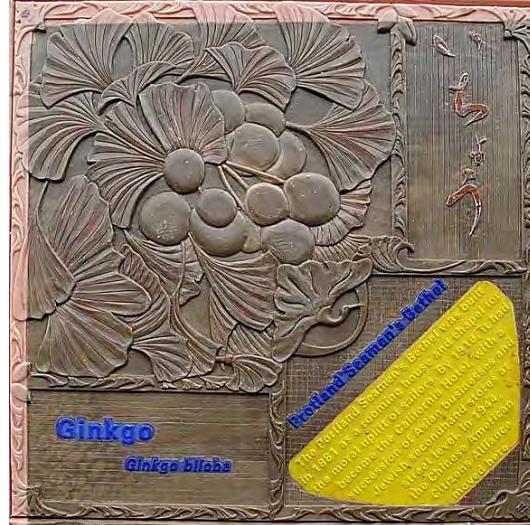
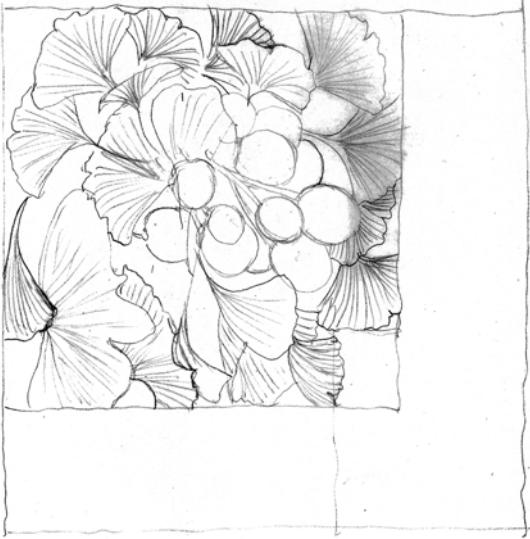


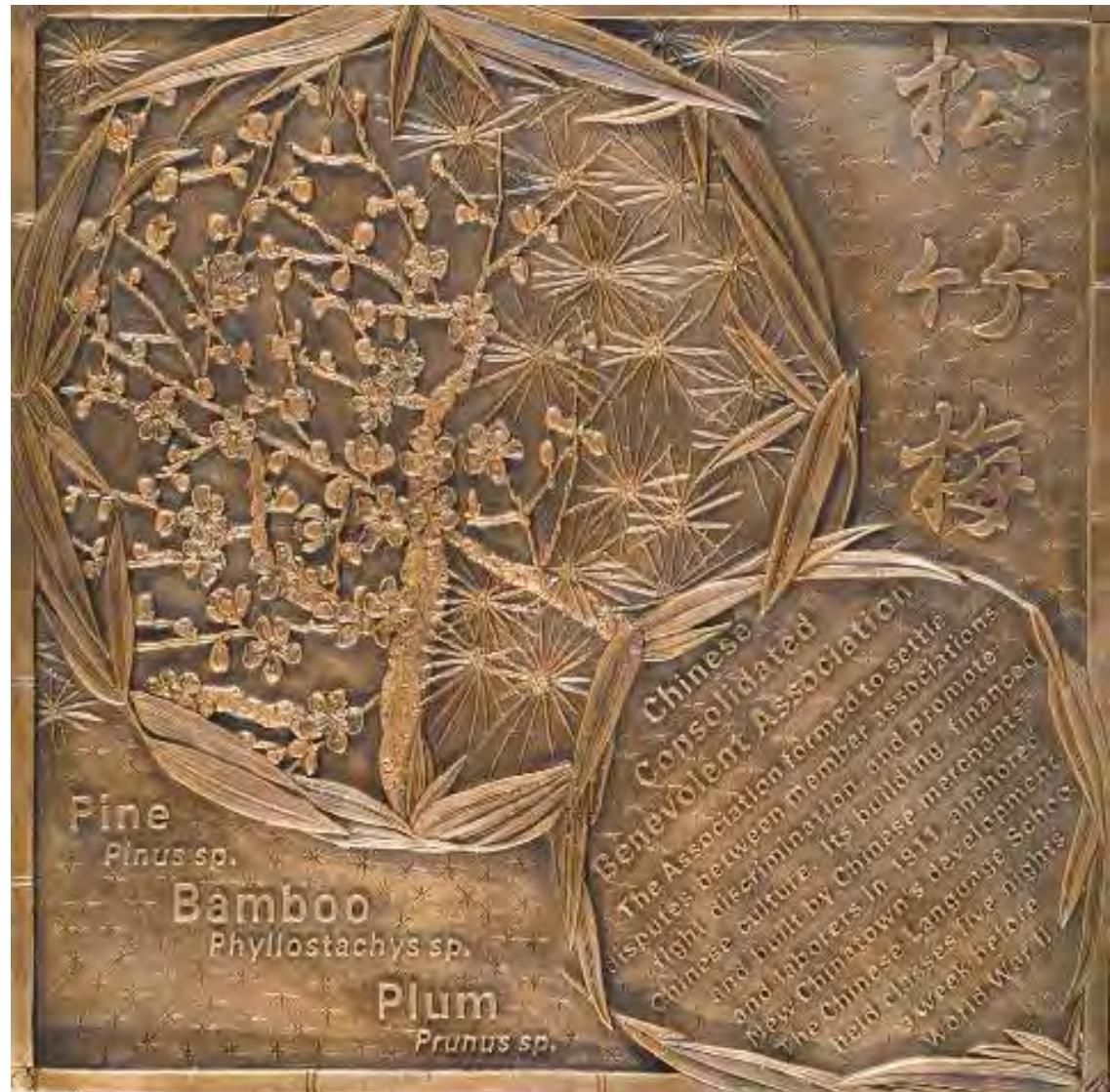
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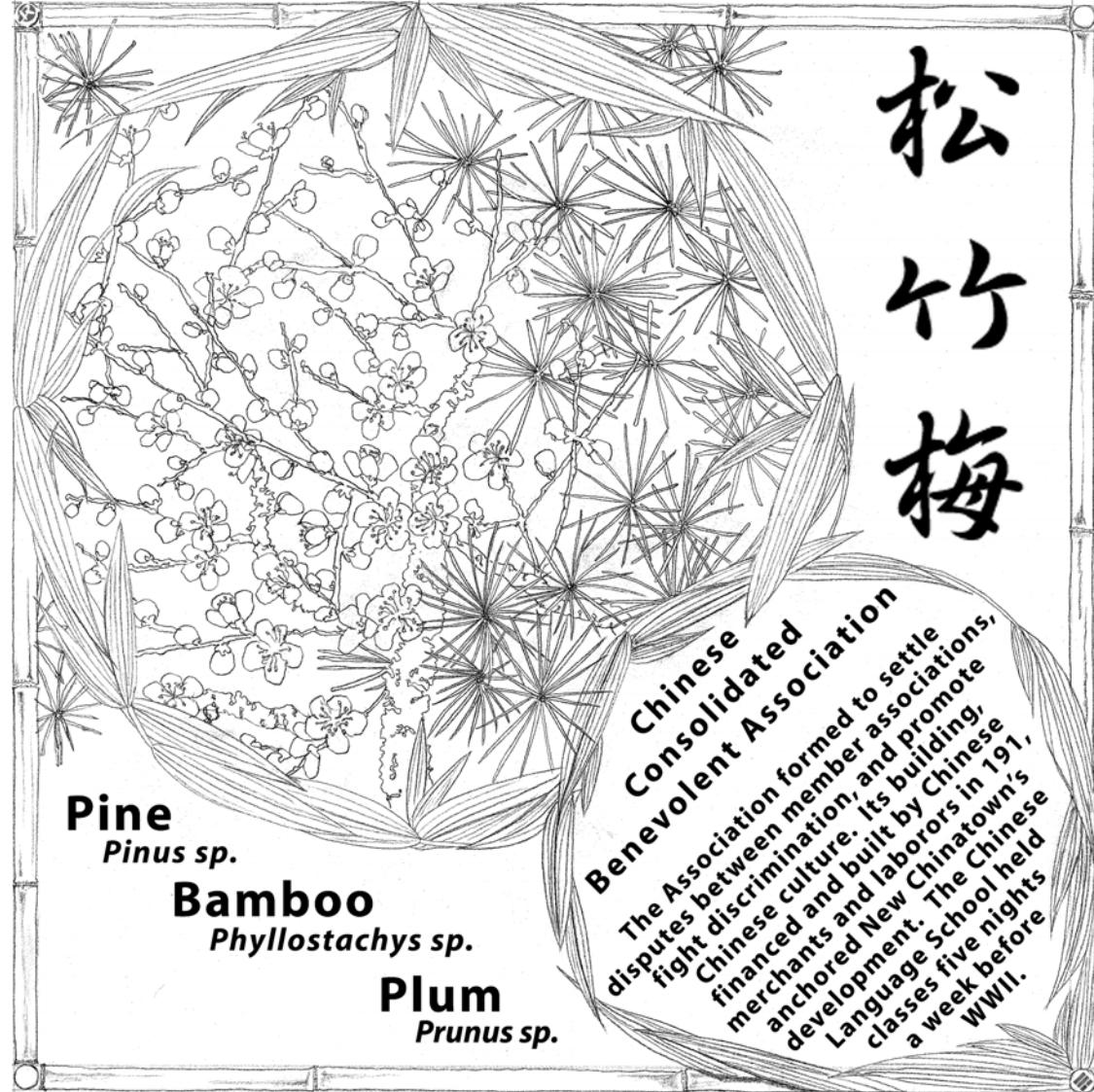


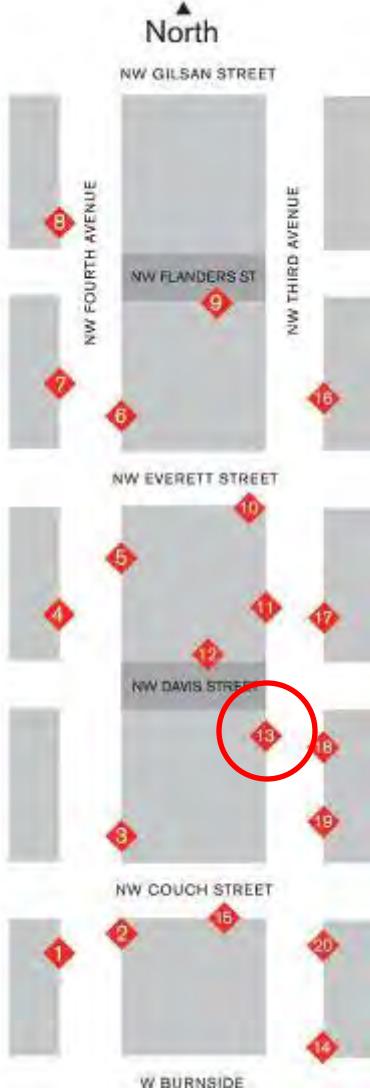


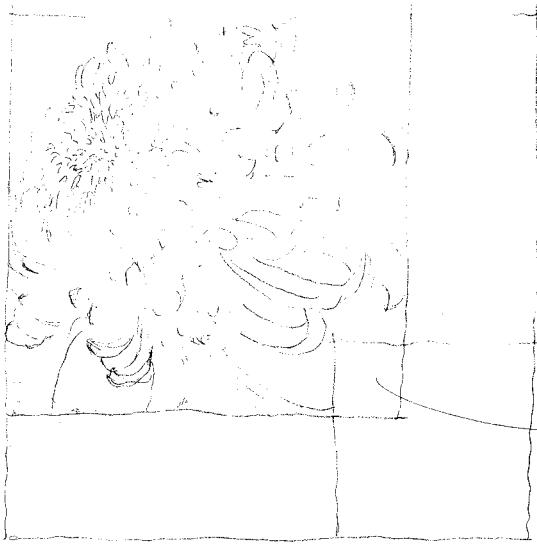


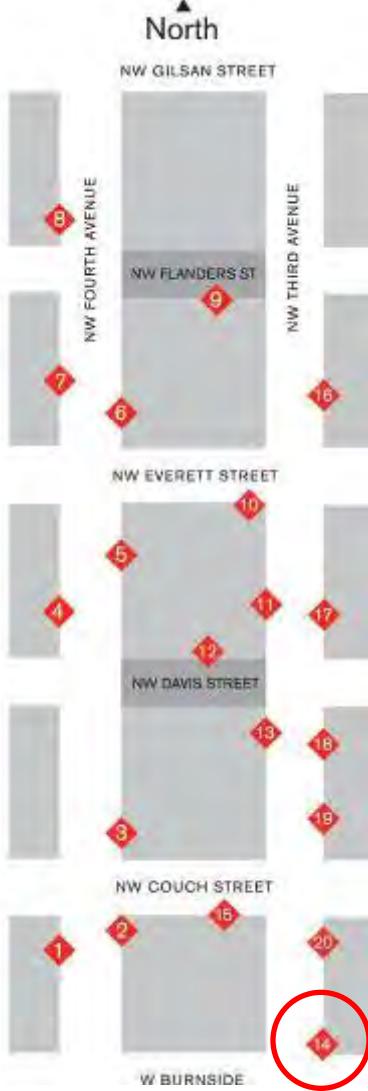


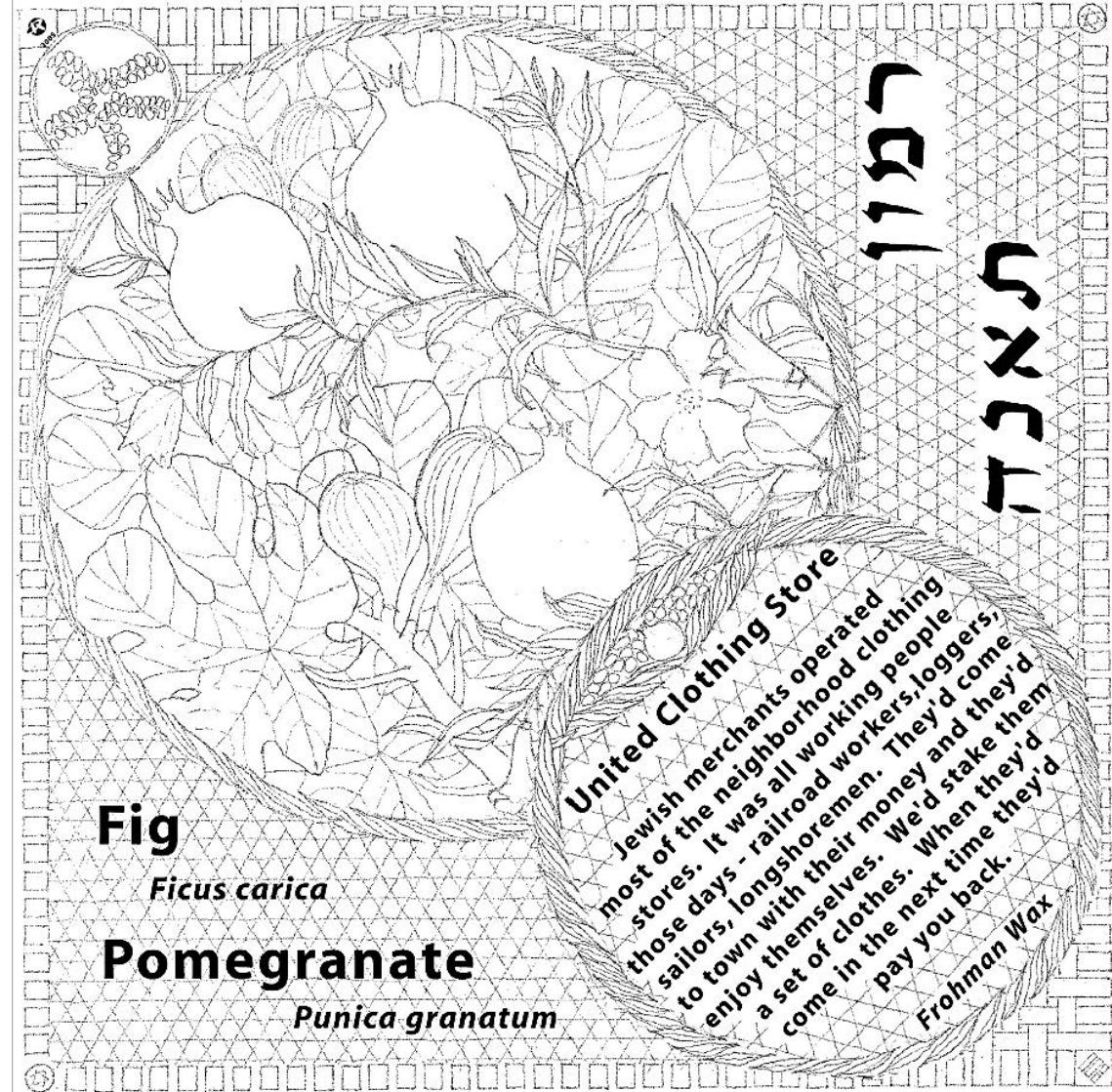
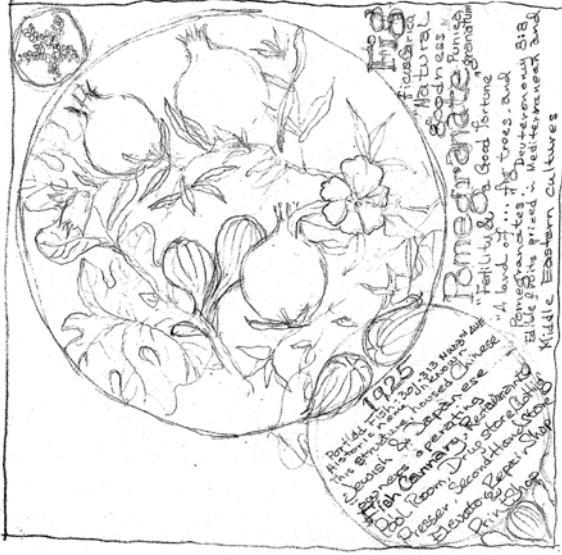


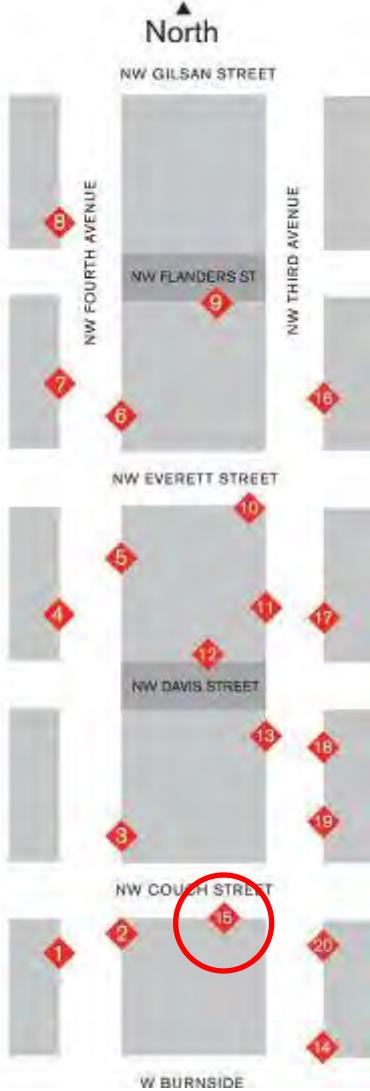


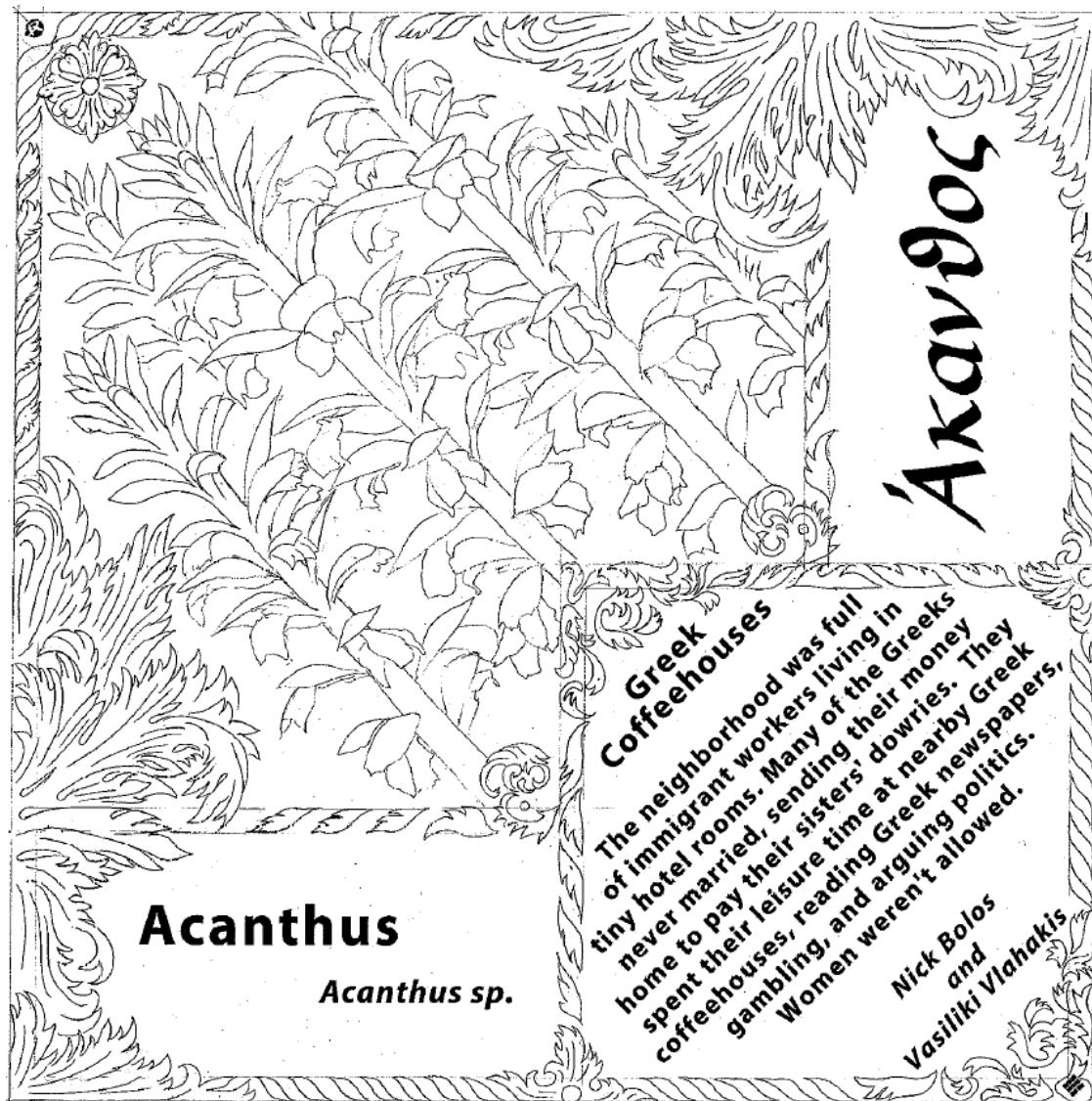
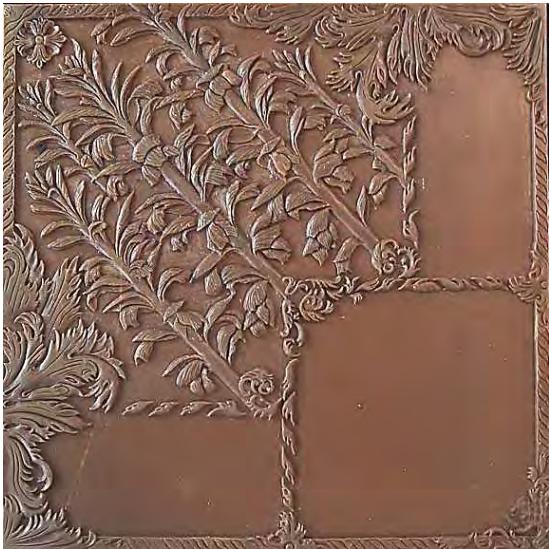




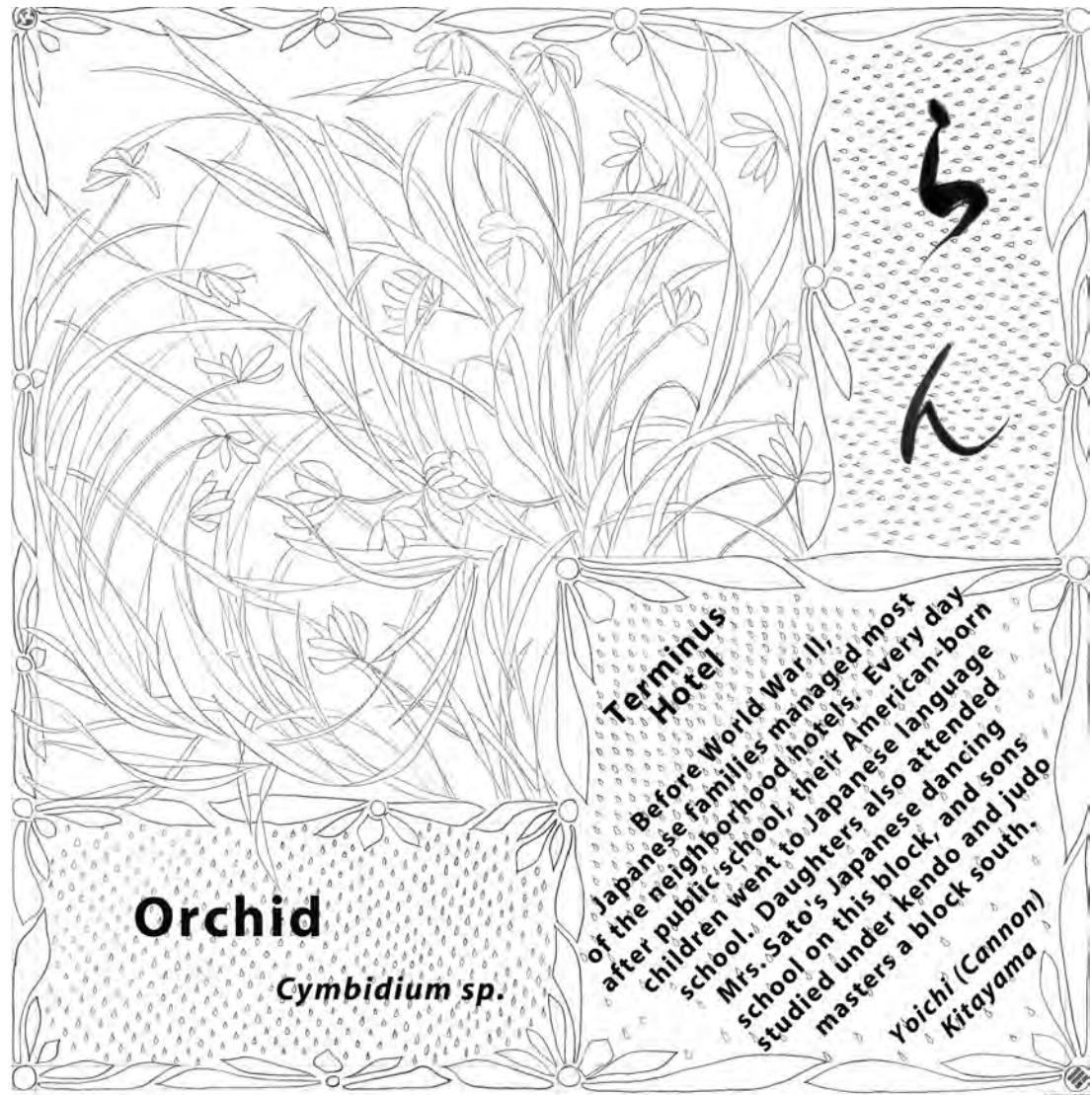
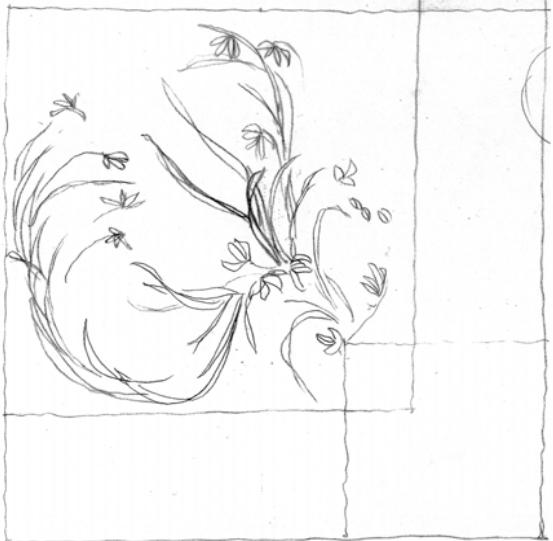


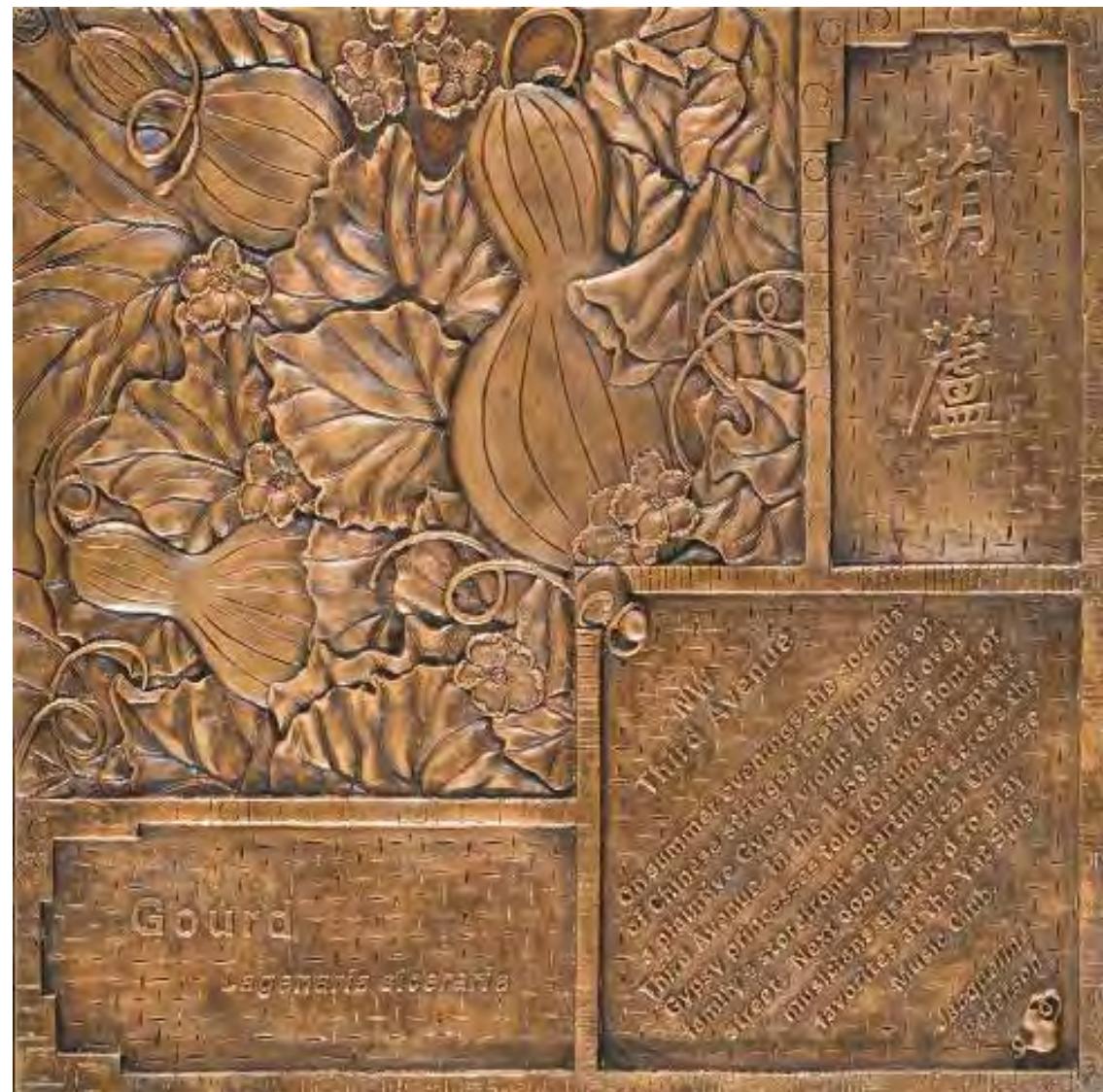


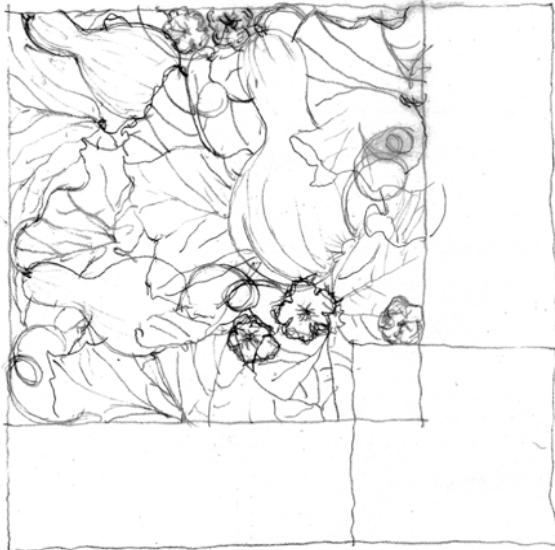




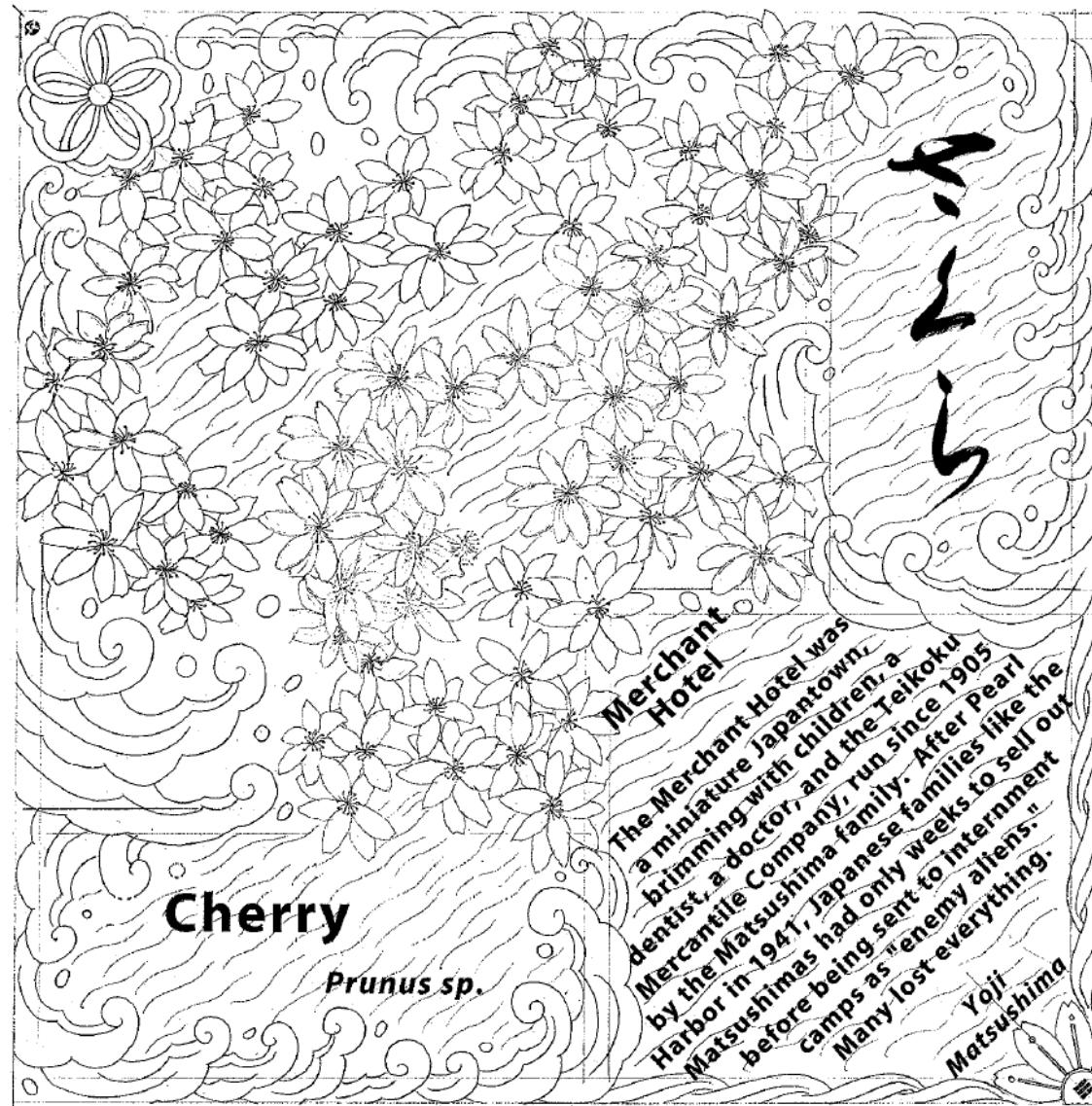
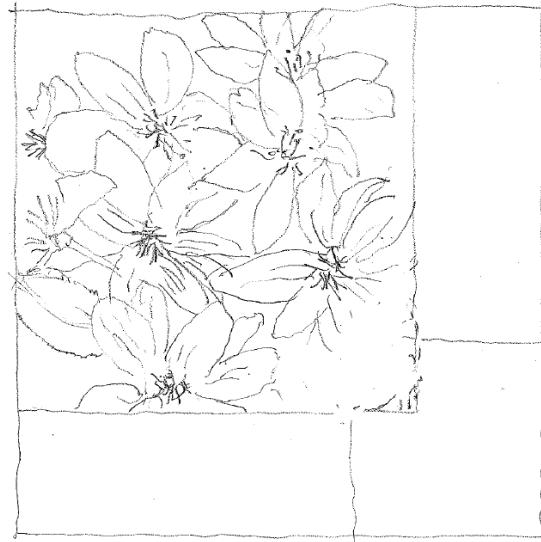


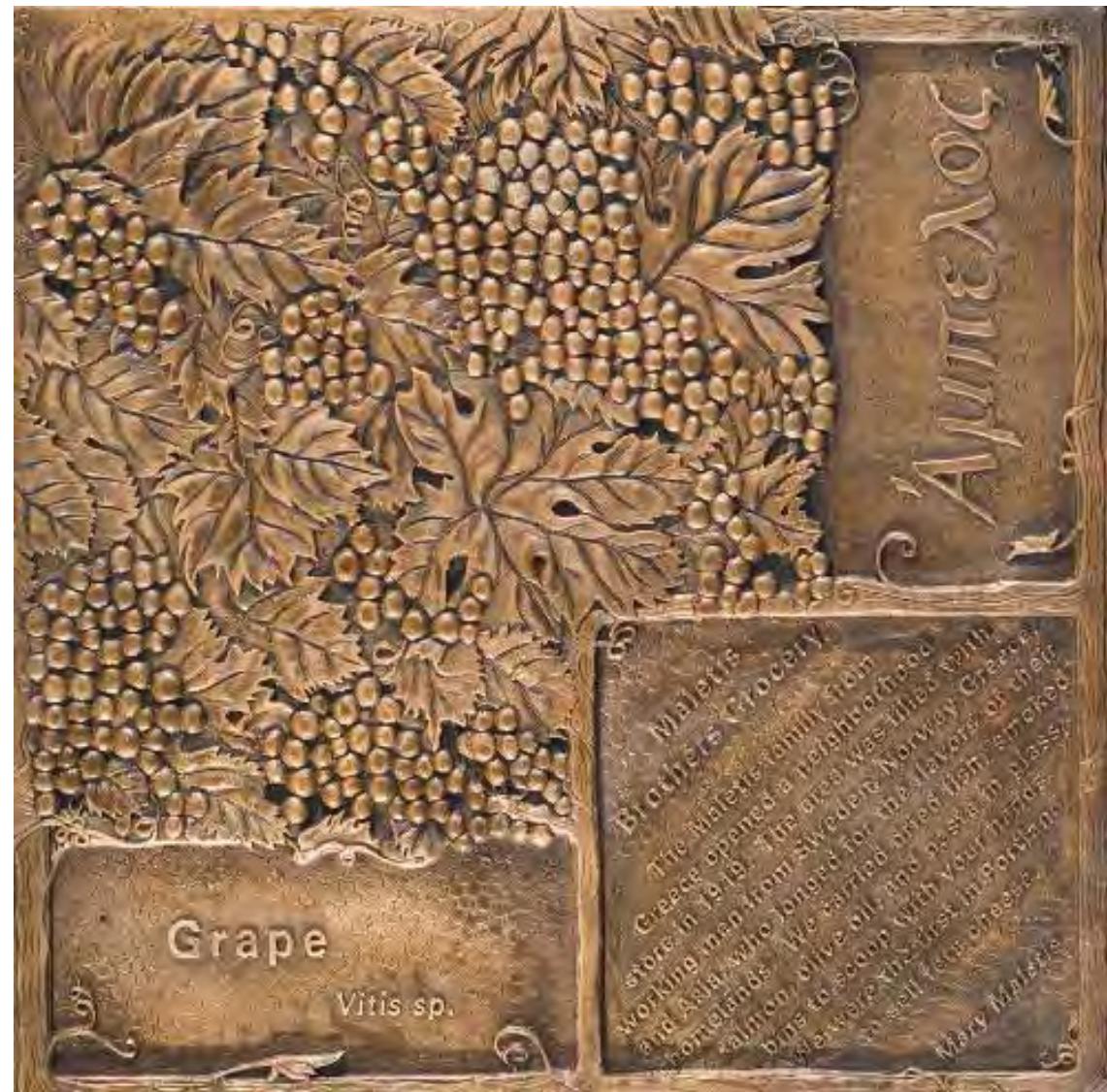
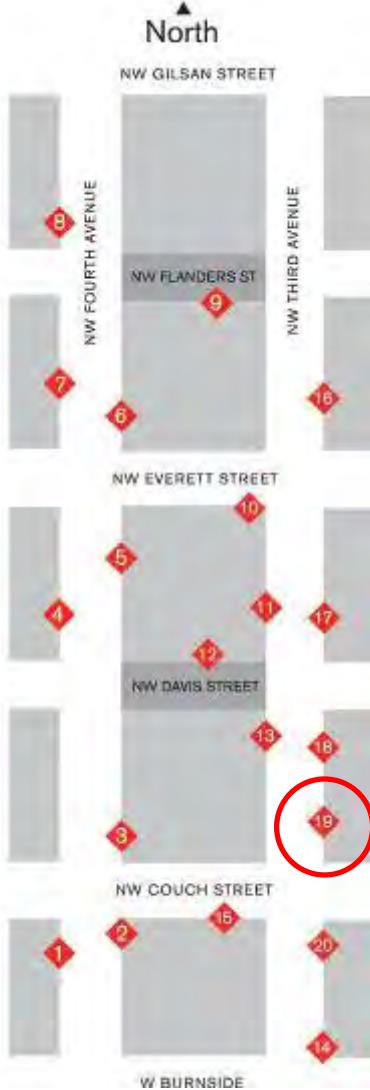


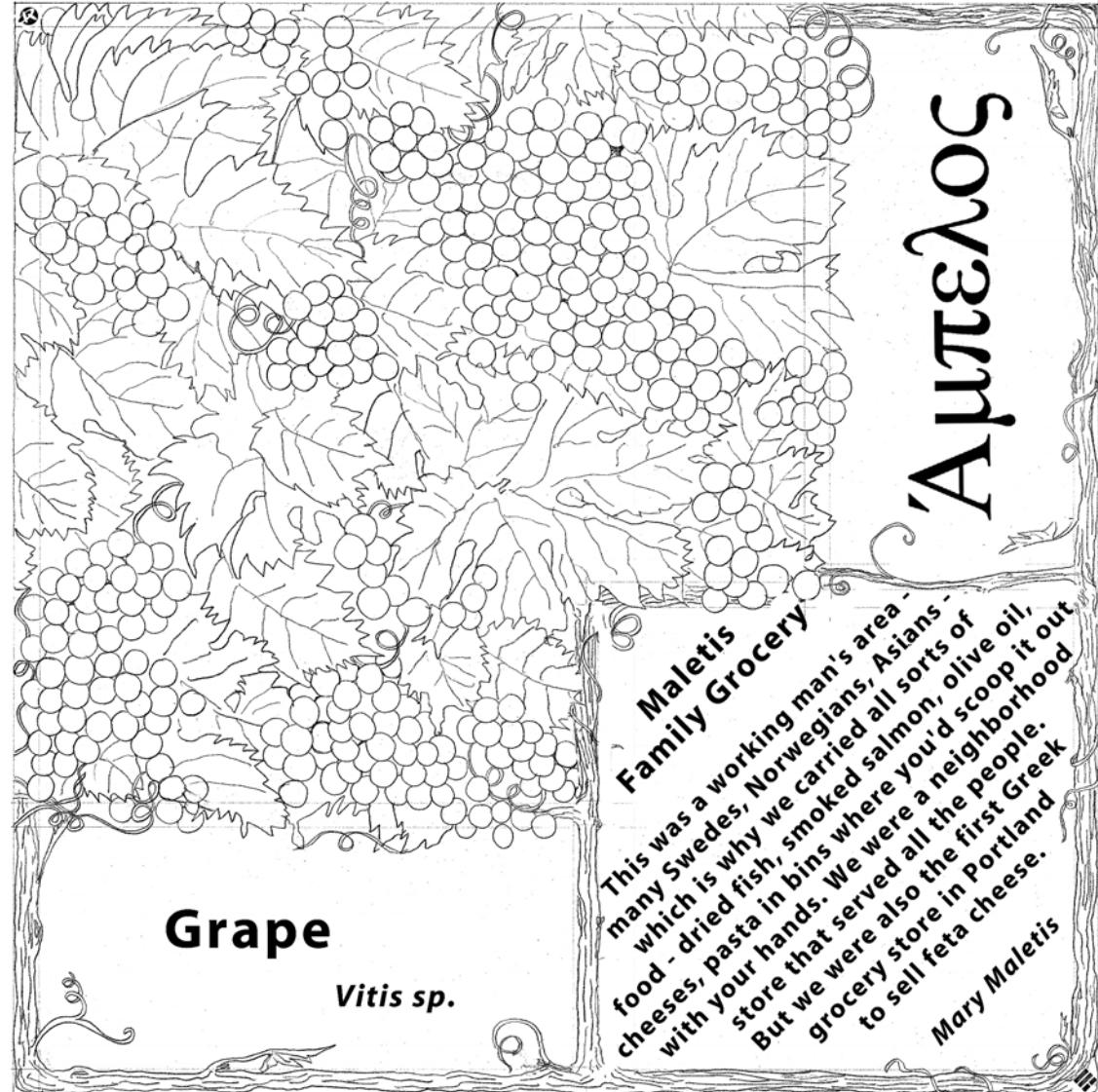
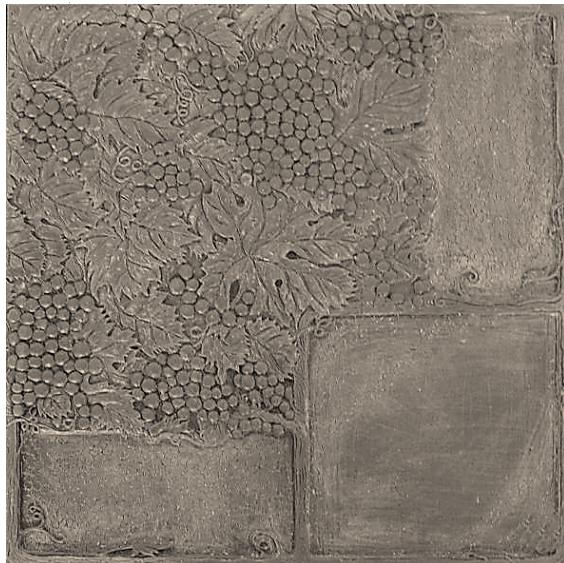
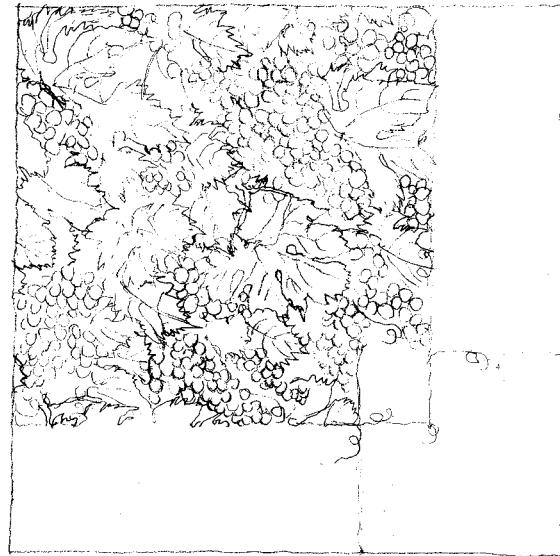


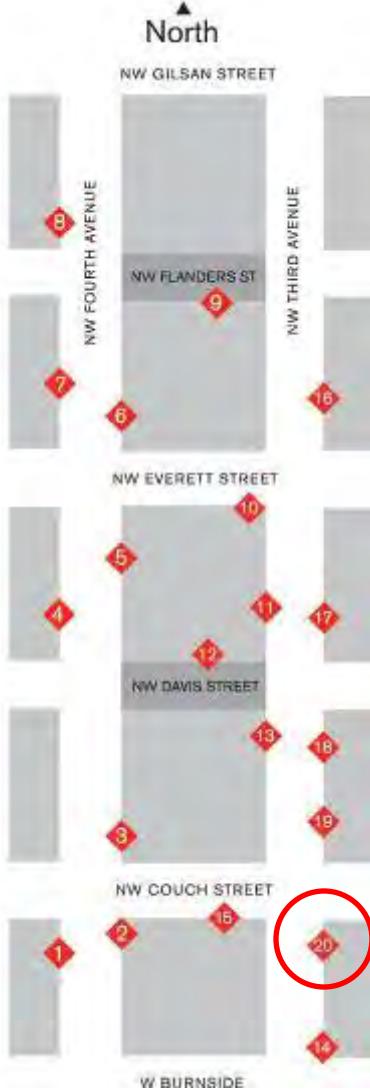


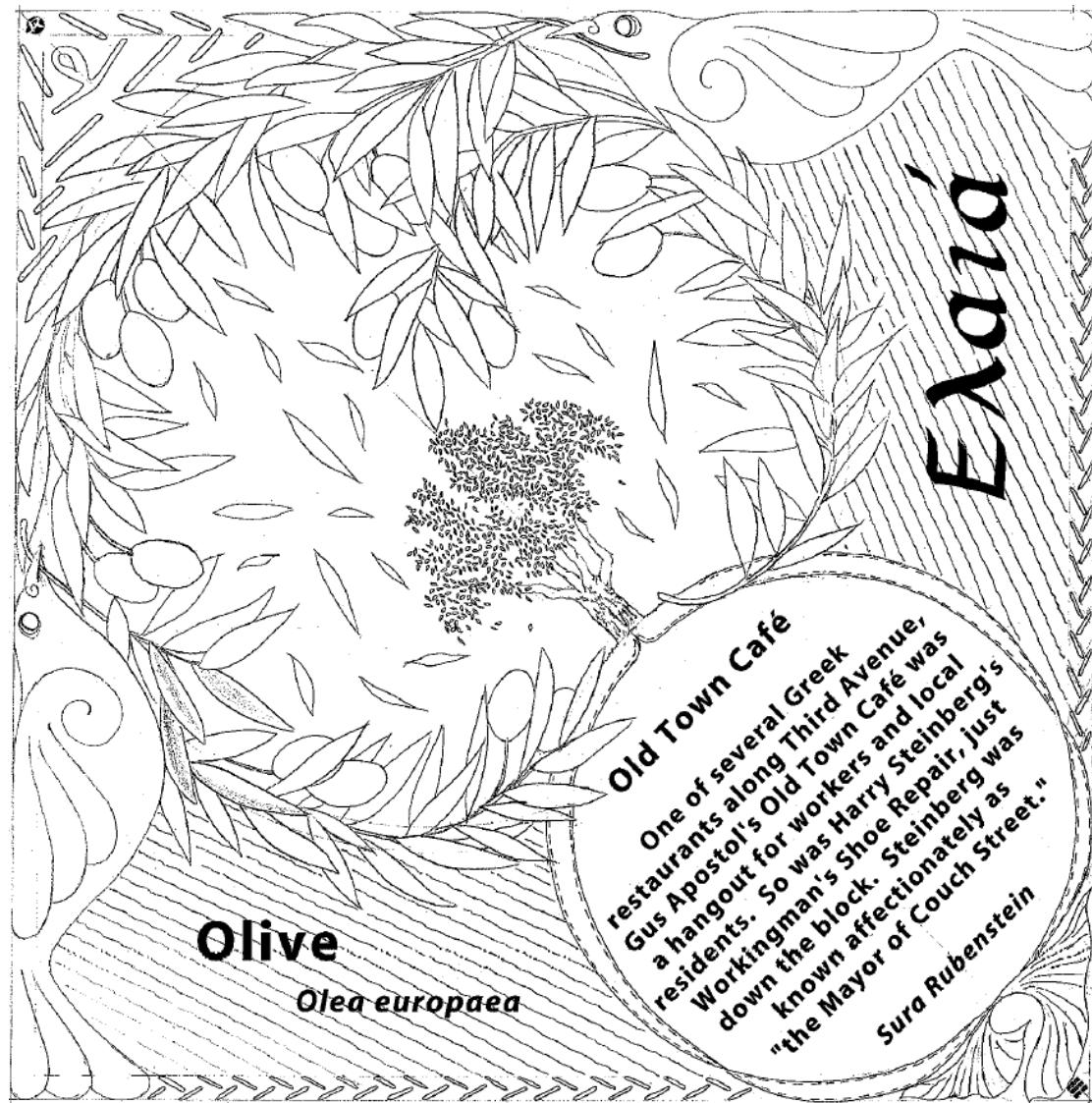












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Old Chinatown – SE Pine & SE 2nd Ave.

Old Chinatown - 1863 - 1900

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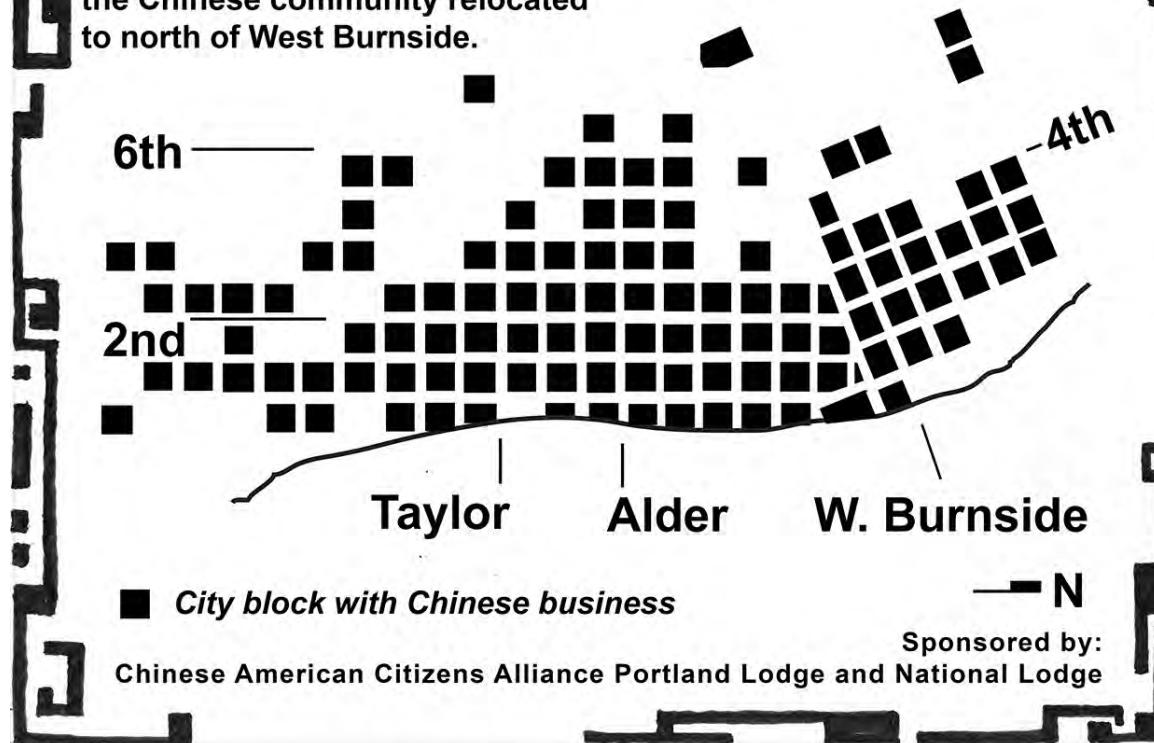


■ City block with Chinese business
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Under the Autumn Moon Festival
2006



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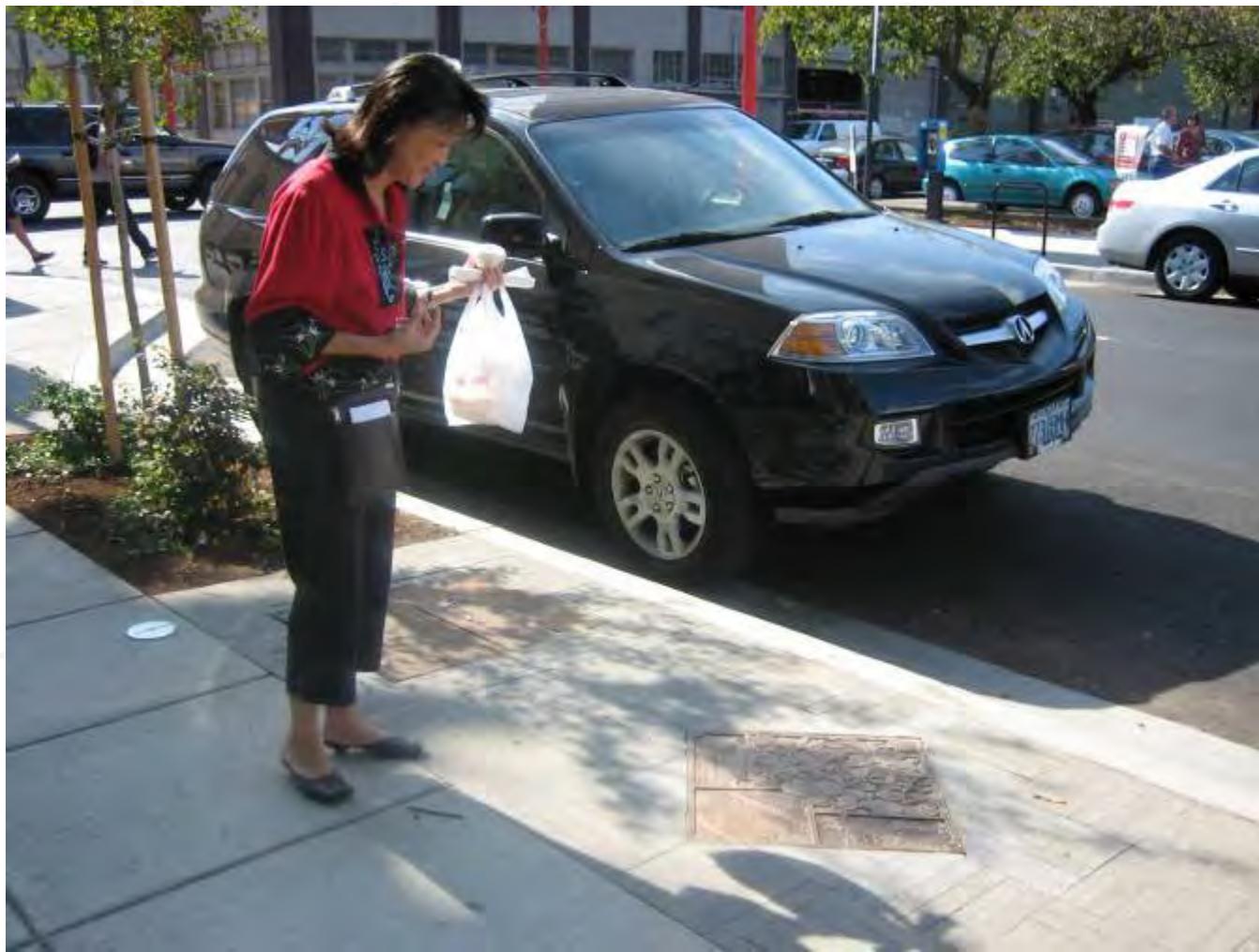
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