

ARTERIAL UNITY

In this expression of rebuilding deeply rooted connections to a beautiful cultural heritage, this visual and physical experience provokes an emotional, intellectual, and relatable feeling of remembrance and preservation of culture. It questions the history that was taught in schools and the effects on our lineage. Imagine each tree as a different lineage. As the bright red rope, similarly used in historic construction as a binding agent to strengthen forms, connects the most recent growth of generations at the top of the tree to its original ancestors deep in the ground. Many lineages of a tribe are also connected with one another, and the rope extends from one tree weaving through the sea of bluebells to remain closely connected and intertwined with one another. The intense contrast of our roots to the invasive sea bluebells who one may think beautifully represents cultural homogenization and creating blockages of tribes and lineages. On the other hand, one may see it as a resilient bloom that represents the success of embracing our roots, our heritage, and staying united with our lineage and lineages alike.

Plant pallet:

Sea Bluebells (*Mertensia maritima*)

Material pallet:

Red rope - binding agent

Water and corn starch - stiffening agents



